

Turning Knowledge into Action

Action for Climate Empowerment

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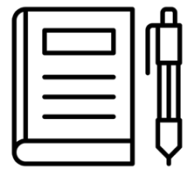
Opening Remarks

Setting the Scene

WHAT IS ACE?

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE):

- Refers to efforts related to implementing **Article 6 of the Convention** and **Article 12 of the Paris Agreement**.
- Plays a key role in promoting the changes in **systems, attitudes and behaviours** needed to foster sustainable development and manage the impacts of climate change.



EDUCATION

PUBLIC AWARENESS



TRAINING

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



PUBLIC ACCESS TO
INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION



CHILDREN & YOUTH



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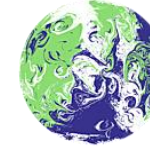
TIMELINES



DOHA 2012
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP18·CMP8



PARIS2015
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE
COP21·CMP11



UN CLIMATE
CHANGE
CONFERENCE
UK 2021
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY



1992

Article 6 of the
Convention

COP13 (2007)

**Amended New Delhi work
programme** on Article 6 of
the Convention adopted
(2007 – 2012)

COP21 (2015)

Article 12 of
the **Paris Agreement**

COP27 (2022)

New 4-year **ACE
Action Plan** adopted
(2022 – 2026)

COP8 (2002)

**New Delhi work
programme** on Article 6
of the Convention adopted
(2002 – 2007)

COP18 (2012)

Doha work programme
on Article 6 of the
Convention adopted
(2012 – 2020)

COP26 (2021)

New 10-year **Glasgow
work programme** on ACE
adopted
(2021 – 2031)

SB64 (2026)

Midterm review
of the Glasgow
work programme



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ACE HUB

Launched in 2022 as a partnership between the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia and UN Climate Change, the ACE Hub works to accelerate climate action and drive the implementation of the Paris Agreement through the implementation of ACE.

The ACE Hub delivers its mission through four pillars:

- Supporting national ACE focal points
- Engaging and empowering children and youth
- Fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Public participation and empowerment





ACE

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TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION

How Universities can Drive Just & Inclusive Climate Ambition
Through ACE Implementation

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About Higher Education Climate Network of Networks (NoN)



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Co-founded in 2022 by the University of Toronto and the University of Cambridge, the NoN is a coalition of over 30 climate networks representing thousands of institutions globally that have committed to advancing climate action in the higher education sector.

The goal of the NoN is to enhance sector-wide coordination and accelerate climate action within, among, and beyond these networks, demonstrating that universities are active implementation partners alongside their work in research, policy advisory, education and engagement.



Advancing ACE through HEI

How can HEI - through research, education and service to society - contribute to the review of the current ACE Action Plan and prepare for the next phase of ACE?

HEI Networks

NoN, IUCA, ACU, EAUC,
UUCN - representing over
1,000 HEIs

HE Support Orgs

British Council, QS, OCE, SOS
UK, Cambridge Zero, and UCL



Working with Parties

What could universities do to assist governments to advance the ACE agenda more effectively—and what is currently missing to make that collaboration happen?

Strengthen connections btw education ministries, ACE focal points and HEI's

Understand where research and evidence could further support ACE agenda

Support ACE focal points through education, trainings, collaborations and convenings

Develop framework for HEIs contribution to national ACE strategies

Create guidance for HEI on how to contribute to the ACE agenda and engage ACE focal points

Working with UNFCCC

How can HEI work with the UNFCCC structures to enable stronger national action

Clarify the potential role HEI can play in delivering ACE

Create mechanism for HEI to be formally represented in ACE agenda

Support regional coordination of ACE focal points utilising regional HEIs networks

Connect HEIs voluntary reporting system to the ACE agenda

Empowering HEIs & Academia

How do we enable HEIs to participate more effectively in delivering education-focused climate action?

Raise Awareness

Increase awareness of ACE within education communities

Influence Policy

Identify where HEIs can engage governments and where they can influence national climate policy



Thank You



NoN: <https://sustainability.utoronto.ca/community-partnerships/international-networks/higher-education-climate-network-of-networks-non/>



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IUCA: <https://universitiesforclimate.org/>

Panel Discussion



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Organization

Open Discussion

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What do governments need from universities to implement ACE and climate action more effectively?
- What do universities need from governments to contribute more effectively?
- What can the ACE framework and international/regional cooperation do to connect the two?

THANK YOU

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