

Informal note by the co-facilitators

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[Draft decision

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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,

Also recalling decisions 18/CP.26, 17/CMA.1 and 22/CMA.3,

Further 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 Empowerment¹ 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

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

equally relevant and fundamental for the achievement of and progress in climate action;

3. *Recalls* that, under the Glasgow work programme:²

(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;

4. *[Affirms* that the mandates referred to in paragraph 2 above also apply in the context of the action plan;]

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

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

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

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 programme³ (see tables 1–4) aimed at addressing gaps and challenges in implementing the six ACE elements⁴ 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 respect and advance implementation of all six ACE elements.

Priority areas

4. The objectives of the priority areas⁵ are set out in paragraphs 5–8 below.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

³ See decision 18/CP.26, annex, chap. III.

⁴ See decision 18/CP.26, annex, chap. IV.

⁵ As per decisions 18/CP.26, annex, paras. 6, 9, 11 and 15; and 22/CMA.3, annex, paras. 6, 9, 11 and 15.

E. 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.]

Table 1
Priority area A: policy coherence

Activity	Responsibilities	Timeline	Deliverables/outputs	Level of implementation
A.1 Identify and share good practices regarding the integration of the elements of ACE, {aligned with the objectives of the Convention and the purpose and the goals of the Paris Agreement} {including the human rights participation, access to information and education, including } into the development and implementation of national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action	Secretariat Parties	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026) Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Information regarding national policies on ACE reported by Parties in their reports submitted to the secretariat {National strategy developed }	National
A.1.1 {Develop an} {Integrate an} ACE national strategy {in the context of the country}				
{A.2 Map or} Identify how the ACE objectives elements have been integrated into national policies and plans, such as nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans	Parties, relevant organizations, non Party stakeholders, country related leveraging on the diaspora Secretariat	31 March 2023 SB 58 (2023) SB 59 2023	Call for submissions to inform the ACE Dialogue Present overview of the main finding of submissions at ACE Dialogue Contribution to the Synthesis report, as mandated under the Glasgow work programme (para. 12(b))	International }
A.3 {Explore ways to} {Encourage} {Enhance visibility of } the implementation of ACE elements within the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) } {Exchange information between the Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) and the Glasgow work programme with the aim of responding to the call for submissions launched by the PCCB addressing the issue of training and invite the PCCB to include information on ACE activities at the Capacity-building Hubs held at the sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP)}	Leading: {PCCB} {Parties, {Non-Party stakeholders and relevant organizations}} Contributing: secretariat	{SB XX (202X)} Yealy until COP 31 2023	{Submissions} {Invite the PCCB} {to address the issue of training needs of \parties and include information on ACE activities at the Capacity Building hubs held at the sessions of the COP} {to put the ACE logo on ACE related activities at the Capacity Building hub during the sessions of the COP} {Respond to the call for submissions for events during	International

	{Non-Party stakeholders and relevant organizations}		COPs in the PCCB hub addressing the issue of training}	Events at the Capacity-building Hub
A.4 Identify how the {work} {workplans} {activities} of the constituted bodies {advance} {contribute} {include} {to} the {implementation} of the six elements of ACE {and report thereon} {under their workstreams}	Leading: {constituted bodies} {secretariat} Contributing: {secretariat} {constituted bodies}	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Reflection of ACE elements in the annual reports of the constituted bodies	International
{A.5 {build {capacity} and strengthen the skills and capacities} {Further clarify the role} of the national ACE focal points}	Leading: secretariat Contributing: national ACE focal points, relevant organizations, Parties	{SB-XX (202X)} {ACE Dialogue XX}	Discussion at the in-session ACE dialogue Recommendations on the role of the national ACE focal points {an informal summary} {as part of the annual progress report}	International}
{A.6 Promote the development of local networks and platforms that support ACE activities at the national and subnational level {, encouraging the involvement and capacity building of youth women academics, children, traditional leaders and indigenous peoples}	National ACE focal points	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026) {ACE Dialogue XX}	Peer-to-peer exchange on the promotional activities carried out {at the national level and discussed} {at the ACE Dialogue} {as well co created activities with the secretariat}	National, International}
A.7 {Aim to} {Aspire to} Appoint {national youth coordinator on climate change} [national youth coordinators {on climate change}][national youth {ACE} focal points {on ACE}] who will work with national ACE focal points} {Enhance the local efforts and activities related to the six elements of ACE by promoting and ensuring the participation of children, youth, women and indigenous people {Indigenous Peoples,} and local communities} {as appropriate}	Parties Representatives from youth-led initiatives including the Conference of Youth _COP_ and the ACE Youth Forum	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	{Support the capacity of youth negotiations on all negotiation items related to UNFCCC to } {Identify resources to support the participation of youth negotiators during the negotiation process} move to tools and support} {Presentations on any ACE related outcomes of their events at the annual ACE	National

				Dialogue to build the capacity of youth to embark on and lead ACE implementation } { Appointment of national youth focal points
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Table 2
Priority area B: coordinated action

Activity	Responsibilities	Timeline	Deliverables/outputs	Level of implementation
<p>B.1 Focus the annual in-session ACE dialogues on the following areas, taking into account the six ACE elements in a balanced manner</p> <p>2023: [tools and support][policy coherence]</p> <p>2024: [monitoring, evaluation and reporting][tools and support]</p> <p>2025: [policy coherence and] coordinated action</p> <p>2026: [midterm review of progress of the Glasgow work programme][topic to be selected in 2025]</p>	<p>Leading: secretariat</p> <p>Contributing: Parties, national ACE focal points, experts and practitioners in relevant areas, constituted bodies, children and youth non-governmental organizations</p>	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	<p>Submissions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant experience and lessons learned relating to the focus areas Proposals for topics to be discussed at each dialogue <p>Annual in-session dialogue</p> <p>Report on the dialogue in the annual progress report</p>	International
<p>B.2 Organize regional dialogues, workshops and consultations prior to the annual in-session ACE dialogues, as appropriate, to share experience and good practices</p>	<p>Leading: Parties, relevant organizations</p> <p>Contributing: secretariat</p>	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	<p>Outcomes from the Regional dialogues, workshops and consultations at the ACE dialogue and through the newsletter</p>	Regional
<p>B.3 Take advantage of existing forums, including the regional collaboration centres and the regional climate weeks, to enhance implementation of the Glasgow work programme at the regional level</p> <p>[Consider opportunities to] enhance regional cooperation through virtual and/or in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations [prior to the annual in-session ACE dialogues], taking advantage of</p>	<p>Leading: Parties, relevant organizations</p> <p>Contributing: secretariat</p>	Yearly until COP 31 (2026)	<p>Sharing experience and good practices from virtual and/or in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations prior to the annual in-session ACE dialogues, [as appropriate][where applicable].</p>	Regional

existing forums, including the regional collaboration centres and the regional climate weeks, as appropriate, to enhance implementation of the Glasgow work programme at the regional level as well as sub-local ACE hubs building on local initiatives				Outcomes from the regional activities presented at the ACE dialogue and through the ACE newsletter
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Table 3
Priority area C: tools and support

Activity	Responsibilities	Timeline	Deliverables/outputs	Level of implementation
C.1 Map existing bilateral and multilateral initiatives and programmes related to ACE implementation at all levels	Parties, relevant organizations	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Call for submissions	International, regional, national
	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Database on initiatives and programmes related to ACE implementation, with contact details provided therein	International
A.1 Identify and share good practices regarding the integration of the elements of ACE, {aligned with the objectives of the Convention and the purpose and the goals of the Paris Agreement} {including the human rights participation, access to information and education, including } into the development of national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Information regarding national policies on ACE reported by Parties in their reports submitted to the secretariat {National strategy developed }	National
	Parties	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)		
A.1.1 {Develop an} {Integrate an} ACE national strategy {in the context of the country }				
C.2 Identify and disseminate existing resources, guidelines and good practices relating to designing, implementing and monitoring ACE implementation	Parties, relevant organizations	To be confirmed	Submissions	International
	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Dissemination of resources, guidelines and good practices through existing UNFCCC	International

			web-based resources and communication activities	
C.3 Design and implement training programmes and develop guidelines for, as well as provide direct support to, national ACE focal points at the regional and national level	Leading: Parties, relevant organizations Contributing: secretariat, national ACE focal points	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Provision of capacity building, tools, resources and peer-to-peer learning	Regional, national
{A.5 {build {capacity} and strengthen the skills and capacities} {Further clarify the role} of the national ACE focal points	Leading: secretariat Contributing: national ACE focal points, relevant organizations, Parties	{SB XX (202X)} {ACE Dialogue XX}	Discussion at the in-session ACE dialogue Recommendations on the role of the national ACE focal points {an informal summary} {as part of the annual progress report}	International}
[C.4 Map and collate existing guidelines and good practices with respect to child education and empowerment in climate action with special attention to gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities]	Leading: secretariat Contributing: relevant organizations	SB 60 (2025)	Compilation report on child education and empowerment	International
C.5 [Identify funding sources to] support the participation of national ACE focal points [and non-Party stakeholders, including representatives of civil society organizations and community-based organizations,] at international meetings such as sessions of the ACE Dialogue, the SBs and COP	Parties, relevant organizations, multilateral and bilateral financial institutions	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Funding mobilized to support the participation of national ACE focal points [and non-Party stakeholders at relevant meetings]	International
C.5 Enhance multilevel action of national ACE Focal Points and non-party stakeholders including representatives of civil society organizations, youth-led and youth-inclusive organizations and community-based organizations	Leading: secretariat, relevant organizations Contributing: civil society, ACE focal points, relevant organizations, PCCB Leading: secretariat	SB XX SB XX	Organize an expert-run session on how to write strong project proposals at the annual ACE Dialogue Compendium of existing tools, resources and funding opportunities as a contribution to the annual summary report	

C.6 Establish a [hybrid/online/in-person] ACE platform to share funding opportunities for ACE activities	Secretariat	SB XX (202X)	Peer-to-peer exchange on experience and needs	International
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Table 4

Priority area D: monitoring, evaluation and reporting

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Deliverables/outputs</i>	<i>Level of implementation</i>
D.1 Develop a template for collating annual progress reports on ACE activities by Parties in order to gain a comparative picture of activities being implemented by Parties and to evaluate reporting coherence on ACE in reports such as national communications, nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, biennial update reports, biennial transparency reports and adaptation communications	Leading: Parties, relevant organizations Contributing: secretariat	SB XX (202X)	Reporting template	International
D.2 Develop a set of criteria for assessing the effectiveness of ACE implementation that Parties and relevant organizations can apply on a voluntary basis at different levels	Parties, relevant organizations, the research community	To be confirmed	Submissions	International
	Leading: Secretariat Contributing: Parties, relevant organizations, research community	To be confirmed	Workshop Recommendations on the criteria for assessing the effectiveness of ACE implementation	International
D.3 Develop a monitoring and evaluation framework with a set of guiding and baseline indicators for ACE activities, building on existing international frameworks, such as the Sustainable Development Goals	Leading: Parties, relevant organizations Contributing: secretariat, United Nations entities	SB XX (202X)	Recommendations on indicators for voluntary application	International
D.4 Present the key outcomes of the implementation of ACE, as contained in the annual summary report	Secretariat	Annual	Information session at sessions of the COP	International
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