

The Role of ACE

[Action for Climate Empowerment](#) (ACE) is a term adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that describes the important role that society has to play in addressing climate change. ACE refers to Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, focusing on six elements: climate education and public awareness, training, public participation and access to information, and international cooperation on these issues.

Countries recognized when adopting the Convention and Paris Agreement that the tools that ACE provides are pivotal for everyone to understand and participate in solving the complex challenges presented by climate change.

Together, the [ten-year Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) adopted by Parties at COP 26 in 2021 and its [four-year action plan](#) adopted at COP 27 in 2022, set out long-term and short-term activities that are intended to advance the use of the ACE tools, organised around four priority areas: policy coherence; coordinated action; tools and support; and monitoring, evaluation, and reporting. The priority areas address gaps and challenges in fully utilizing the six ACE elements and create opportunities for realizing the full potential of the ACE tools.

EDUCATION

PUBLIC AWARENESS

TRAINING

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



"ACE Dialogue 2023"
Credit: UN Climate Change

Enhancing Ambition through ACE

Solving the climate emergency requires higher ambition, holistic, inclusive, and transformative climate action. This can only happen if national and subnational governments, businesses, investors, nongovernmental organizations and civil society organizations and individuals do their parts to meet the 1.5C guardrail. Through the effective use of the ACE toolbox, everyone can be equipped and empowered to drive climate policy and action.

Despite increased awareness and some progress, awareness about and the skills to utilize the ACE tools by national and subnational government, academic, civil society actors and others, are not sufficient to meet the scale and scope of the challenges and opportunities.

Therefore, enhancing the effective use of ACE by everyone as tools to enable the changes in systems and behaviours required to transition to low-carbon, climate resilient and just societies and economies is critical and urgent.

The ACE Hub

The [Action for Climate Empowerment Hub](#) (ACE Hub) is a three-year collaboration launched in 2022 between the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) and UN ClimateChange. The objective of the ACE Hub is to increase public support for and engagement in climate action activities that can help accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement across all sectors of society.

The activities of the ACE Hub have been delivered through three pillars, which focus on national ACE focal points, children and youth, and multi-stakeholder collaboration, and support the implementation of the Glasgow work programme on ACE and its four-year action plan. This includes providing capacity building, tools, and knowledge to governments and other stakeholders across the world and delivering workshops, webinars, and networking events.



"ACE Focal Points Academy 2023"
Credit: UN Climate Change

Achievements 2022 - 2024



62

events organized



30,000+

participants engaged



200+

organizations mobilized



25

knowledge products,
communication tools and
outreach materials developed

ACE Hub 2.0

Building on the foundation and success of the past three years, ACE Hub 2.0 aims to extend its reach and impact by creating opportunities for new connections and collaboration with governments and organizations covering all regions of the world, including at the subnational level, fostering a more inclusive and diverse network, enabling richer peer-to-peer learning experiences.

Subnational governments are particularly well placed for identifying the needs and the strengths of their societies in addressing climate change. Important lessons being learned at the subnational level have the potential to feed into and improve national policy and shape more ambitious and innovative responses to this challenge.*

A fourth pillar focused on public engagement in climate policy and action will be added to support ambitious and inclusive climate action for just transitions by enhancing climate literacy and engagement models for effective public participation in, and public access to information and awareness about, climate policy and action, drawing upon the valuable experience of a growing networking of strategic, technical and creative collaborators.

* Subnational governments at the forefront of climate action (Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development and the Climate Group).



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Learn about the activities of the ACE Hub at:
<https://unfccc.int/ace-hub>

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