

International Symposium &  
High-Level Event on

# Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

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# ACE ELEMENTS

Article 12 - Paris Agreement

Article 6 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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**Education**



**Training**



**Public awareness**



**Public access to information**



**Public participation**



**International cooperation**



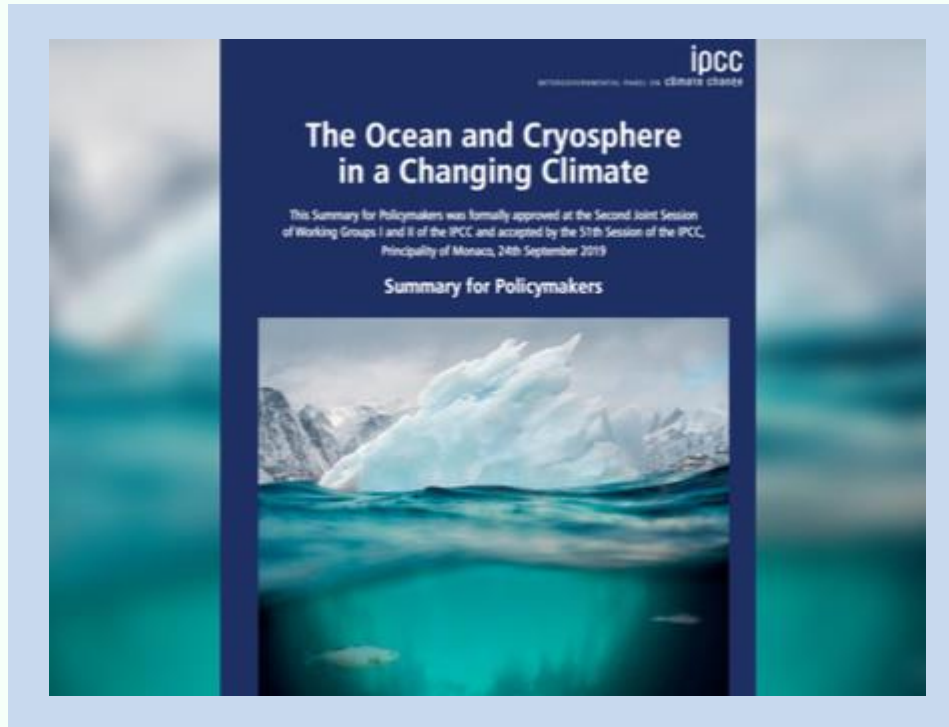
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# International Relevance



## Science

IPCC reports:

“Global Warming of 1.5°C”

“The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate”

“**Educational**, learning and **awareness**-building institutions can help strengthen the societal response to **climate change**”

-IPCC report, Global Warming of 1.5°C



## Political will

Article 12 of the Paris Agreement

Katowice climate package



## Mobilization

Youth demonstrations

Global Survey on Climate Change in 2015

**78%** of the 10,000 participants consider **education programs** to be one of the most relevant instruments to aid in reducing the level of greenhouse gas emissions



# IPCC Special Report

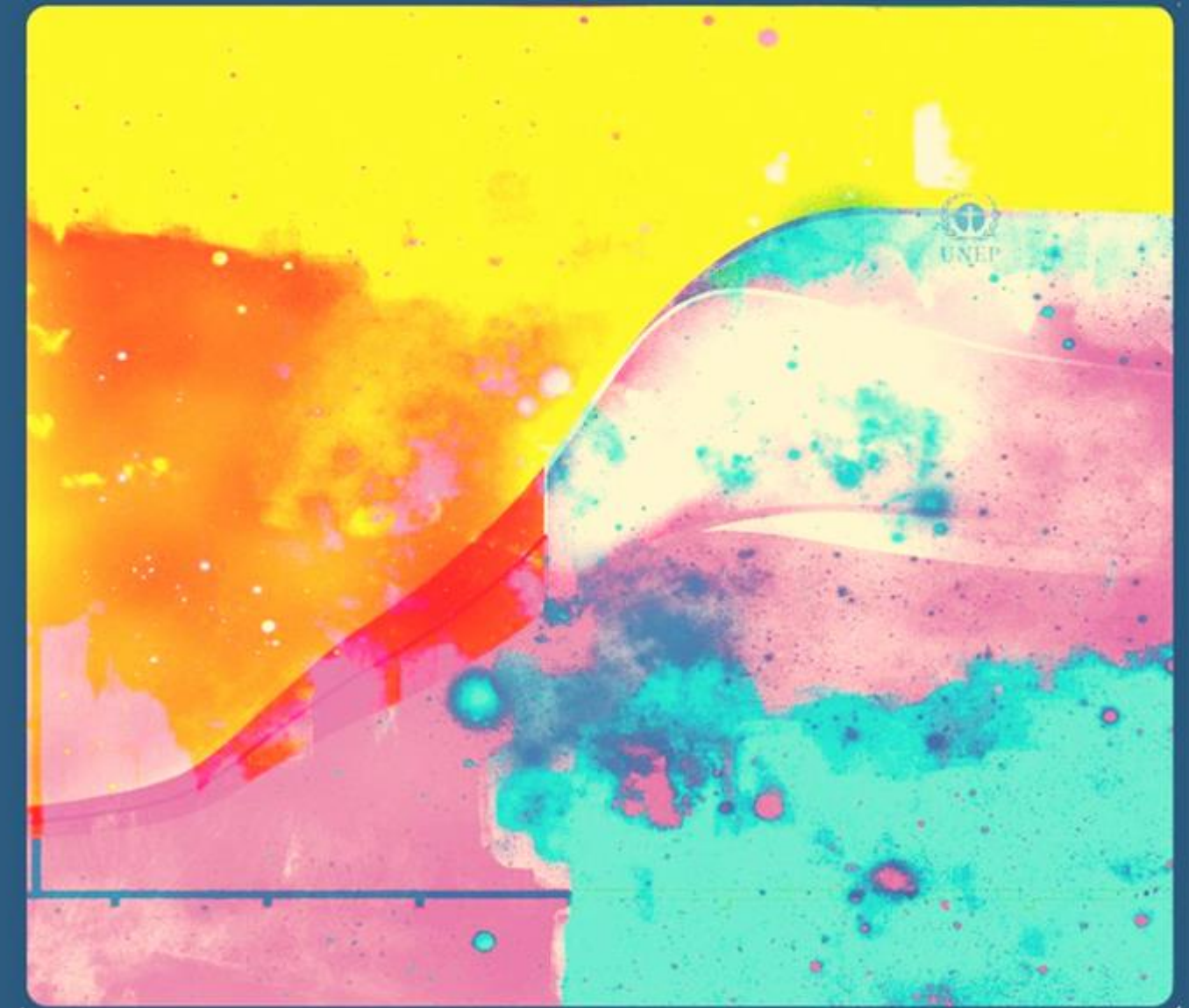
## October 2018



- “**Education, information, and community approaches**, including those that are informed by indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, **can accelerate the wide-scale behavior changes** consistent with adapting to and limiting global warming to 1.5°C.” (p.22)
- “For 1.5°C-consistent actions, an effective governance framework would include: (...) **improved climate education and greater public awareness arrangements to enable accelerated behavior change**; and reciprocal international agreements that are sensitive to equity and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).” (p.42)
- “**Educational, learning and awareness-building institutions can help strengthen the societal response to climate change.**” (p.362)

# Global Warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.





# The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate

This Summary for Policymakers was formally approved at the Second Joint Session of Working Groups I and II of the IPCC and accepted by the 51st Session of the IPCC, Principality of Monaco, 24th September 2019

## Summary for Policymakers



# IPCC Special Report September 2019

- “Key enablers for implementing effective responses to climate-related changes in the ocean and cryosphere include (...) **education** and climate literacy, monitoring and forecasting, use of all available **knowledge** sources, **sharing of data**, information and knowledge, finance, addressing social vulnerability and equity, and institutional support.” (p. 40)
- “Investments in education and capacity building at various levels and scales facilitates social learning and **long-term capability** for context-specific responses to reduce risk and enhance resilience.” (P. 42)
- “Education and climate literacy enable climate action and adaptation” (p. 1-5)

# CITIZEN'S OPINION

## "WORLD WIDE VIEWS ON CLIMATE AND ENERGY"

### 2015 GLOBAL SURVEY & REPORT

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**10,000 citizens** from 76 countries were interviewed, and “**78%** of surveyed participants **consider education programs on climate change for the broader public to be one of the most relevant instruments** to aid in reducing the level of greenhouse gas emissions.”





A large crowd of people, mostly young adults, is gathered for a climate change protest. They are holding various signs, including one that says "THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!!!", another that says "VOTE FOR CLIMATE", and one that says "BE A PART OF THE MOVEMENT". The background shows a city street with buildings and trees. The text "Recent mobilizations around climate change" is overlaid on the image, with a horizontal line below it.

## Recent mobilizations around climate change





# International Agendas

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**Article 6**  
**United Nations**  
**Framework Convention**  
**on Climate Change**



**Article 10 (e)**  
**Kyoto Protocol**



**Article 12**  
**Paris Agreement**



**ACE Decision**  
**Paris Agreement work**  
**programme**



**Sustainable**  
**Development Goals**



**"No one will be left behind"**



# EVOLUTION OF ACE



2012

Adoption of the  
eight-year  
Doha work  
programme



2014

Adoption of the ACE  
Lima Ministerial  
Declaration



2015

Article 12 of the  
Paris Agreement

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First Education  
Day



2016

Intermediate  
review of the  
Doha work  
programme



2018

Paris Agreement  
work programme

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ACE Decision



# Key Mandates of the Doha work programme

Flexible framework for country-driven action (2012-2020)

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## Policy

- Integrate ACE into existing climate change programmes and strategies
- Prepare a national strategy on ACE
- Integrate climate change into the curricula

## Focal Point

- Designate and provide support to an ACE national focal point

## Implementation - six ACE elements

- According to the specific needs and circumstances

## Non-Party stakeholders

- Foster the participation of all stakeholders in ACE implementation

## Reporting

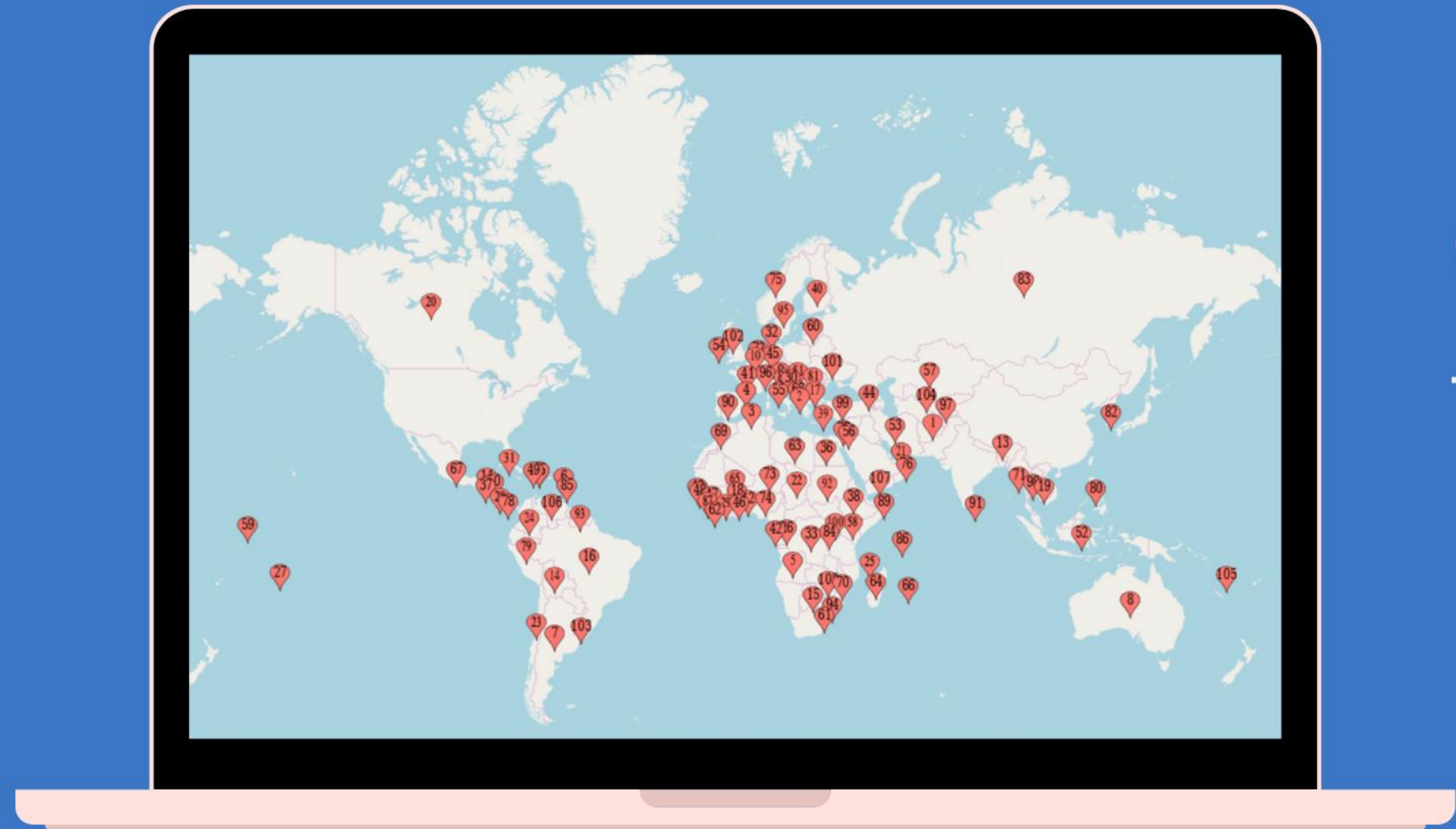
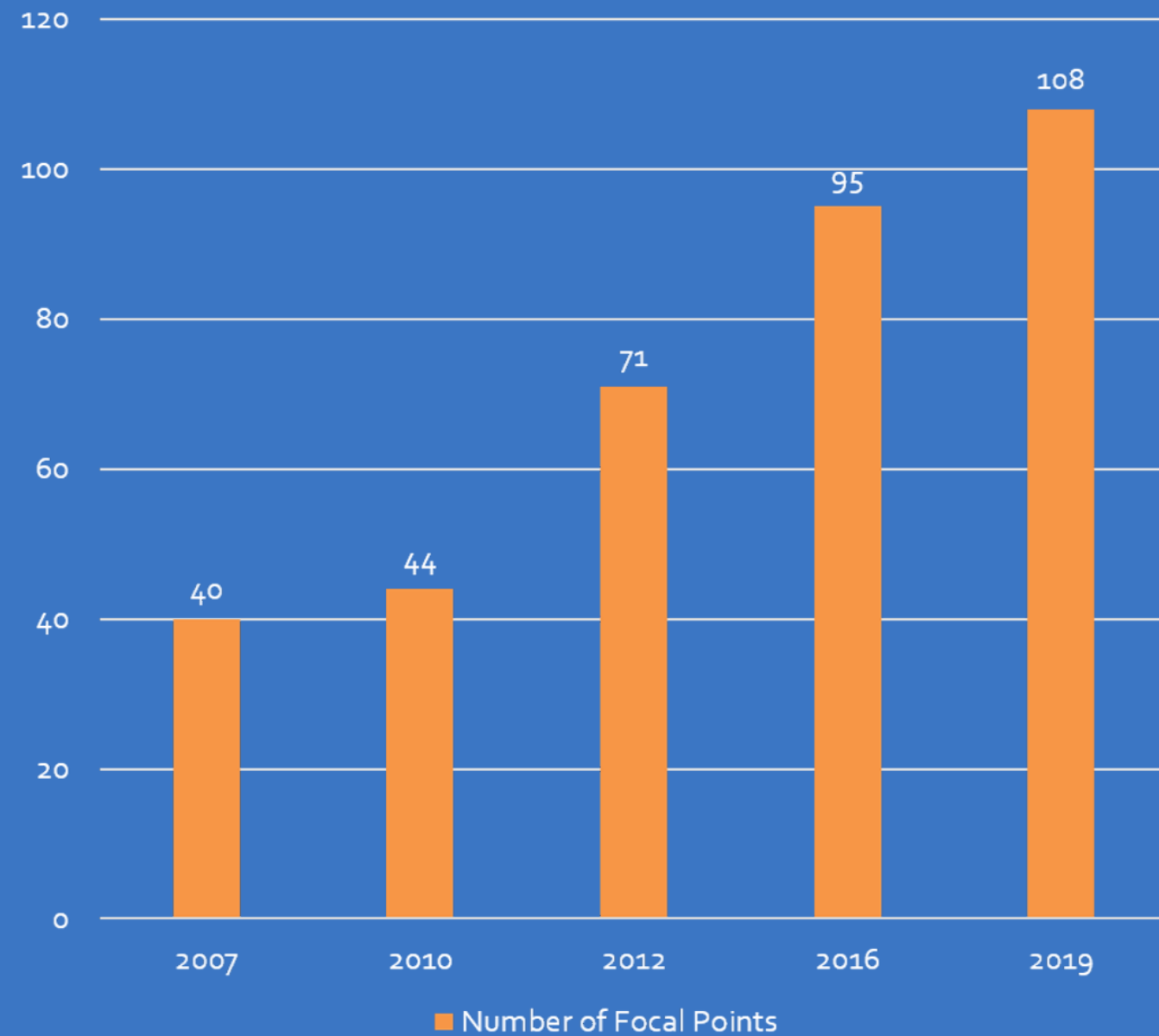
- Prepare an ACE chapter in the national communications





# ACE Focal Points

## Evolution





# ACE activities



## Dialogues on ACE

7 Dialogues with over 120 presentations on good practices and lessons learned

## Workshops

La Spezia, Italy 2018  
Bonn, Germany 2018  
Bonn, Germany 2016



## Education Day

Since 2015, four events have been celebrated at the COPs, showcasing climate action



# Youth activities



## Global Youth Video Competition

Since 2015, with over 400 videos showcasing youth climate action

## Young and Future Generations Day

Since 2015, four events have been celebrated at the COPs



## Youth Briefings

Events organized with UNFCCC Executive Secretary and High-Level Champions

## ACE Youth Forum

Youth delegates from 70 countries gathered to engage in negotiations on ACE





# ACE Decision 17/CMA.1

## Paris Agreement work programme

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- **Alignment and avoid duplication** : In 2020, when reviewing the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, to also include efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement
- **Integration of ACE** into nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and climate policies
- **Development and implementation** of ACE national strategies on in relation to Article 12 of the Paris Agreement
- **Nomination of ACE focal points** Parties that have not already designated to do so and to provide the necessary institutional support
- **Foster participation** of non-Party stakeholders to scale up the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment







# ACE in NDCs

## An opportunity in 2019 and 2020

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“Also encourages Parties to continue to promote the systematic integration of gender sensitive and participatory **education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and regional and international cooperation** into all mitigation and adaptation activities implemented under the Convention, as well as under the Paris Agreement, as appropriate, including into the processes of designing and implementing their **nationally determined contributions**, national adaptation plans, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and climate policies”

**Katowice climate package**  
**Decision 17/CP.24**



# ACE in National Strategies

“Developing a **national ACE strategy** was identified as key to implementing Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.” -7th Dialogue on ACE

## Benefits

- Long-term and strategic approach
- Promote multisectoral and multi-stakeholder participation
- Foster in-country coordination between the education sector and national entities in charge of environment and climate change
- Mobilize funding for ACE implementation through partnerships
- Increase visibility of ACE agenda



Ghana



Dominican  
Republic



Uganda



Benin



Burkina  
Faso



Ethiopia



Indonesia



Malawi



Niger



# ACE Decision 17/CMA.1

## Paris Agreement work programme

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To continue organizing activities to exchange good practices and to build and **strengthen existing skills and the capacity of the Action for Climate Empowerment national focal points and stakeholders.**

To continue **organizing awareness-raising campaigns and training activities to empower children and youth to support and lead climate action.**

To continue collaborating with Parties, non-Party stakeholders and regional and international organizations with a view to **catalysing the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.**





# Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention



## Objectives

With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme are:

- To **take stock of the progress** made in the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;
- To **evaluate effectiveness, and identify essential needs, emerging gaps in and barriers** to the implementation of the Doha work programme;
- To **identify good practices and lessons learned** with a view to their dissemination, promotion and replication, as appropriate;
- To **identify recommendations and possible further actions** on enhancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, with regard to future work on Action for Climate Empowerment, following the review of the Doha work programme.





# Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

## Submissions

Invites Parties, observer organizations, stakeholders to submit by **15 February 2020**

## 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment in 2020

Will advance the discussions on recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

## Reports

A synthesis report on the implementing the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment;

An information note presenting options and ways on future work on ACE





# FUTURE ACTIVITIES



December  
2019



**COP25**

Chile

-Adoption of the ACE  
Decision ToR for the  
review of the Doha  
work programme

2020



**Global Survey**

on the implementation  
of the Doha work  
programme

15 February  
2020



**Submissions**

-Steps taken to implement  
the DWP  
-Recommendations to  
enhance the implementation

June  
2020



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Bonn

**8th Dialogue on ACE**

-Review of the Doha  
work programme  
-Preparation of the  
Post 2020 ACE agenda

December  
2020



**COP26**

United  
Kingdom

**PRE COP  
Youth Summit**  
Italy  
2020



# Doha work programme intermediate review 2016

Ensuring the availability of sufficient financial and technical resources continues to be a challenge for ACE implementation

## 7th ACE Dialogue 2019

Gaps reported include lack of broader awareness, lack of funding, lack of information about how individuals can take climate action, lack capacity and technical knowledge







WORKING TOGETHER TO MOVE THE ACE  
AGENDA FORWARD