

Definition, eligibility, and registration process of Cooperative Climate Initiatives on NAZCA (May 2025)

A. Definition

1. Overall definition

Cooperative Climate Initiatives (CCIs) are voluntary efforts undertaken jointly by multiple stakeholders (including non-State and/or governmental actors) working towards achieving a clearly defined climate-related goal shared by the stakeholders within the CCI.

2. Examples of CCIs

A CCI may take the form, including but not limited to, informal multi-stakeholder partnerships, coalitions, alliances, and/or joint declarations with implementation mechanisms.

3. Examples of what is not considered a CCI on NAZCA

While individual entities, whether governmental or non-governmental, may constitute a part of a CCI as participants, secretariat, funder or through other roles, no single individual entity can qualify as a CCI in its entirety.

The work of an individual entity involving other entities within its supply chain is not, in general, recognized as a CCI.

A service provided by an entity is, in general, not considered a CCI. However, in exceptional circumstances, it may qualify as one (e.g., the service is explicitly defined, as well as designed, to enhance climate ambition and action of recipient entities and includes mechanisms to ensure their compliance to robust climate commitments).

B. Eligibility

In order to ensure consistency and alignment with the scope and ambition of the Paris Agreement, a CCI registered on NAZCA must:

- i. Have a clearly stated climate-related goal aligned with the Paris Agreement, jointly endorsed and upheld by the entities constituting the CCI.
- ii. Demonstrate its capacity to monitor and publicly report its progress toward the stated climate-related goal.
- iii. Have an operational structure (e.g., secretariat, focal point, etc.) that ensures public communication and reporting.

C. Expression of Interest

Those interested in registering their Cooperative Climate Initiative (CCI) to NAZCA are invited to send an **expression of interest** to NAZCA@unfccc.int, including the following information:

- i. Name of the CCI and dedicated website/webpage

- ii. Climate-related goal of the CCI aligned with the Paris Agreement.
- iii. Brief description of how the CCI aligns with the definition and eligibility requirements.
- iv. Brief description of how the CCI monitors its progress, including its capacity to do so.
- v. Relevant contact point(s).

The team will conduct an **initial screening** of the information received to assess alignment with the scope of CCI tracking, including the definition and eligibility criteria, and may contact you for further details if the submission aligns with the eligibility for registration.

D. Registration process

The registration process consists of the following key steps:

- i. A CCI that is interested is invited to submit an **expression of interest** to the UNFCCC secretariat (NAZCA team).
- ii. Following this, the NAZCA team will conduct an **initial screening** to assess general eligibility.
- iii. Once this step is completed, the CCI is invited to an **introductory call** with the UNFCCC NAZCA team. This call serves to build mutual understanding, address any outstanding questions, and outline the next steps. Here, the NAZCA team may also identify potential CCIs that may be eligible for NAZCA and invite such CCIs to the introductory call, bypassing the need for an expression of interest.
- iv. Following the call, the NAZCA team will invite the CCI that is deemed eligible to submit a **registration form**, through which the CCI provides detailed profile information and a list of participating entities.
- v. After receipt of the registration information, the NAZCA team will conduct a **due diligence** review of the submitted information to ensure completeness and alignment with the eligibility criteria and the principles and values of the UN.
- vi. Once this process is successfully concluded, the CCI will be **officially registered**, and its profile page published on NAZCA.
- vii. After registration, the CCI will be invited to, and will be encouraged to, participate in the annual progress reporting procedure, which currently takes place every September.