



Country Commitment Tracking Update

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Introduction

Climate Scorecard's Country Commitment Tracking Update is intended to provide information on the degree to which 22 leading greenhouse gas emitting countries* are making commitments to near-term (2030) and more long-term (2040 - 2050) emission reduction goals.

Each month we will provide a summary graphic with supportive text with up-to-date information on how each of the countries we are tracking is answering the following 5 questions:

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris Agreement pledge by 2020?
2. Does the updated pledge commit the country to making a 30-50% reduction in emissions by 2030?
3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 30-50% by 2030?
4. Has the country committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 or sooner?
5. Has the country submitted a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050 or sooner?

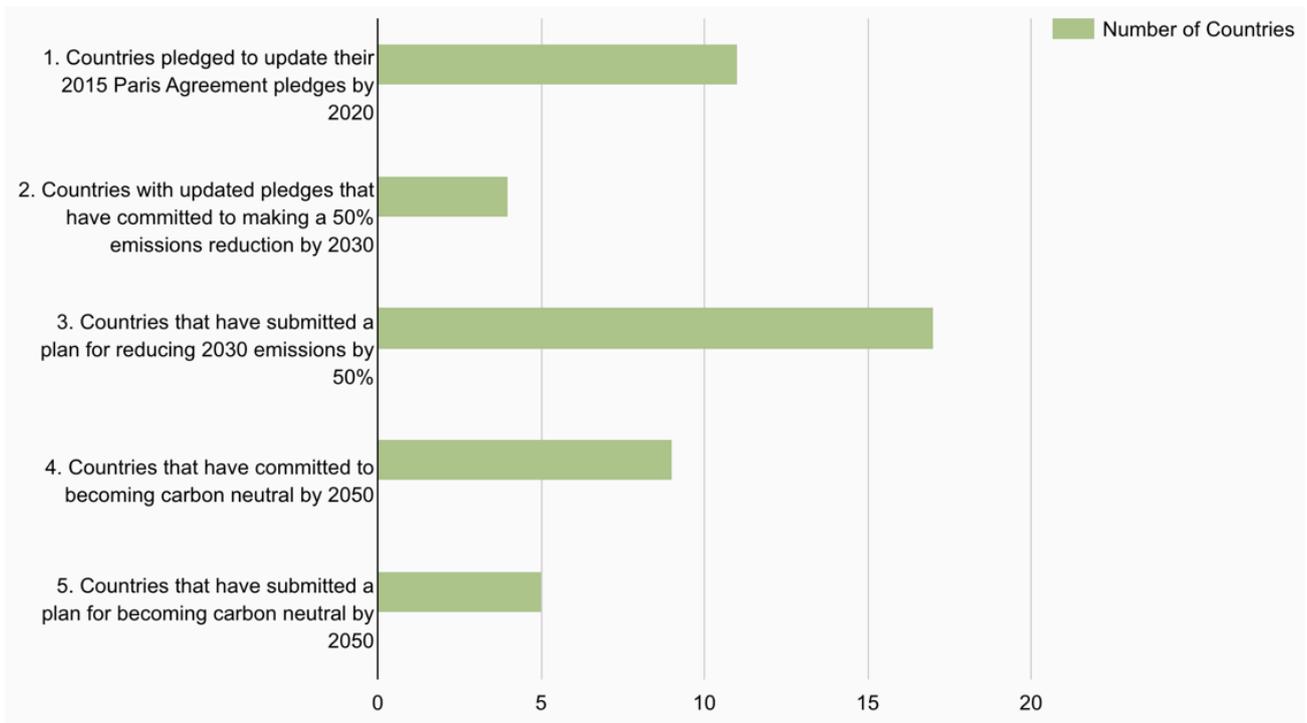
Our goal in developing this tracking system is to publish information that can be used to put pressure on leading greenhouse gas emitting countries to strengthen their commitments to reducing emissions and supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

We urge you to share our monthly updates with colleagues, and welcome your feedback on how we can improve this presentation. Please contact Marisa@climatescorecard.org

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* *Australia, Canada, China, European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States*

Country Climate Commitment Tracking Table



Countries & Regions Represented in Each Bar

1. E.U., France, Germany, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, United Kingdom
2. E.U., France, Germany, United Kingdom
3. Brazil, Canada, China, E.U., France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, South Korea, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States
4. Canada, E.U., France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom
5. France, Germany, Japan, Spain, United Kingdom

Country Climate Commitment Answers

Australia

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. At the present time Australia has not pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Australia has not a plan to reduce emission by 30%-50% by 2030. However, Australia's [National Determined Contribution](#) (submitted in September 2016) indicates that they intend to reduce emissions 26%-28% below 2005 levels.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

While the country of Australia has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, several regions have committed to this Goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

While the country of Australia has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, all states and territories have committed to this Goal.

Brazil

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. At the present time Brazil has not pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. Brazil's first [National Determined Contribution](#) (submitted in) indicates that they intend to reduce emissions by 37% below the 2005 levels by 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

While the country of Brazil has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, [several cities have committed to this Goal](#)

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Canada

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

The Canadian Environment Minister has acknowledged this over the last year but it is not formalized yet.

2. Does the updated pledge commit the country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

No, beyond 30%, it is yet to be finalized given the recent election held Oct 21, 2019.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes, Canada's [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change plan](#) (2016) was developed to reach Canada's existing target of 30% below 2005 levels by 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

As of December 11th, 2019 Canada, has committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050. [The COP26 Chilean Presidency](#) released an updated list of countries that intend to enhance their national climate plans this year, as part of the Climate Ambition Alliance. Included in this list are the countries committed to Carbon Neutrality of which, Canada is one.

It is of note that Canada is one of 10 members of the 'Under2 Coalition' of states and regions committed to climate action. Members of the Under2 Coalition commit to long term decarbonization in line with the Paris Agreement by planning their pathway to 2050 and are transparent with their climate action by disclosing their progress every year.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

China

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

China has not pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020 however the NDC published in 2016 indicates that they have intentions to update the pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit the country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. China's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) has a series of goals for reducing its emissions by 2030. These plans include but are not limited to:

- Peak Carbon Dioxide emissions by 2030 or earlier

- Lower Carbon Dioxide emission per unit by GDP by 60% to 65% from the 2005 level,
- Increase consumption of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 20%

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

No. China has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, however several regions have committed to this goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. China has not developed a plan.

Nota Bene:

China will issue their 14th 5-Year-plan (FYP) governing the years 2021 -2025 later in 2020. Since China is likely to achieve their NDC goals regarding emissions earlier than 2025, it is expected that new emission targets, informing a potential new set of NDCs, will be set within the 14th 5-Year plan. No clear targets for climate change, sustainability, or environmental protection have been published, but Premier Li did include that building " a better ecological environment" as a part of the 14th FYP.

Furthermore, China's National Climate Action Plan runs until 2020 and updated policy and targets may be forthcoming in either March or October following policy making session.

European Union

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Prior to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meetings in Santiago, Chile (December 2019) the E.U. published the [E.U. Council Conclusions](#) in which The E.U has committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The pledge has not been submitted yet, but current projections and policy plans note that the European Union member countries will cut emissions by as much as 55% by 2030. In October 2019, Frans Timmermans, the Vice President of the European Union, pledged to propose an increase of the EU 2030 climate target to 55% emissions cuts prior to the UN Climate Summit that is planned for November 2020. ([Climate Action Network Europe, Drazkiewicz](#))

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

The E.U.'s current Nationally Determined Contribution commits it to a binding target of an at least 40% domestic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990. Refer to the [E.U Council Conclusions](#) for evidence. (Climate Watch, European Union)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Yes. The E.U. has committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. The E.U. has not developed a plan at this time.

France

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

France is a part of the E.U. and is under their NDC pledges.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

France is in the E.U. please refer to the E.U section for this answer.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. In 2015 France established the Energy Transition act ([Brief, Full Version](#)) defining how France would reduce GHG emissions. The specific goals commit France to reduce emissions by 40% of its 1990 levels by 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

France has committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050. The Energy Transition Act committed France to reducing emissions by 75% below the 1990 mark by 2050 in 2015. It is still to be seen whether France will update this goal.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

The [Energy Transition Act](#) was the first long-term strategy published by France with mention of a transition to a low-carbon economy. While the policy does not completely move France to Carbon Neutrality it did begin the process.

Germany

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Germany is a part of the E.U. and is under their NDC pledges.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The updated pledge has not been published yet. Please refer to the E.U. posting for information regarding the possible commitment of the updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. Germany's original [Climate Action Plan 2050](#) (submitted in 2016) committed the country to 55% reduction in emissions compared to 1990 by 2030. This goal was set with carbon neutrality by 2050 in mind. It is important to note that Germany's policy surpasses the E.U. commitment to 40% reduction compared to 1990 levels by 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Germany has committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

Yes. Germany published the [Climate Action Plan 2050](#) with an expressed goal of achieving Carbon neutrality by 2050 amongst other things.

India

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Climate Watch data has not classified India as having pledged to update their 2015 NDC by 2020. However, India has already stepped up their policy commitments and is on course to keeping its three points Paris Climate Agreement commitments. Prime Minister Modi noted this during his recent speech at UN Climate Summit in NY

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

No. The Intended Nationally Determined Contributions for the period 2021 to 2030 do not commit India to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030.

An interesting assessment of the current policies provided by Climate Scorecard India Country Manager follows: No. updated policies are not committed to being 1.5 Compliant. However, it is important to note that “Independent assessments show that India’s commitments are keeping with the Paris Agreement goal of keeping temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius. More recent independent assessments find that India is likely to meet its goals, particularly on increasing non-fossil generation capacity and reducing emissions intensity, ahead of the deadline set by India in its Paris climate pledges”

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. India’s [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) commits India to reduce the emission intensity of the economy by 33 to 35% by 2030 from 2005 level.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

At this moment India has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050. India's position about net carbon issue (i.e. Carbon Neutral) has been clear and consistent that the country will announce its policy on the matter by 2021 – 2022 based on the global north's performance on their promise to fund (climate change fund of USD 100 billion) developing economies in their efforts to step up as a part of climate agreement deal.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Indonesia

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. At the present time Indonesia has not pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Indonesia's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) commits itself to reduce unconditionally 29% of its greenhouse gasses emissions against the business as usual scenario by the year 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

While the country of Indonesia has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, the city of Jakarta has committed to this Goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No

Iran

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. At the present time Iran has not pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

No. There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

No. The Iranian NDC states the following: "On the basis of national capabilities, financial resources available and requirements of the national development program, taking into account GHGs emission scenarios, the Islamic Republic of Iran intends to participate by mitigating its GHGs emission in 2030 by 4% compared to the Business As Usual (BAU) scenario."

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

No.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Italy

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Italy is a part of the E.U. and is under their NDC pledges.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

Possibly, The pledge has not been published yet.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Italy is a part of the E.U. please refer to the E.U section for further information.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Italy has committed to this Goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Japan

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. Japan has not committed to updating it's 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Japan's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) committed the country to a reduction of 26% by the fiscal year 2030 as compared to the fiscal year 2013. (Climate Watch, Japan)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Japan published [the Long-Term Strategy under the Paris Agreement](#) in June of 2019. The plan proclaims Japan's ambitions to become a decarbonized society, reducing GHG emissions by 80% by 2050. While not fully Carbon Neutral, Japan's goal is substantial and worthy of noting.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

[The Long-Term Strategy under the Paris Agreement](#) is a comprehensive policy plan for reducing GHG emissions by 80% by 2050 in Japan.

Mexico

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Mexico has committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

No. The updated pledge has not been submitted yet.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Mexico's current [Nationally Determined Contributions](#) commit the country to reducing 25% of its GHGs and short-lived climate pollutants by 2030 with a net emissions peak starting in 2026. The new NDC may provide more aggressive strategies (Climate Watch, Mexico)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Mexico has committed to Carbon Neutrality by 2050

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

Mexico has not developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050. It is important to note that the [Mid Century Strategy](#) policy

published in 2016 committed Mexico to a 50% reduction from the baseline by 2050 with more ambitious goals dependent upon regional involvement from the United States and Canada.

Nigeria

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Nigeria has committed to enhance its ambitions or actions in the 2020 NDC. They announced these intentions on [Twitter](#) in June 2019.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The pledge has not been published yet so there is not much indication of a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Nigeria's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) indicates that the country has committed to an unconditional 20% reduction by 2030 and a 45% conditional reduction (dependent on international partners) by 2030. These projections are based upon emission levels in 2010-2014. (UNFCCC, NDC Staging Nigeria)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

The entire country has not committed to Carbon Neutrality; however, the state of Lagos has committed to this Goal This is notable due the urban coastal environment and high population.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Poland

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Poland is apart of the E.U. and will jointly update the 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The updated pledge has not been published yet.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. The E.U. Nationally Determined Contributions mandate that Poland reduces their emissions by at least 40% below the 1990 levels by 2030.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Poland has not committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050, however Warsaw, the capital of Poland has.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Russia

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. Russia has not committed to updating it's 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030?

No. Climate Watch indicates that limiting the impact of anthropogenic GHGs in Russia to 70%-75% of 1990 levels by 2030 might be a long term indicator, but concrete policies are limited. (Climate Watch, Russia)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Russia has not committed to Carbon Neutrality.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Saudi Arabia

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. Saudi Arabia has not committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

No. Saudi Arabia does not have a plan to reduce emissions by 30-50% by 2030. Saudi Arabia's energy minister Prince Abdulaziz announced on October 30, 2019 the plans to launch the kingdom's carbon trading schemes as a way to meet targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He added that the kingdom currently operates the largest carbon capture and utilization plant in the world, turning half a million tons of CO₂ annually into products such as fertilizers and methanol and running one of the regions most advanced CO₂ enhanced oil recovery plants that captures and stores 800,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually. These plans represent a Business as usual approach that doesn't significantly reduce emissions.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

No, Saudi Arabia has not committed to becoming carbon neutral. They have a “2030 Vision”, which includes generating at least 9.5 GW from renewable energy by 2030 and reducing their carbon emissions by 130 million tons of CO₂ by the same year, but no mention of becoming carbon neutral.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. A specific plan to become carbon neutral has been developed by Saudi Arabia.

South Africa

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. South Africa has committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030?

No. South Africa's [Nationally Determined Contributions](#) indicates that they are reducing emissions to a range between 398 and 614 Mt CO₂-eq by 2025-2030, which could result anywhere between 26% below to 12% above 2010 levels by 2030. [Climate Action Tracker](#) indicates that this target is Highly Insufficient (Climate Watch, South Africa)

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

The entire country has not committed to Carbon Neutrality; however, several regions (Tshwane, Durban, etc...) have committed to this Goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

South Korea

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes, President Moon stated these intentions recently at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.

We will explore a variety of measures for transitioning to a low carbon economy [...] that will be incorporated in the NDC and the 2050 LTS to be submitted next year.” President Moon

South Korea implemented a nationwide emission trading system for the first time in East Asia. Korea has reduced 4 coal-fired power plants and 6 more by 2022. Also, the '[Hydrogen economy Roadmap](#)' has been released in Jan 2019.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

Yes. Additionally, South Korea has announced that it will double its GCF grants. The Second P4G Summit will also be held in Korea next year to strengthen the solidarity of the international community for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

South Korea released the 'Second Basic Plan for Climate Change Response' on 22nd October 2019. The main task of this plan includes 'conversion to low carbon society', 'construction of climate change adaptation system' and 'strengthen climate change responsiveness'. Also, the plan presented a detailed GHG reduction amount for 8 areas (Transportation, Construction, Power Generation, Industry, Forest, Agriculture, and Public). Additionally, South Korea has a plan to submit 'Long-term low carbon development strategy 2050' and NDC by 2020.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

No. South Korea has not released a national plan for Carbon-zero yet, however, the city of Seoul has committed to this Goal

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. Although South Korea does not have a national Carbon Neutral scheme yet, the country has the plan to have the world's first carbon-free island. Jeju Island aims to become carbon-free by 2030 and fully sustainable by using renewable energy. Also, Chungcheongnam-do, one of the local governments in Korea declared "Energy Conversion Vision 2050" in October 2019 to achieve Carbon Zero.

Spain

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes, but more emphasis is put on the [2030 plan](#).

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

As part of the E.U., Spain is rumored to have an updated pledge that will mandate up to 55% emission reduction; however, the E.U. has yet to confirm this. Spain has partnered with the UNDP, Germany and the EU to help other countries fulfill their commitments as well. It is one of the top E.U. countries in terms of commitment to the Paris Pledge.

Source: <https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/undp-germany-spain-eu-launch-eur-42-million-programme-un-climate-summit.html>

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030?

Yes, they are following the IPCC guidelines and remain firm partners (and leaders) of their European Union plan. Their plan is a replicate of the E.U. plan, and I would recommend looking further into the

general E.U. guidelines and how each E.U. country fits into them, both currently and in the future.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Spain is 100% committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050. The government posts some reports and articles elaborating on the topic, one of which can be found here: http://www.mitramiss.gob.es/cartaespana/es/noticias/Noticia_0504.htm

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

Spain remains a firm partner and leader of the European Union climate plan. With Spain's solar and wind energy strength, the outlook is positive; nonetheless, projections of climate change in the Spanish Mediterranean climate are not hopeful if the 2050 Carbon Neutral plan is not strictly followed.

Thailand

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. Thailand has not committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

No. Thailand's [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) has committed the country to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 20% from business as usual levels by 2030. There is potential for this percentage to increase to 25% if access to technology is enhanced.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Thailand has not committed to Carbon Neutrality.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Turkey

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. Turkey has not committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

No. Turkey's current climate policies will leave emissions an astounding 150% above 2010 levels by 2030 according to [Climate Action Tracker](#).

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

Turkey has not committed to Carbon Neutrality.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No.

Ukraine

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Ukraine has committed to updating its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The pledge has not been published yet.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

Yes. It is important to note that Ukraine currently has emissions 60% less than the 1990s levels. Ukraine has intentions to increase their emissions but have committed to not exceeding 60% of 1990 emission levels meaning that they will be at least 40% below the 1990 levels by 2030. Ukraine's plans to increase their emissions are not encouraging.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

No. Ukraine has not committed to carbon neutrality.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. Ukraine did publish, [Ukraine 2050 Low Emission Development Strategy](#), indicating that Ukraine might reduce emissions by 31-34% compared to the 1990 level by 2050. However this Low Emission Development Strategy also includes the construction of new coal power plants after 2030. Furthermore, the plan was not approved at the national level, but only approved by a protocol so that it could be sent to the UNFCCC.

Most recently on January 21st, 2020 Ukraine's recently created Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection presented a Concept of Green Energy Transition until 2050 (Ukraine Green Deal). According, to it Ukraine pledges to completely phase-out coal generation by 2050. At the moment, the pledge does not appear to be legally binding.

United Kingdom

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

Yes. Because the United Kingdom is a part of the E.U. they have committed to updating their Paris Pledge. This situation bears watching due to the precarious nature of Brexit. They are legally under the E.U.'s legislation at the moment, but once Brexit occurs the national policy will determine the NDCs

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

The United Kingdom is still technically apart of the E.U. and we will have to wait for the completion of Brexit for complete policy updates.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

The [Clean Growth Strategy](#) commits the United Kingdom to a 57% reduction in emissions compared to 1990 by 2028-32.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

The United Kingdom has committed to being Carbon Neutral by 2050.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

Yes. The United Kingdom published [The Clean Growth Strategy](#) in 2017 stating that the country was committed to an 80 % reduction in emissions as compared to 1990 levels by 2050. This plan is not specifically related to carbon neutrality, but it does provide a framework for future plans.

United States

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris pledge by 2020?

No. United States has not committed to updating it's 2015 Paris pledge by 2020.

2. Does the updated pledge commit your country to making 50% reduction in emissions by 2030?

There is no updated pledge.

3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 2030 30-50%?

No. The 2016 [Nationally Determined Contribution](#) previously committed the United States to reducing emissions by 26-28% below its 2005 levels by 2025.

4. Has the country committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050?

The United States has not committed to Carbon Neutrality.

5. Has the Country developed a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050?

No. I will note that the United States developed the United States [Mid-Century Strategy For Deep Decarbonization](#) that provided pathways for the country to reduce emissions by 80% below 2005 levels by 2050.

Country Climate Commitment Summary Template

Key:

The following questions correspond to the number order in the boxes, below.

1. Has the country pledged to update its 2015 Paris Agreement pledge by 2020?
2. Does the updated pledge commit the country to making a 30-50% reduction in emissions by 2030?
3. Has the country submitted a plan for reducing its emissions by 30-50% by 2030?
4. Has the country committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 or sooner?
5. Has the country submitted a plan for becoming carbon neutral by 2050 or sooner?

Countries	Engagements in Paris Agreement (1.5 C compliant by 2030)	2050 Carbon Neutral Goal
<u>Australia</u>	1. No 2. No 3. No	4. No.** 5. No.
<u>Brazil</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No** 5. No.
<u>Canada</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. No
<u>China</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No** 5. No
<u>E.U.</u>	1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. No
<u>France</u>	1. Yes 2. Yes	4. Yes 5. Yes

	3. Yes	
<u>Germany</u>	1. Yes. 2. Yes 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. Yes.
<u>India</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No 5. No
<u>Indonesia</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No (The City of Jakarta has committed to Carbon Neutrality by 2050) 5. No
<u>Iran</u>	1. No 2. No 3. No	4. No 5. No
<u>Italy</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. No
<u>Japan</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. Yes
<u>Mexico</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. No	4. Yes 5. No
<u>Nigeria</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes	4. No** 5. No.
<u>Russia</u>	1. No 2. No 3. No	4. No 5. No
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	1. No 2. No 3. No	4. No 5. No

<u>South Africa</u>	1. Yes. 2. No 3. No	4. No** (Tshwane, Durban etc...) 5. No
<u>South Korea</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No** 5. No
<u>Spain</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. Yes
<u>Thailand</u>	1. No 2. No 3. No	4. No 5. No
<u>Turkey</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. No	4. No
<u>Poland</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes	4. No 5. No
<u>Ukraine</u>	1. Yes 2. No 3. Yes	4. No 5. No
<u>United Kingdom</u>	1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes	4. Yes 5. Yes
<u>United States</u>	1. No 2. No 3. Yes	4. No

**** Both France and Germany have started internal processes in their national plans and policies to boost ambition by 2020. Not sure if this indicates commitment to the 1.5 C goal. ¹

** The entire country has not committed to Carbon Neutrality; however, several regions have committed to this Goal²

¹ <https://prensa.presidencia.cl/comunicado.aspx?id=102012>

² <https://prensa.presidencia.cl/comunicado.aspx?id=102012>