

SECOND NDC UPDATES

THE U.S. ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST NDC AFTER THE RETURN TO PARIS AGREEMENT

After leaving the Paris Agreement under President Donald Trump's presidency, the country is recommitting itself to the fight against climate change less than six months before COP26 in Glasgow, United Kingdom.

The United States has set a new 2030 goal to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 50-52 % from 2005 levels. In addition, President Joe Biden has remarked that the US would achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

Since the last edition of [NDC Updates](#), only 6 countries have updated their first NDC. However, it is worth highlighting that 9 new countries have made public their net zero commitment, namely: Argentina, Barbados, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malawi, Mauritius, Nauru, Nepal and Uruguay.

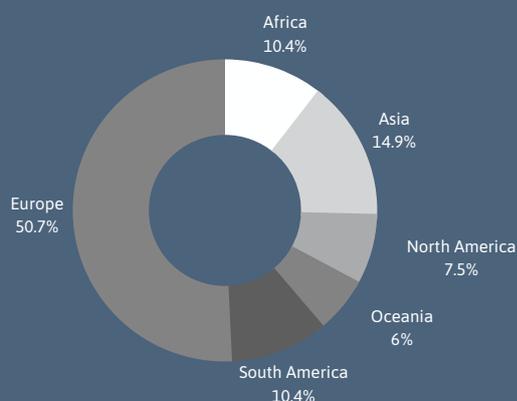
Argentina's commitment stands out as the second country in Latin America to have advanced to its second NDC and, in addition, has made a public commitment to reach net zero by 2050.

Since the beginning of the year,

- 64 countries have submitted or updated their first NDC,
- 8 countries have submitted their second NDC.
- 51 countries have pledged to achieve net zero emissions by 2060.

The following is an update on progress through May 2021:

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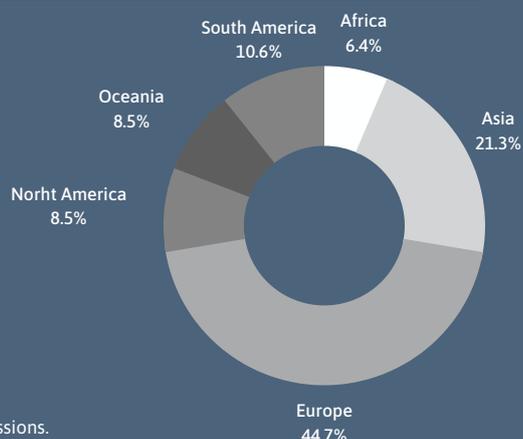


- Europe remains the continent with the largest representation with 34 countries.
- Iceland aligns itself with the objectives of the European Union, in addition to the French overseas territories.
- Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina update their first NDC.
- The other continents are progressing slowly and have shown few updates since the beginning of the year.

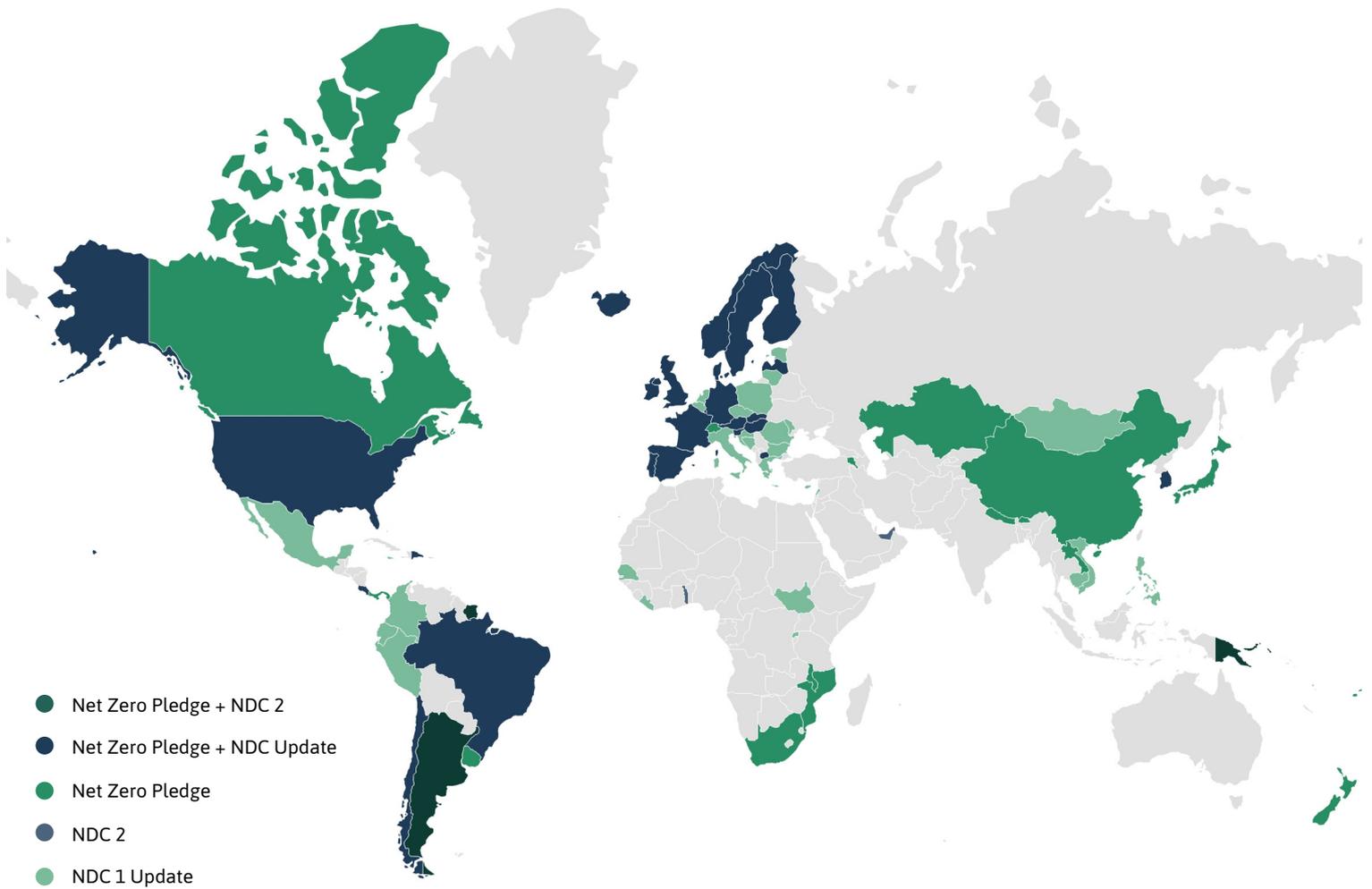
*Percentage of countries per continent that have updated their NDCs.

Net Zero Pledge

- Argentina, Uruguay and the Caribbean country of Barbados have committed to the net zero target in Latin America by 2050.
- There are now 10 countries in South America and the Caribbean with net zero targets as shown on the map.
- North America adds the United States to the commitment.
- In total, 45 countries have already committed to be net zero by 2060 by April 2021.



*Percentage of countries by continent that have committed to achieving net zero emissions.



Source of graphics and data: <https://ndcpartnership.org/climate-tools/ghg-emissions>

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Three countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, Uruguay and Barbados) have set a net zero pledge by 2050.

One of the most expected countries, the United States, has increased the ambition of its NDC and has committed to reducing its emissions by 50-52% by 2030, and to achieving net zero by 2050.

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Seven countries already have a law setting a net zero target by 2050, including France and its overseas territories, Luxembourg, Denmark, Hungary, New Zealand, Switzerland and the UK.

Eleven countries from all continents have made a political pledge to net zero by 2060 in the last two months, bringing the total to 38 countries since the beginning of the year.

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The United States has already proclaimed itself on both NDC commitments and climate neutrality, but several relevant countries, such as [Russia](#), responsible for almost 5% of global emissions or [India](#), responsible for more than 6% of global emissions, remain yet to do so.

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