



# Briefing Notice

## Ambition and Opportunity in America's New Climate Commitments

### U.S. Pledges to Reduce Emissions More Than 50% by 2030

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On April 22, the Biden-Harris Administration announced America's new greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments in the context of the Paris Agreement. The new U.S. Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) sets a [goal](#) of reducing emissions by 50-52 percent based on a 2005 baseline by 2030. The new NDC signals a return to U.S. leadership on climate change that will need to be matched with federal policies and programs that transition the United States to a resilient and equitable clean energy economy.

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to join us for a briefing on everything you need to know about the new NDC. Experts will discuss the new emissions reduction goal, why it matters, and how it can be used as a guide for domestic federal policy development and design. The briefing will also explain how the U.S. NDC fits into the overall architecture of international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase resilience to climate impacts.

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Tracy Bach**, Co-Focal Point, Research and Independent NGOs, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Visiting Professor of Law, Washington University in St. Louis
- **Rachel Cleetus**, Policy Director, Climate and Energy Program, Union of Concerned Scientists

Under the Paris Agreement, which entered into force in November 2016, all participating countries committed to setting their own emission reduction goals—the NDCs. Many countries also articulated their plans to enhance climate adaptation and resilience measures. Countries have designed a “stocktaking process” to routinely assess progress towards their goals and to allow opportunities to increase their ambitions.

With the United States now reengaged in the Paris Agreement, this briefing will bring you up to speed on the state of international climate commitments in the lead up to the next U.N. climate negotiations—COP26—set to be held in November 2021.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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