Implementation Principles for Just Climate Empowerment

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Creation of Shared Vision

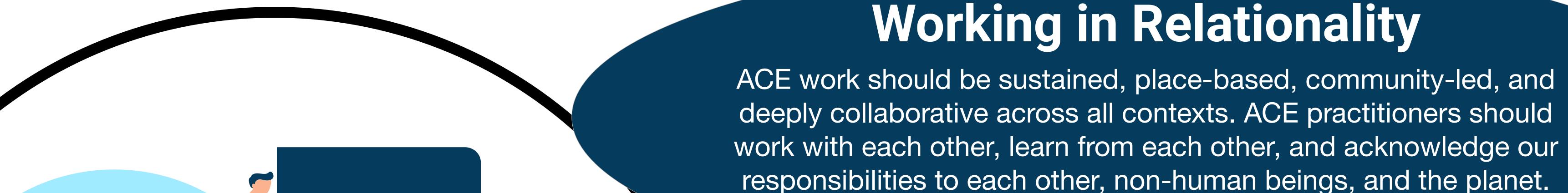
Shared visions make explicit our values and motivations around our work and ensure that issues of justice can be clearly identified. Language clarity is central to shared vision work.

Intersectional and Intergenerational Equity

Opportunities for all people to participate in ACE work with respect to intersectional justice is critical in order to broaden participation. People of all ages engaged in climate change learning and action in relation to each other in this work.

Broadening Participation

Creating new forms of participation, open democracy, informed consent, and deliberative democracy under ACE. It is necessary to provide protections, access to justice, and work with trusted NGO partners that can mitigate negative consequences on individuals.



Action-Oriented Learning

ACE efforts should not only build knowledge, awareness and engagement but also engage people in action while learning. ACE learning efforts should transform the paradigm of colonial learning and science to include wider visions of what learning can and should look like and what constitutes scientific information and practice.

Coherence and Transparency

ACE work should try to build coherent structures to support learning, information sharing, and collaboration in all areas of human activity. Coherent implementation to deliver informed public participation needs sustainable connections between different scales of decision-making.

Background

Internationally negotiated declarations name that a primary goal of the next decade is to accelerate just climate action and foster sustainable development in all corners of human activity and at all scales.

Climate empowerment is essential to develop, accelerate, monitor, and network climate action; however, to address current and historic injustices, we must ensure that justice considerations are at the center of how we understand, operationalize and mobilize systems to support climate empowerment. No issue of justice operates in isolation from any other aspect of justice when considering global climate change.

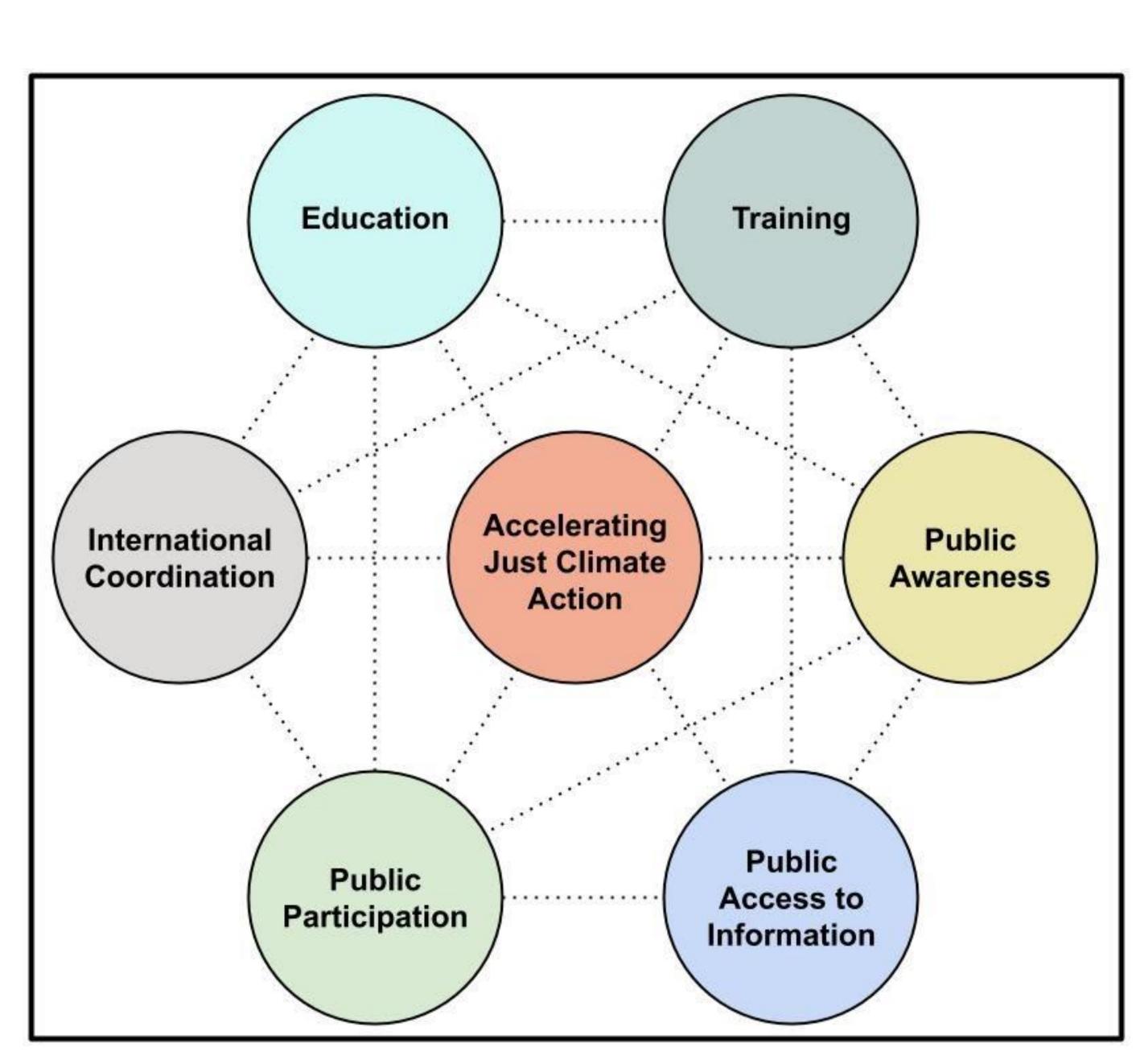


Figure 1: The 6 principles of ACE as outlined by Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Policy Insights

- The importance of systemic and intentional learning to foster just implementation of climate action is critical in all sectors and at all scales. This has been named multiple times within Action for Climate Empowerment articles of negotiated international documents and research.
- Accelerating climate action requires regional coherence and coordination to maximize learning within and between different scales of ACE activity as it unfolds.
- Funding of coherent and coordinated learning for action efforts is challenging and requires rethinking international, national, and sub-national funding strategies for climate action to ensure there is support for such work.

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