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# SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES: INFORMAL VIRTUAL NETWORKING MEETING FOR NATIONAL ACE FOCAL POINTS

13 MARCH 2026 14:00-15:30 CET

## BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVE

The **Glasgow work programme on ACE** encourages Parties "to designate, assign responsibilities to, and provide support, including technical and financial support, and access to information and materials to national Action for Climate Empowerment focal points" (Decisions 18/CP.26, para. 8 and 22/CMA.3, para. 8), also known as national ACE focal points (FPs).

## ROLES OF NATIONAL ACE FPS

The **responsibilities of national ACE focal points** "could include identifying areas for possible international cooperation and opportunities for strengthening synergies with action under other conventions, and coordinating the preparation of the chapter on ACE in national communications, ensuring that relevant contact information, including weblinks, is provided therein (Decision 18/CP.26, annex para. 8)

## BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AS NATIONAL ACE FOCAL POINT, SHARE YOUR EXPECTATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE IN DELIVERING YOUR TASKS AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

### POLICY COHERENCE

- Identifying ways to integrate ACE in other areas and workstreams e.g. Just Transition, NDCs, Gender. This integration helps to strengthen implementation and serves as a mechanism to mobilize financial support.
- Developing and implementing national ACE strategies, which require strong institutional coordination e.g., a National Climate Change System that brings together almost all ministries and is led by the Ministry of Environment. Within this system, several working groups focus on areas such as awareness-raising, education, the national response system, health, and industry.
- Handover constraints between outgoing and incoming national ACE FPs. The sessions by the secretariat have been noted to be useful in this process but more needs to be done at the national level.
- National ACE FPs are sometimes not involved in the UNFCCC negotiations process making implementation difficult.

### COORDINATED ACTION

- Some ACE elements, such as education and training, have been relatively easier to implement due to existing institutional structures and strong engagement from youth organizations. Other elements, such as public access to information, have been addressed but still require further consolidation into more systematic approaches.
- Aligning national efforts with international frameworks and guidance.
- Establishing a strong network across the country is important as are relationships with civil society and groups such as youth, Indigenous Peoples etc.
- Working with different partners at the national level to advance ACE.
- Developing and designing ACE-related policy frameworks and guidelines e.g., learning strategies etc.
- Conducting and compiling inventories of best practices.
- Insufficient institutional frameworks at national level to implement ACE leading to challenges when coordinating across ministries.
- Difficulties in getting others to understand how ACE relates to their work.
- Translation and dissemination challenges.

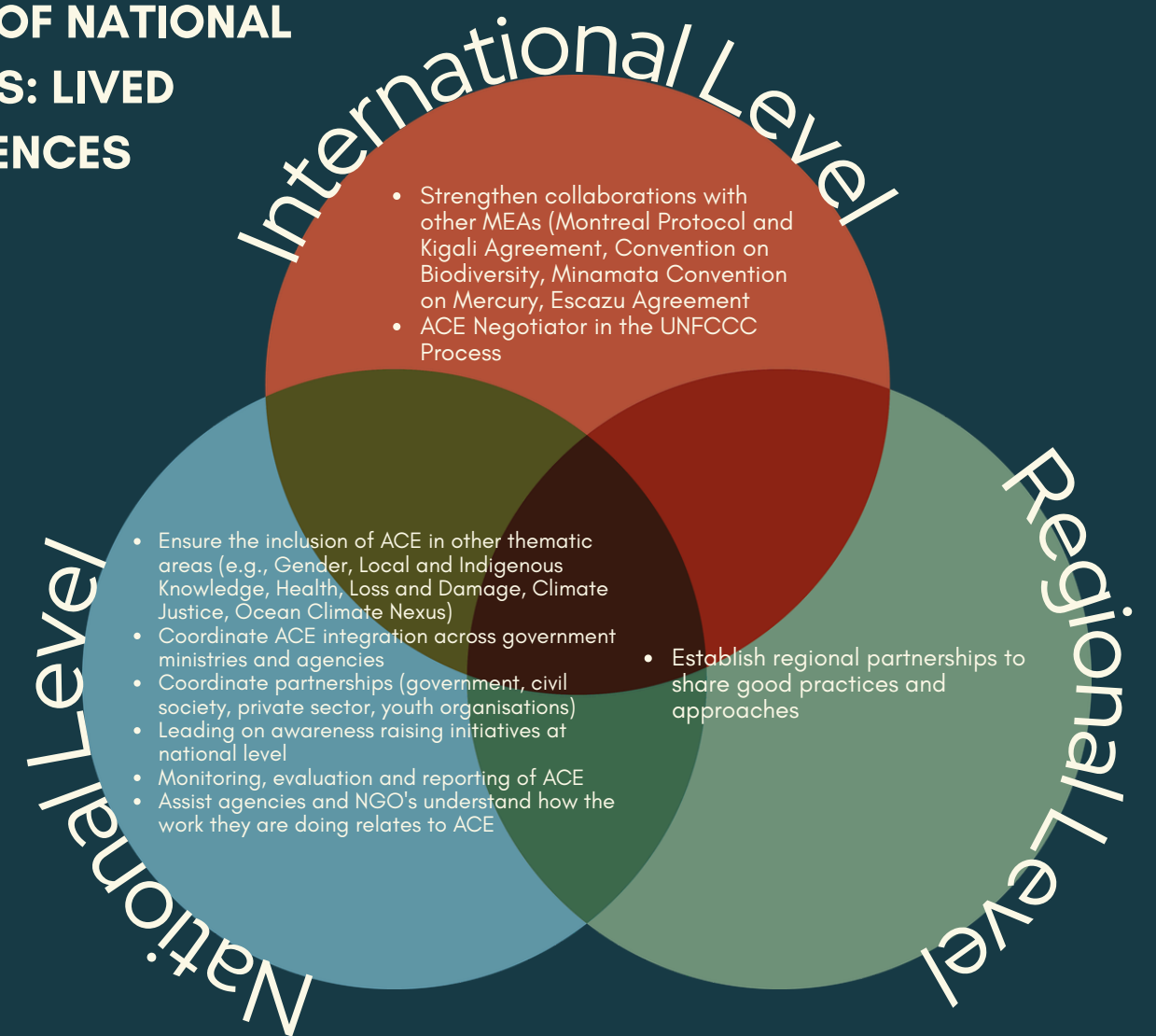
### TOOLS AND SUPPORT

- Increasing peer-peer learning opportunities with other countries e.g., establishing regional partnerships to share good practices and approaches.
- Leading nation-wide awareness raising events.
- Developing and delivering a robust education curricular.

### MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

- Coordinating the monitoring, evaluation and reporting of ACE.

## ROLES OF NATIONAL ACE FPS: LIVED EXPERIENCES



## ARE THERE ANY EXISTING GAPS IN THE GLASGOW WORK PROGRAMME ON ACE AND ITS ACTION PLAN THAT YOU MAY HAVE IDENTIFIED, WHICH COULD BETTER SUPPORT YOUR ROLE AS NATIONAL ACE FOCAL POINT?

### NATIONAL LEVEL FOCUS

- Need to clearly distinguish ACE from climate change education to get it adopted correctly at the national level.
- Increase support for national level initiatives and implementation.
- ACE to be stressed as a cross-cutting issue that needs to be on the national agenda.
- Strengthening institutional coordination.
- The need to explore ways for strengthening youth engagement and community participation in ACE activities at the national level.

### OPERATIONILIZATION

- Additional guidance and support mechanisms on operationalizing some ACE elements, particularly those related to public access to information and coordinated action, which often depend on broader institutional arrangements and cross-sector collaboration. Further guidance could help countries translate these elements into systematic national actions rather than isolated initiatives.
- Greater emphasis on support for integrating ACE into national climate policies and processes, such as NDC development and implementation.

### CAPACITY OF NATIONAL ACE FPs

- Strengthening long-term capacity-building for national ACE focal points who are responsible for coordinating across multiple ministries and stakeholders.

### PEER-PEER LEARNING

- Strengthen communication on what countries are doing on ACE on the UNFCCC website.

The informal virtual networking meeting is supported by the **Action for Climate Empowerment Hub (ACE Hub)**. The ACE Hub is a collaboration between the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) and UN Climate Change. The overarching goal of the project is to foster the implementation of ACE, as well as to enhance the cooperation between national governments, non-Party stakeholders and organizations, experts and companies within and outside NRW in addressing climate change.



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