

## INDIA, PARIS AGREEMENT AND DOMESTIC ACTIONS

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*India has approached climate change mostly through the lens of the international climate negotiations as a foreign policy issue. In the process, it has somewhat lost sight of the science and the imperatives of the severe climate impacts India will likely face. With India seeking closer ties with the US, small island states and least developed countries now perceive India as part of the problem despite the emission reductions India belatedly committed to. India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) submitted under the unscientific and iniquitous Paris Agreement is moderate and achievable, but touches only on a few sectors, and lacks a cross-sectoral, multiple-benefits approach. Most regrettably, it has few offerings on badly-needed adaptation measures. India is still floundering in search of the required transformational development pathway towards a low-carbon or non-fossil fuel future.*

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