

## **Informal note by the co-facilitators**

on

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Matters relating to Action for Climate Empowerment

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Explanatory note: The text contained in this informal note has been prepared by the co-facilitators of the informal consultations on this agenda item under their own responsibility. The text is based on the informal note from 9 November and revisions made to it by Parties up to 10 November. The informal note is intended to assist Parties in advancing discussions on this matter and does not prejudice further work or prevent Parties from expressing other views at any time.

In the new informal note, the co-facilitators have reflected the recommendations proposed in the previous informal note, except for activity B.1, for which Parties have suggested otherwise. The co-facilitators are also suggesting the missing timelines for Parties' consideration. The final column now contains the remaining issues to be resolved by Parties.

In addition, textual proposals on the preambular and operative paragraphs were made by Parties. The co-facilitators have integrated these proposals in this informal note, with editorial changes to help Parties' deliberations. All new texts by Parties are highlighted in yellow.

Noting the very limited time remaining to conclude our work, Parties will need to meet informally before the final informal consultation to bring forward consensus proposals to address the remaining limited open issues (as indicated by bracketed text and in the final column). During the final informal consultation, only the agreed text will be integrated into the draft decision for adoption by Parties at the meeting.

### **[Draft decision**

**-/CP.27**

**-/CMA.4**

## **Action plan under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*Recalling Articles 4 and 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement,*

***Acknowledging* that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,**

*Recalling* decisions 18/CP.26, 17/CMA.1 and 22/CMA.3,

*Also recalling* decisions 1/CP.26 and 1/CMA.3, in which Parties were urged to swiftly begin implementing the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment,

respecting, promoting and considering their respective obligations on human rights, as well as gender equality and empowerment of women,

1. *Adopts* the four-year action plan under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment, contained in the annex, which focuses on immediate action through short-term, clear and time-bound activities, guided by the priority areas of the Glasgow work programme (policy coherence; coordinated action; tools and support; and monitoring, evaluation and reporting), taking into account the six elements of Action for Climate Empowerment<sup>1</sup> in a balanced manner;

2. *Recognizes* that the six elements of Action of Climate Empowerment and the priority areas of the Glasgow work programme are interconnected in nature and are equally relevant and fundamental to the achievement of and progress in climate action;

3. *Emphasizes* that the action plan should be implemented in an inclusive, intergenerational and gender-responsive manner;

4. *Recalls* that, under the Glasgow work programme:<sup>2</sup>

(a) Parties and relevant non-Party stakeholders were invited to engage in and support implementation of the Glasgow work programme while maintaining a country-driven approach;

(b) Multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, including the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate, were invited to provide financial support for Action for Climate Empowerment activities;

(c) Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in a position to do so were encouraged to provide technical or financial support for Action for Climate Empowerment activities;

(d) The secretariat was requested to promote partnerships with other organizations, the private sector and donors in order to support implementation of the Glasgow work programme;

5. *Affirms* that the mandates referred to in paragraph 3 above also apply in the context of the action plan;

6. *Takes note of* the annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment<sup>3</sup> prepared by the secretariat;

7. *Requests* the secretariat, when preparing the annual summary report, to include information on materials, resources and findings as set out in the action plan, among others, information on progress in implementing activities A.1, A.2, B.1, C.2, C.3 and D.1;

8. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit to the secretariat annually for the duration of the action plan via the submissions portal<sup>4</sup> suggestions for structuring the annual Dialogues on Action for Climate Empowerment, such as proposed speakers and lists of guiding questions, so as to enhance the Dialogues with a view to meeting the needs of Parties and the broader Action for Climate Empowerment community;

9. *Takes note of* the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in the annex;

10. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation on climate change.

<sup>2</sup> Decisions 18/CP.26, paras. 5, 6, 9 and 10; and 22/CMA.3, paras. 5, 6, 9 and 10.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2022/17.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

## Annex

### **Action plan under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment**

1. This action plan under the Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) sets out short-term, clear and time-bound activities in the four priority areas of the Glasgow work programme<sup>1</sup> (see tables 1–4) aimed at addressing gaps and challenges related to implementing the six ACE elements<sup>2</sup> and creating opportunities to accelerate their implementation.
2. Parties, the secretariat, UNFCCC constituted bodies and relevant organizations are invited to undertake the activities set out in the ACE action plan, as appropriate.
3. The ACE action plan will be undertaken in such a manner as to advance implementation of all six ACE elements in a balanced manner.

#### **Priority areas**

4. The objectives of the priority areas<sup>3</sup> are set out in paragraphs 5–8 below.

#### **A. Policy coherence**

5. To strengthen coordination of work under ACE, recognizing that activities related to ACE are also carried out under workstreams that are part of the UNFCCC process, as well as under frameworks and processes of the United Nations system and in multiple sectors and strategies at the national level.

#### **B. Coordinated action**

6. To continue to build long-term, strategic, operational, multilevel, multi-stakeholder, intergenerational partnerships that bring together different expertise, resources and knowledge to accelerate ACE implementation.

#### **C. Tools and support**

7. To enhance access to tools and support for building capacity and raising awareness among Parties, national ACE focal points and non-Party stakeholders with regard to ACE.

#### **D. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting**

8. To strengthen monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the implementation of all six ACE elements at all levels, according to Parties' specific priorities, needs and national circumstances.

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 18/CP.26, annex, chap. III.

<sup>2</sup> See decision 18/CP.26, annex, chap. IV.

<sup>3</sup> As per decisions 18/CP.26, annex, paras. 6, 9, 11 and 15; and 22/CMA.3, annex, paras. 6, 9, 11 and 15.

Table 1

**Priority area A: policy coherence**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsible entity or entities</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Deliverables/outputs</i>	<i>Level of implementation</i>	<i>Issues requiring Parties' further deliberation</i>
A.1 Strengthening coordination of ACE work under the UNFCCC	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Identifying good practices for integrating the six ACE elements into the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme	International	—
	Leading: secretariat Contributing: UNFCCC constituted bodies, Parties, relevant organizations	SB 62 (2025)	Organizing a joint session with representatives of the UNFCCC constituted bodies at the ACE Dialogue to discuss the interconnected nature of youth, knowledge-sharing and indigenous peoples	International	Recommend the focus of this session to be clearer (“the interconnected nature of youth, knowledge-sharing and indigenous peoples”  The 2025 ACE Dialogue could focus on policy coherence and coordinated action
[Originally C.1] A.2 Strengthening integration of ACE into the development and implementation of national climate policies, plans, strategies and action	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Identifying good practices for integrating the ACE elements into national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action, including human rights in the context of ACE, and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme	International	—
			[Holding an interactive workshop at the ACE Dialogue [and at the regional level] on developing and implementing national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action using a clear inclusive, intergenerational and gender-responsive approach]		Deliverable/output needs to be agreed.

Table 2

**Priority area B: coordinated action**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsible entity or entities</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Deliverables/outputs</i>	<i>Level of implementation</i>	<i>Issues requiring Parties' further deliberation</i>
B.1 Considering opportunities to enhance regional cooperation through virtual and in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations, prior to the ACE Dialogues, taking advantage of existing forums, such as the regional collaboration centres and regional climate weeks, as appropriate, to enhance implementation of the Glasgow work programme at the regional level as well as sublocal ACE hubs building on local initiatives	Leading: relevant organizations, Parties Contributing: secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Sharing experience and good practices from virtual and in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations prior to the ACE Dialogues, as appropriate  Presenting the outcomes of regional activities at the ACE Dialogues and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme and ACE newsletters	Regional	Recommend rewording “sublocal” to “local”, “subnational”, “subregional” or “grassroots”
[Originally A.2] B.2 Promoting the development of regional and local networks and platforms that support ACE activities at the regional, national and local level, encouraging the involvement of youth, women, academics, children, traditional leaders and indigenous peoples in developing and implementing ACE activities and providing capacity-building in this regard	Leading: secretariat Contributing: Parties, national ACE focal points, relevant organizations	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Increased peer-to-peer exchange among national ACE focal points about ACE activities carried out at the national level through, inter alia, the ACE Dialogues, the regional climate weeks and informal virtual networking meetings organized by the secretariat	International, regional, national	—

Table 3

**Priority area C: tools and support**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsible entity or entities</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Deliverables/outputs</i>	<i>Level of implementation</i>	<i>Issues requiring Parties' further deliberation</i>
[Originally C.2] C.1 Building and strengthening the capacity and skills of national ACE focal points	Leading: secretariat Contributing: Parties, national ACE focal points, relevant organizations	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Providing capacity-building opportunities for national ACE focal points, including at the ACE Dialogues and the regional climate weeks	International, regional	—

[Originally A.3 & C.3] C.2 Meaningfully including youth in and engaging with them on climate action at all levels and facilitating the inclusive participation of, inter alia, children, women, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, in climate action, according to national circumstances	Relevant organizations, Parties	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Providing capacity-building opportunities for youth with a focus on implementing climate action at the national and international level according to national circumstances	International, national	—
	Leading: youth and youth organizations Contributing: secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Providing opportunities for youth to present at ACE Dialogues and regional climate weeks to highlight the leadership role that youth play in climate action  Allowing youth to participate in networking sessions and capacity-building workshops for national ACE focal points	International	—
	Leading: secretariat Contributing: relevant organizations	SB 60 (June 2024)	Mapping and collating existing guidelines and good practices in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme with respect to child education on and empowerment in climate action, with special consideration given to gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities	International	—
[Originally C.4 & C.5] C.3 Enhancing multilevel action by national ACE focal points and non-Party stakeholders, including representatives of civil society organizations, youth-led and youth-inclusive organizations, community-based organizations, local communities and indigenous peoples	Leading: relevant organizations, multilateral and bilateral financial institutions, Parties Contributing: secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	[Developed countries] [providing] [identifying] [additional] [financial resources and other means of implementation] [means of implementation] [financial resources] for and ways of promoting and supporting the participation of national ACE focal points and non-Party stakeholders, including representatives of civil society organizations and community-based organizations, in international meetings such as the ACE Dialogues and the sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the Conference of the Parties and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme	International	Deliverable/output needs to be agreed.
	Leading: secretariat, relevant organizations, multilateral and bilateral financial institutions Contributing: national ACE focal points, UNFCCC constituted bodies	SB 60 (2024)	Organizing an expert-run session on how to write strong project proposals at the ACE Dialogues to support the implementation of ACE activities	International	The 2024 ACE Dialogue could focus on tools and support

Table 4

**Priority area D: monitoring, evaluation and reporting**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsible entity or entities</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Deliverables/outputs</i>	<i>Level of implementation</i>	<i>Issues requiring Parties' further deliberation</i>
D.1 Strengthening monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the implementation of all six ACE elements at all levels, taking into account the existing elements, guidance and guidelines for national communications, nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, biennial update reports, biennial transparency reports and adaptation communications	Leading: secretariat Contributing: relevant organizations, research community	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Compiling monitoring, evaluation and reporting best practices and resources and making such information available to Parties for use for their reporting on ACE activities on a voluntary basis, and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme	International	—
D.2 Enhancing understanding of what constitutes high-quality and effective evaluation of ACE activities, according to national circumstances	Secretariat, Parties, national ACE focal points, relevant organizations, research community	SB 58 (2023)	Organizing interactive workshops at all levels, including at the in-session ACE Dialogues, with experts, national ACE focal points, youth leaders and other stakeholders to discuss ways of assessing the effectiveness of ACE implementation	International, regional, national	The 2023 ACE Dialogue could focus on monitoring, evaluation and reporting
D.3 Supporting the consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of the annual summary report to be prepared by the secretariat on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Holding information sessions prior to the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to present progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme as reported in the annual summary report	International	—