COP31 ACE Hub Networking Event

Why Climate Empowerment Matters for Locally Led Action

Date: 16 November 2026
Time: 18:30-20:00 UTC+3

Action for Climate Empowerment, rooted in Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, recognizes that achieving the goals of the Convention and the Paris Agreement requires the engagement of the whole of society.

This reception convenes practitioners, experts, national ACE focal points, cities and states, and stakeholders to discuss experiences on community engagement and empowerment in locally led climate action.

As a networking event, it aims to foster collaboration among diverse actors at all levels that can help advance ambitious and effective climate action.

Time	Details
18:30 -18:45	**Arrival and welcome refreshments**
18:45 -18:55	**Moderator: Champa Patel,** Climate Group **Welcoming remarks** • **Viktor Haase**, State Secretary, North Rhine-Westphalia • Director, UN Climate Change
18:55 -19:25	**Panel discussion** – *community engagement and empowerment to promote effective and ambitious locally led climate action* Speakers: • Mayor • **Rebecca Pearl-Martinez,** America Is All In • **Ikbal Alexander,** young climate content creator • **Dr. Mohamed Osman,** World Medical Association • **Marie Vadronick**, National ACE Focal Point, France
19:25 -19:30	**Wrap-up and announcement of the informal networking** • **Fleur Newman**, UN Climate Change

Time	Details
19:30 - Closing	**Informal networking reception**