



What is Action for Climate Empowerment?

The Role of ACE

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is a term adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It 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.

Through the six elements of ACE – the ACE toolbox – everyone can be equipped and empowered to take part in the transition to a just, low-emission, climate resilient world. Only by comprehensively implementing the ACE toolbox can we change the systems, attitudes and behaviours needed to foster sustainable development and manage the causes and impacts of climate change. Transitioning to sustainable systems that enable humans to thrive within healthy ecosystems requires radical, multi-stakeholder collaboration.

ACE implementation is currently guided by the 10-year Glasgow work programme adopted at COP 26 (2021) and its Action Plan adopted at COP 27 (2022). They provide a framework for countries and many other stakeholders to enhance their ACE implementation efforts. Activities under the Glasgow work programme and its Action Plan are focused on four priority areas - policy coherence, coordinated action, tools and support, and monitoring, evaluation and reporting - that address gaps and challenges in implementing the six elements of ACE and create opportunities to accelerate implementation.

ACE Hub

The ACE Hub is a 3-year collaboration launched in 2022 between the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and UN Climate Change. The ACE Hub aims 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 are delivered through its three pillars focusing on national ACE focal points, youth and multi-stakeholder collaboration, and support the implementation of the Glasgow work programme on ACE and its Action Plan. This includes providing capacity building, tools and knowledge to governments and other stakeholders across the world and delivering workshops, webinars like the UNESCO-UNFCCC webinars series on education for social transformation, and networking events.



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ACE and Climate Change Education

Climate change education is one of the core elements in the ACE toolbox. In a [2021 review](#) of curricula around the world, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) found that 47% of 100 national curriculum frameworks made no mention of climate change, and 40% of those that mention climate change did so very minimally. Another [recent report](#) by UNESCO found that young people are dissatisfied with the quality of climate change education they presently receive. 27% of respondents say they cannot at all explain what climate change is and 41% say they are only able to explain the broad principles of climate change.

Climate change education is important because it provides everyone – children, youth and adults – with the necessary knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about climate change and take a conscious and active role in climate action. Schools play a crucial role in climate change education and equipping current and future generations of changemakers with the knowledge, skills and resources to act.



Get Involved

At the start of 2023, the secretariat launched a [LinkedIn community](#) for ACE. Already with over 1,000 diverse members, this community promotes the sharing of information, resources, knowledge, and collaboration on climate change education, along with the other elements in the ACE toolbox.

To learn more about the importance of climate change education and the ACE initiatives that support it, explore the resources [curated on our website](#), and stay up to date on the [ACE Hub](#) activities.

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