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Ricardo Energy & Environment stands ready as Paris Agreement comes into force

The Paris Agreement, which has an aim to limit global temperature increase to ‘well-below’ two degrees Celsius, comes into force today, and countries around the world must now start to implement their individual commitments to tackling climate change, known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) – an area in which Ricardo Energy & Environment is ideally placed to assist

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will meet in Marrakesh, Morocco, next week commencing on 7th November for the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP22). Ricardo Energy & Environment – which is actively supporting several nations with the implementation of their NDCs – will host a side event at COP22 to provide guidance on the practical steps countries can take to deliver their climate commitments.

The session, ***Driving NDC implementation through sectoral action: lessons learned so far***, will be held at 17:00 - 18:30 on Monday 7 November, Oum Errabia - Green Zone, Marrakesh, Morocco. Ricardo’s international experts will be joined by distinguished speakers from the Government of Bangladesh, the Government of Nigeria, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH), and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability).

“The rapid pace at which the Paris Agreement has come into force demonstrates the extent to which governments across the world are committed and driven, in responding



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to the urgency of climate change,” said Emelia Holdaway, Ricardo Energy & Environment, manager of international climate change policy. “Our side event at COP22 will discuss how early starters are moving forward with NDC implementation and turning their national and sectoral development plans into reality.”

Many countries are finding the development of sectoral action plans to be a pragmatic way to drive effective NDC implementation, and empower government ministries and other key stakeholders to take action. The Ricardo Energy & Environment side event will examine the important relationship between sectoral or city actions and the implementation of NDCs. The panel will discuss real world examples of how countries are securing the benefits of sectoral climate action and using this success to embed and mainstream climate action in wider development policy and planning.

In the lead-up to the COP22, Ricardo Energy & Environment and the Climate Knowledge Development Network launched ***Planning for NDC implementation: a Quick-Start Guide***. This new guide, designed at the request of a number of developing countries, provides policymakers at national and local levels with practical guidance on the steps to put their climate commitments into action.

To access the Quick-Start Guide and a range of resources on how to balance the complex relationships between economic, societal and environmental requirements and achieve success in NDC implementation, or to find details of the Ricardo side event at COP22, visit <http://ee.ricardo.com/cms/COP22/>.

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