

INDC and its Assessment

Xiaohua ZHANG, Yue QI, Linwei LIU

National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation



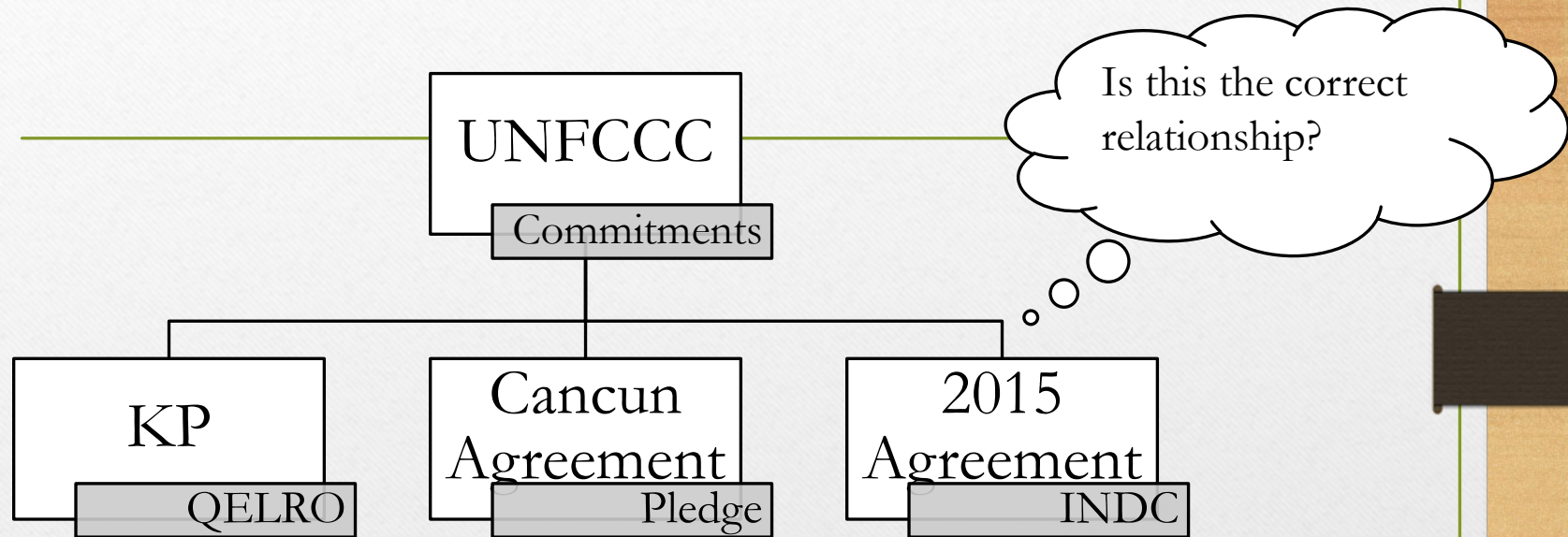
Contents

Key concerns of the INDC

Assessment of the mitigation efforts

Comparison between EU, the U.S. and China's
post-2020 mitigation targets

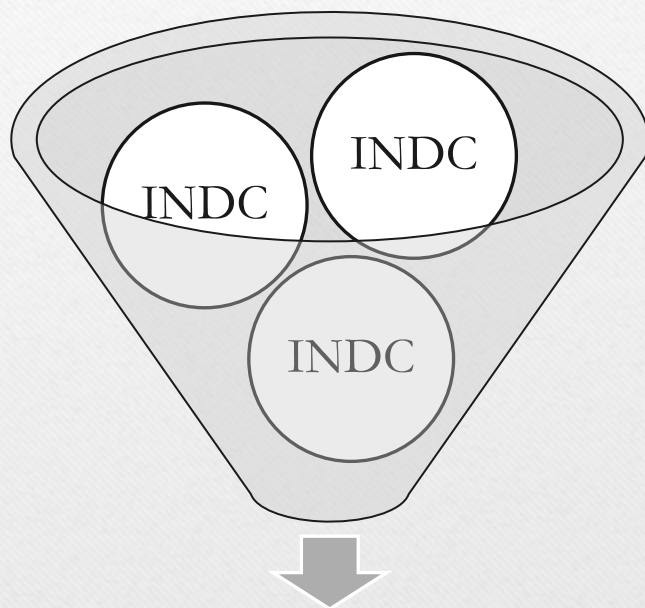
I. Key concerns of the INDC



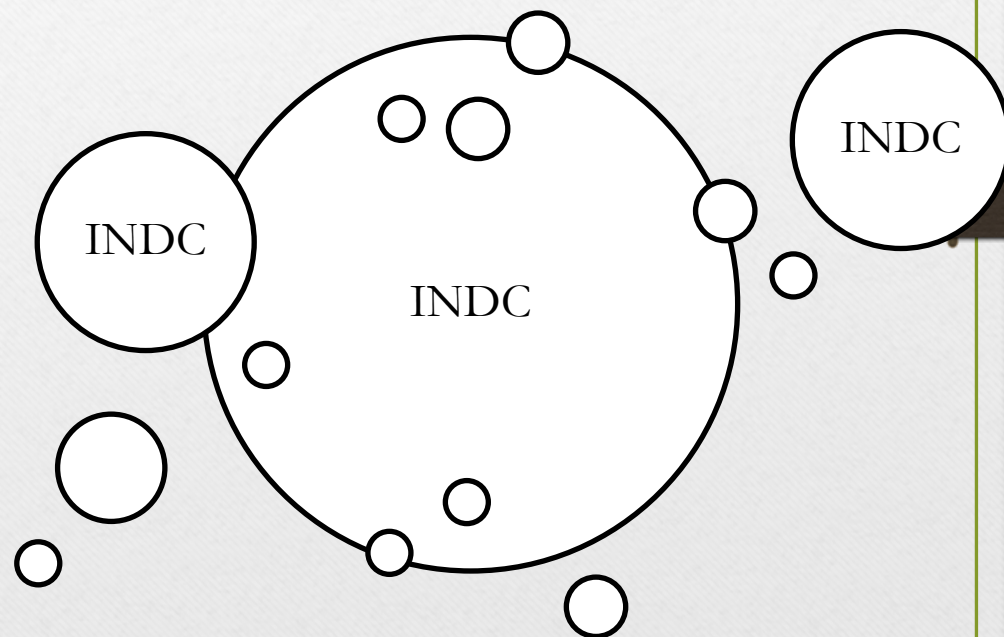
- What is the difference?
 - Scope: mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology and capacity building support
 - Process: nationally determined + ?
 - Commitment vs. contribution

Ambition

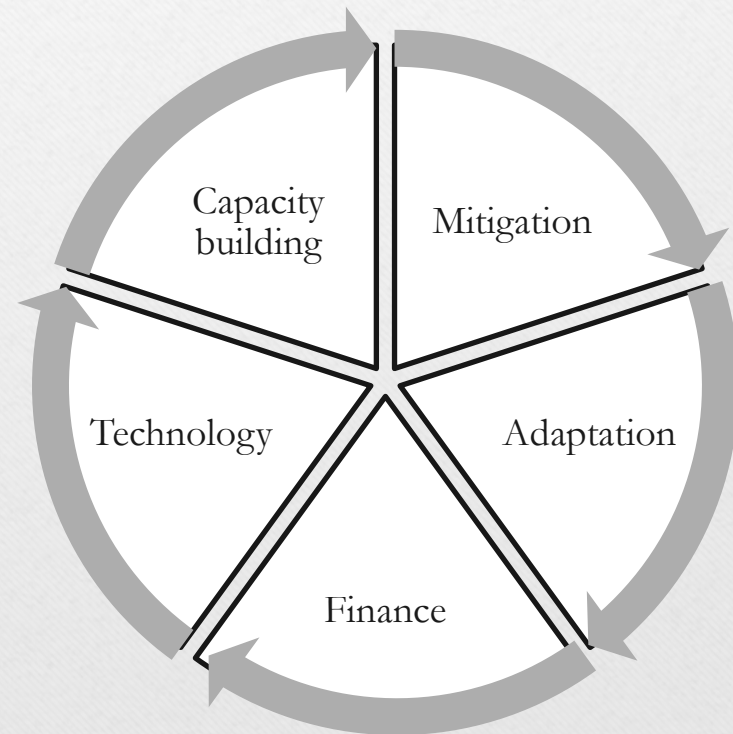
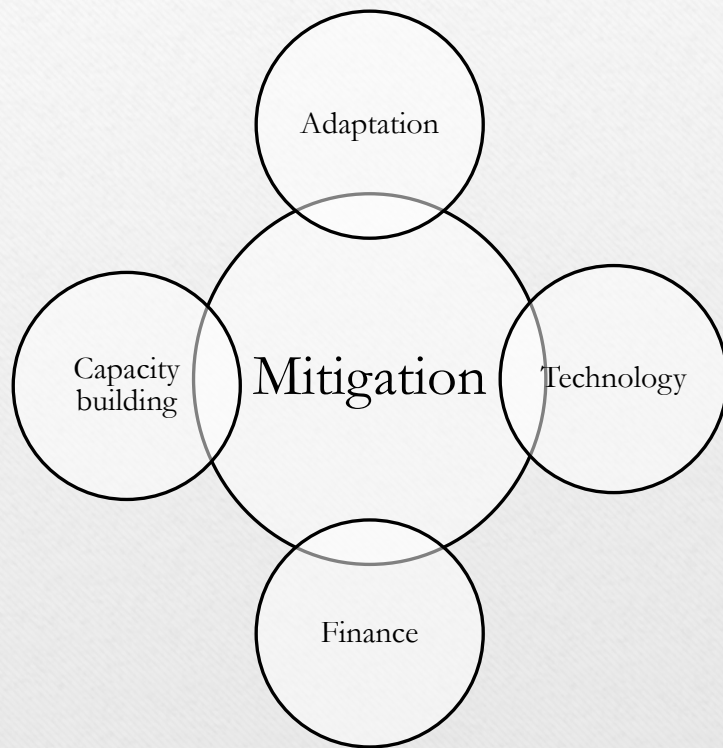
Equity



Art.2 and 2°C



- Scope



- Timeframe

- 5 year
 - Less uncertainty and more practical
 - Less stable
- 10 year period
 - Long term signal to public and industries
 - Concerns on less ambition and may not reflect the dynamic

- Form

- Depends on the legal form of 2015 agreement
 - Single annex
 - Annexes
 - Attachment
 - COP decisions
 - National schedule
- The legal status of the INDC is closely linked to ambition issue

Assessment under the post-2020 climate regime

- Time perspective
 - *Ex-ante*
 - Implementation stage: IAR/ICA
 - Completion: provisions of compliance
- Content perspective
 - Clarification on individual mitigation effort
 - Comparison of individual mitigation effort
 - Assessment of collective effect
 - Assessment of individual effort

Ex-ante process

- INDC submission
 - Scope defined by the 2015 agreement or Parties
 - Information template defined by the 2015 agreement
 - GHG types, base year, etc...
- Individual mitigation effort
 - Clarification
 - Comparison
 - Comparability and effect of comparison?
- Collective effect
 - Global assessment by academic and civil society

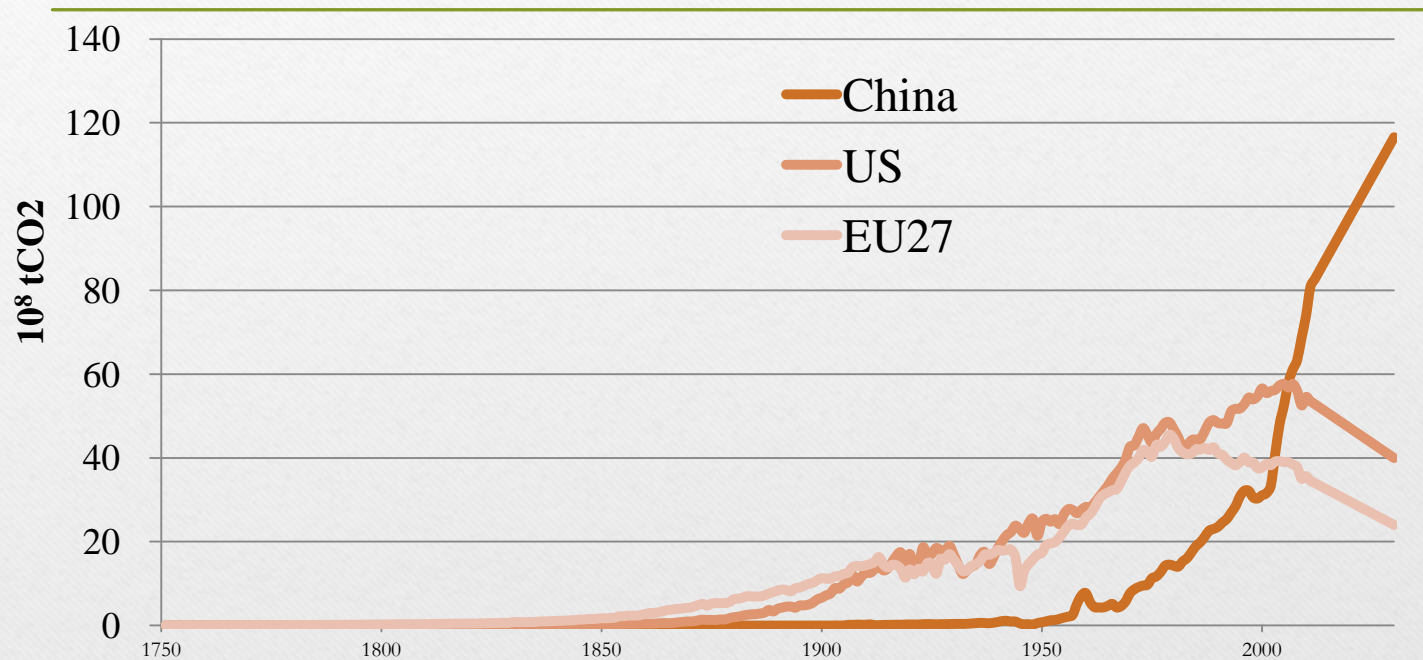
- Purposes of the assessment of mitigation effort

- Enhance transparency, consistency, comparability, completeness, accuracy;
- Better understanding of the targets and actions;
- Improve mutual trust;
- Track the collective progress on achieving the 2 degree target;
- Further collaboration based on solid MRV and accounting systems;
- Assess the ambition and fairness of individual target.

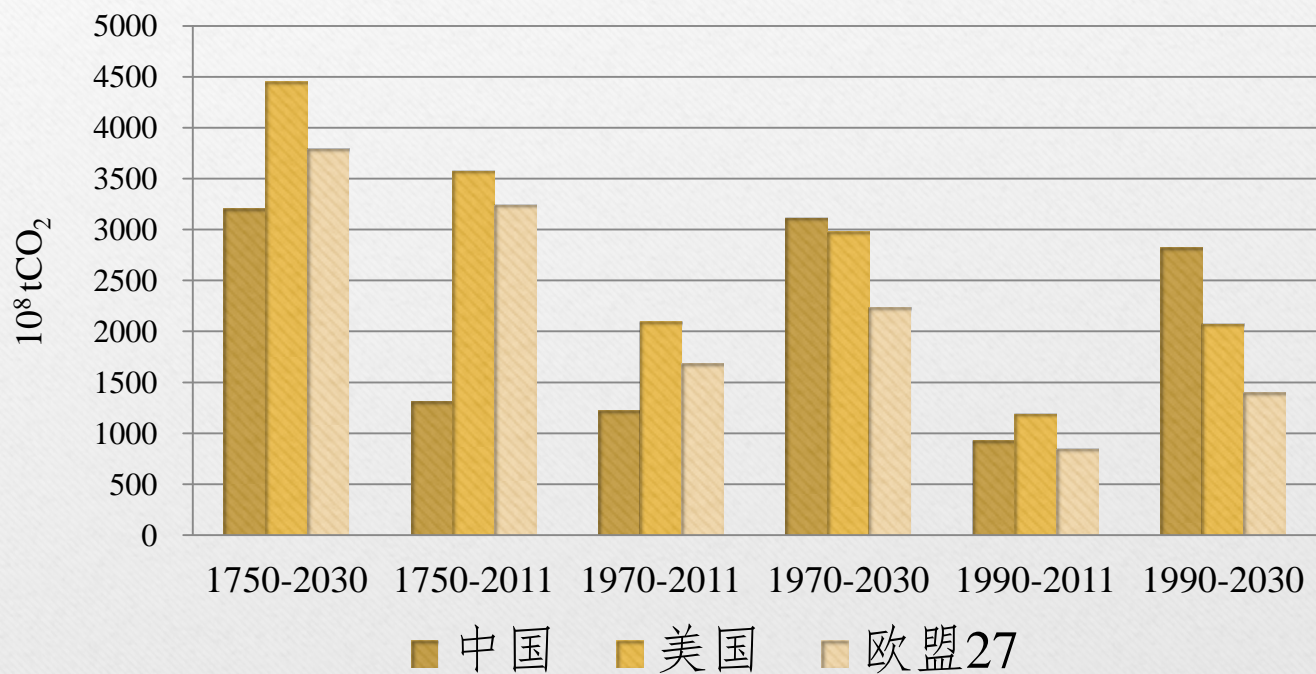
Comparison of post-2020 mitigation target of the EU, the U.S. and China

Party	KP_CP1	KP_CP2	2020 Target	Post-2020
EU-28	-8% (1990)	-20% (1990) -30% (1990)	-20% or -30% (1990)	-40% (2030/1990)
			RE share in final energy use 20%	RE in final energy use share 27% (2030)
			Energy efficiency 20% increase	
The U.S.	-7% (1990)	—	-17% (2005)	-26%~28%(2025/2005)
China	—	—	Carbon intensity 40%~45% decrease	CO ₂ emission peak in 2030
			Non-fossil fuel share in primary energy use 15%	Non-fossil fuel share in primary energy use 20% (2030)
			Forest volume 1.3bn m ³	Carbon intensity? Forest volume?

GHG emission trajectories

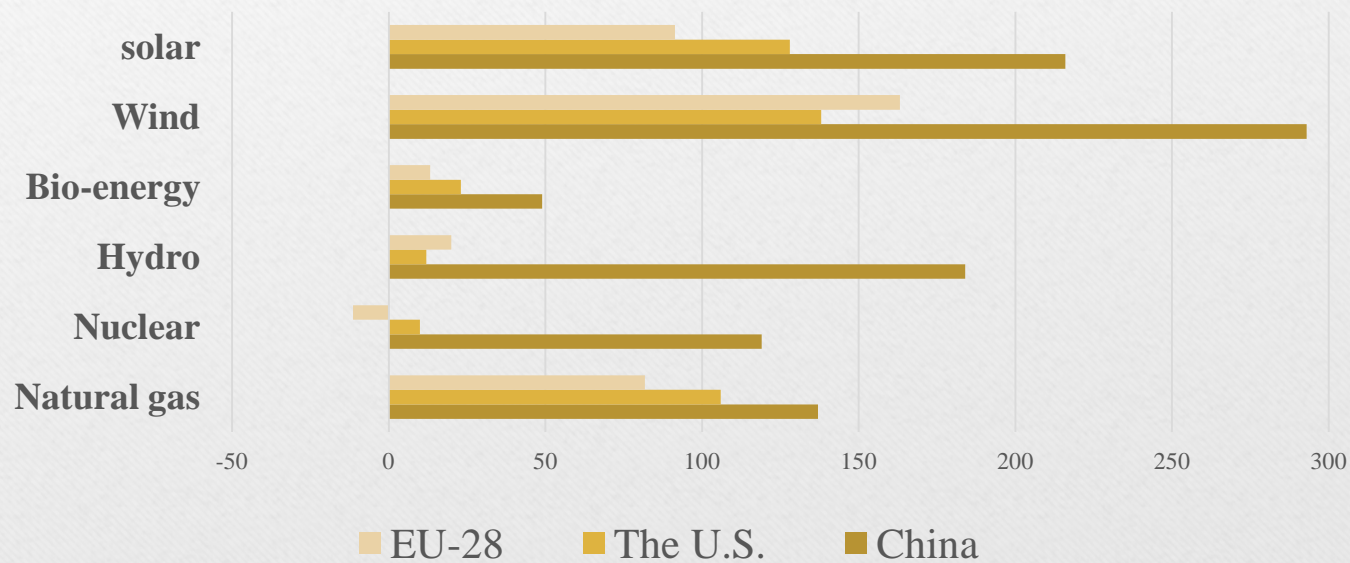


Historical accumulated GHG emission



Share of non-fossil fuel

Changes in power generation capacity by low-carbon energy type in 2030 compare to 2012 (GW)



- Difficulties in comparing the mitigation efforts

- Different timeframes;
- Different types and definitions of mitigation targets;
- Coverage of the greenhouse gases;
- Different metrics;
- Different accounting methodologies.....
- Different opinions on effort sharing, different principles, criteria and indicators...

Comparison of post-2020 mitigation target of the EU, the U.S. and China

- No single standard to compare the ambition of mitigation efforts;
- Not to blame each other, but to improve mutual understanding and to encourage ambition increase;
- Key perspectives to compare the ambition of mitigation effort:
 - Transition of emission trajectories;
 - Historical responsibility, accumulative emission
 - National circumstances and capacity
 - Continuity.....

Thanks

Xiaohua Zhang xzhang.ncsc@outlook.com

Yue Qi qiyue_ncsc@126.com

Linwei Liu liulw@ncsc.org.cn