**Race to Zero: Application form**

*Please complete in full and send to* [*racetozero@unfccc.int*](mailto:racetozero@unfccc.int)

**Section A: Contact information**

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| Initiative / network name |  |
| URL |  |
| Primary contacts (name, email, phone) |  |
| Short description of the network/initiative |  |
| How many actors have made net zero commitments under your network/ initiative? | *In the accompanying Excel file on the Race to Zero website, please provide a list of actors who have made net zero commitments under your network/ initiative.* |
| How many actors do you aim to have making net zero commitments in the next 6 months? By COP26? |  |

**Section B: Starting Line Criteria**

Please explain how commitments under your network/initiative meet the following procedural criteria.

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| **Pledge**: Pledge at the head-of-organization level to reach (net)-zero in the 2040s or sooner, or by midcentury at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5C. |  |
| **Plan**: In advance of COP26, explain what steps will be taken toward achieving net zero, especially in the short- to medium-term. Set an interim target to achieve in the next decade, which reflects a fair share of the 50% global reduction in CO2 by 2030 identified in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C |  |
| **Proceed**: Take immediate action toward achieving net zero, consistent with delivering interim targets specified. |  |
| **Publish**: Commit to report progress at least annually, including via, to the extent possible, platforms that feed into the UNFCCC [Global Climate Action Portal](https://climateaction.unfccc.int/) |  |

Please explain how commitments under your network/initiative align with the following leadership practices.

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| Cover all emissions, including Scope 3 for businesses and investors where they are material to total emissions and where data availability allows them to be reliably measured, and all territorial emissions for cities and regions. |  |
| Alongside immediate abatement measures, potentially including external opportunities, transition to limiting offsets to neutralize “residual” emissions. Offsets portfolios should transition to permanent removals by the time net zero is achieved. Ensure that all offsets meet robust standards for additionality, permanence, accounting, etc. |  |

**Section C: Questionnaire on criteria for net zero targets for networks or initiatives joining the Race to Zero campaign**

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| Question | Answer |
| **Scope**  **How do you define net zero?**  **What do you require targets to cover**?  What is not covered? For companies, do you include scope 1, 2, or 3? For jurisdictions, do you cover territorial emissions or imported ones as well? What greenhouse gasses and sectors do you cover? Explain your rationale for any exclusions. |  |
| **Timing**  When will net zero be achieved? What interim targets do you set? What steps are being taken toward these goals now? To the extent possible, describe the pathway to net zero. |  |
| **Offsetting**  Do you allow entities to purchase external offsets toward net zero targets? Do you participate in any emissions trading schemes? How do you determine residual emissions, and do you set any limits on how much of a target can be offset externally? Do you have a position on what offsets should be used (e.g. regarding issues of permanence, reductions versus removals, allowed categories, etc.)? |  |
| **Equity**  Is the timing or stringency of your targets influenced by a certain conception of what a “fair share” is? How, if at all, is this incorporated into decision-making? |  |
| **Future uncertainties**  Which solutions (including key technologies or behaviors) do you anticipate will be necessary to achieve the net-zero targets, but which do not yet exist, or which are not yet feasible to implement?How much uncertainty surrounds the future development of these solutions, and how do your plans address uncertainty in these factors and in other trends? |  |
| **Dependence on other actors**  To what extent do your plans depend on other actors doing something? E.g. for a company, are you assuming suppliers will decarbonize? Or for a city, are you assuming a national power provider will go 100% renewable? |  |
| **Governance arrangements**  How are targets embedded in long-term decision-making (e.g. for governments, are they in law, or simply political declarations?). How will progress be reported on? Who is responsible for delivery? How does your network or initiative ensure that participants meet their commitments? |  |