



# Information Session

Action for Climate  
Empowerment (ACE),  
Children and Youth at SB 64  
(8–18 June 2026)

13 May 2026






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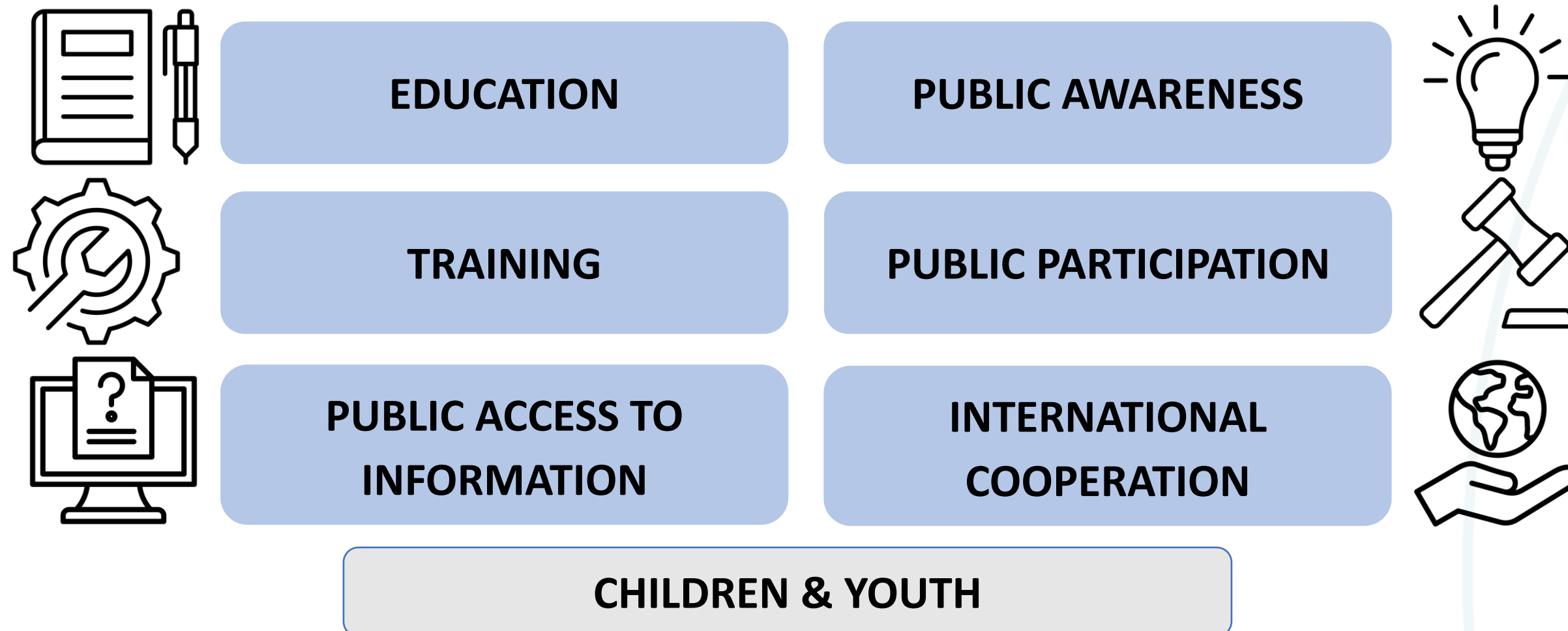
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# What is ACE?

## Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE):

- Refers to efforts related to implementing **Article 6 of the Convention** and **Article 12 of the Paris Agreement**.
- Plays a key role in promoting the changes in **systems, attitudes and behaviours** needed to foster sustainable development and manage the impacts of climate change.





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# **ACE Negotiations**

**SB 64**

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# ACE Negotiations at COP30: Outcome

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## Matters relating to Action for Climate Empowerment:

- Noted with appreciation the **2025 annual summary report**
- Acknowledged with appreciation the significant contributions of **UNFCCC constituted bodies United Nations organizations and other stakeholders**, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to the progress in advancing the implementation of ACE as stated in the annual summary report.
- Decided on the **focus of the 2026 Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment** and requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to organize an **interactive technical workshop**, to be held at the 2026 Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment.
- See decision [here](#)

# Mid-term Review at SB64

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## GLASGOW WORK PROGRAMME ON ACE

The SBI is requested to undertake a **midterm review of progress** at its 64<sup>th</sup> session (June 2026) of the Glasgow work programme **to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any consideration of improving the work programme**, as appropriate.

The secretariat was requested to:

- Prepare a **synthesis report** ahead of the midterm review on the integration of ACE into relevant reports and communications submitted by Parties to the secretariat as part of the UNFCCC process.

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# Integration of Action for Climate Empowerment into Relevant Reports and Communications Submitted by Parties

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*Synthesis Report by the Secretariat*

*Read the report in six UN languages*



# Overview & Scope

*What this report covers and which documents were analyzed*

This report synthesizes information on ACE and its six elements contained in reports and communications submitted by Parties as at **31 December 2025**.

**194**

Parties

Nationally  
Determined  
Contributions (NDCs)

**86**

Parties

National Adaptation  
Plans (NAPs)

**124**

Parties

Biennial  
Transparency  
Reports (BTRs)

**197**

Parties

National  
Communications  
(NCs)

# Structure

*How the synthesized information is presented in this report*

## Priority areas

- Policy coherence
- Coordinated action
- Tools and support
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

## Report types

- NDCs
- NAPs
- BTRs
- NCs

## ACE elements

- ACE
- Education
- Training
- Public awareness
- Public participation
- Public access to information

❖ International cooperation is considered a cross-cutting element throughout the report.

# Priority Area – Policy Coherence

*Strengthening coordination of ACE work to support effective implementation at all levels*



All Parties referenced one or more ACE elements in their reports and communications. However, explicit references to ACE were limited — ACE was reflected through its individual elements more often than presented as a unified framework.

- ✔ The six ACE elements were covered unevenly across the different report types.
- ✔ Measures referenced in a report (e.g. NDCs) were not always reiterated or followed up on other reports (e.g. BTRs), making it difficult to assess whether ACE is systematically embedded.
- ✔ Differences in reporting cycles and staggered submission hinder efforts to assess coherence of ACE implementation over time.
- ✔ In some cases, Parties reported dedicated ACE strategies, but detail on operationalization varied considerably.

# Priority Area – Coordinated Action

*Fostering long-term, strategic and multilevel partnerships*

*ACE-related activities were reported as involving a wide range of actors. In some cases, dedicated institutions or focal points oversee implementation.*

Ministries &  
agencies

Local  
governments

Civil society &  
youth

Private sector &  
media

Academic  
institutions



Fragmented responsibilities, overlapping mandates and project-based approaches result in duplication of efforts, underfunded initiatives and limited continuity of implementation. These challenges are particularly evident where ACE elements are implemented through sector-specific programmes without structured mechanisms for alignment.

Inclusivity was identified as an important dimension of coordinated action — gender-responsive, children- and youth-sensitive and 'leave no one behind' approaches were highlighted within ACE-related activities.

# Priority Area – Tools & Support

*Enhancing access to tools and support for ACE implementation*



## International Cooperation

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International cooperation plays a key role, with numerous bilateral and multilateral initiatives referenced. Development agencies, multilateral climate funds, international and non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions were cited as contributing funding and technical expertise.



## Barriers Identified

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Financial constraints, limited technical expertise and institutional capacity were identified as barriers. ACE-related needs assessments were not often referenced — gaps were described in general terms without a detailed assessment of skill requirements or resource needs.



## Tracking Challenge

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ACE-related activities are embedded within broader programmes and not separately costed or tracked, making it difficult to gauge the extent to which financial and technical tools and support are available specifically for ACE implementation, as well as their continuity.

# Priority Area – Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

*Strengthening MER of ACE implementation at all levels*

## **Significant Variation**

Reporting on ACE activities varies significantly by report type and by Party. While many reports reference individual ACE elements, the depth, structure and continuity of reporting differ considerably.

## **Actions, Not Outcomes**

All reporting tends to focus on actions undertaken rather than on an assessment of outcomes, behavioural changes and longer-term impacts.

## **Comparability Challenges**

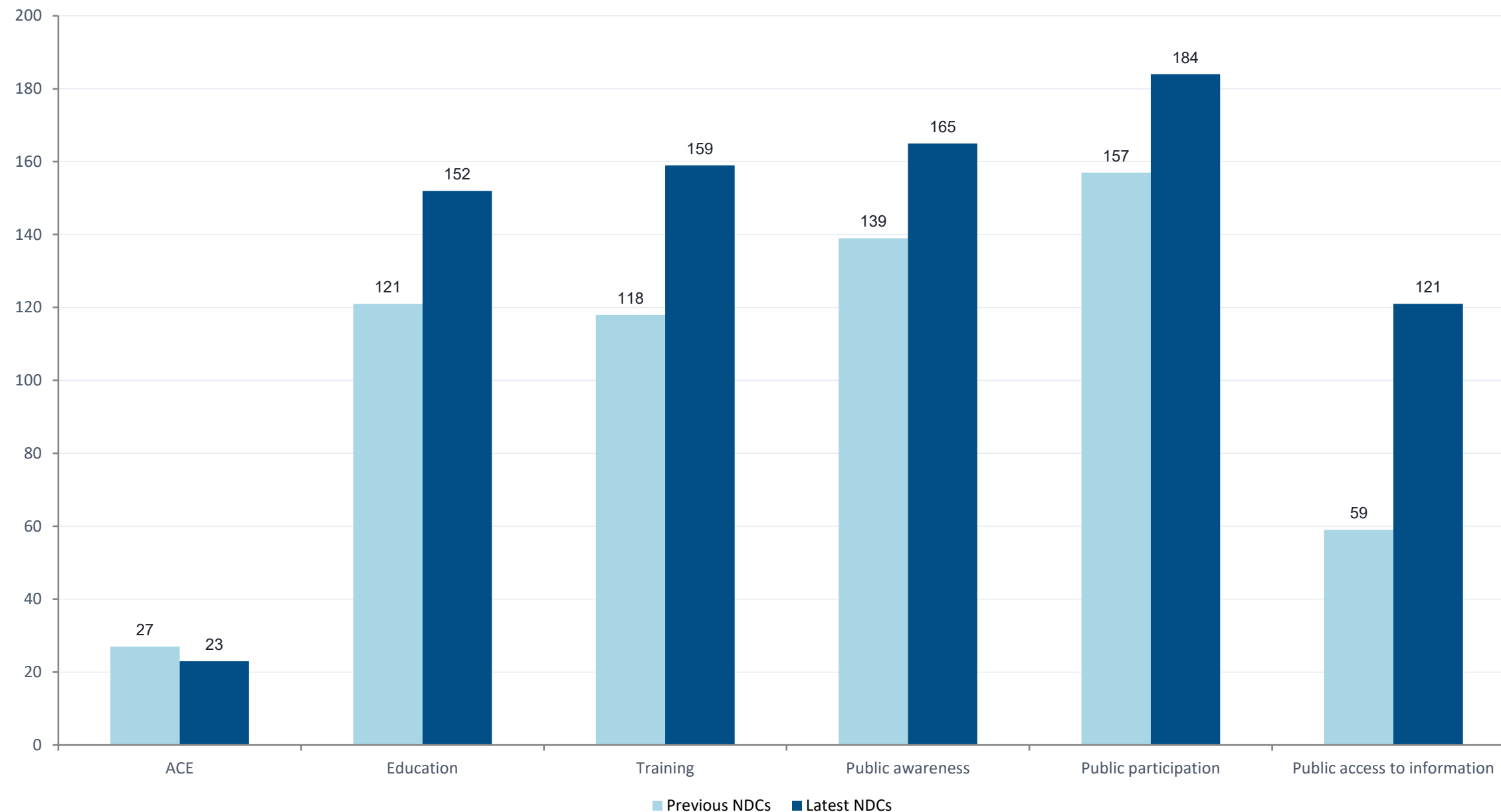
Differences in reporting formats, terminology and categorization of ACE activities affect comparability. The same activity might appear under different headings across reports, making it challenging to track progress over time.

## **Continuity Gaps**

In some cases, measures referenced in earlier reports were not reiterated in subsequent submissions, and some implemented activities were reported without being explicitly linked to previously articulated commitments.

# ACE in Nationally Determined Contributions

Based on latest NDCs submitted by 194 Parties



© Compared with previously submitted NDCs, a general increase in mentions of ACE elements was observed, although explicit mentions of ACE decreased.

**98%**

of Parties mentioned one or more ACE elements (190 Parties)

**95%**

of Parties mentioned public participation (184 Parties)

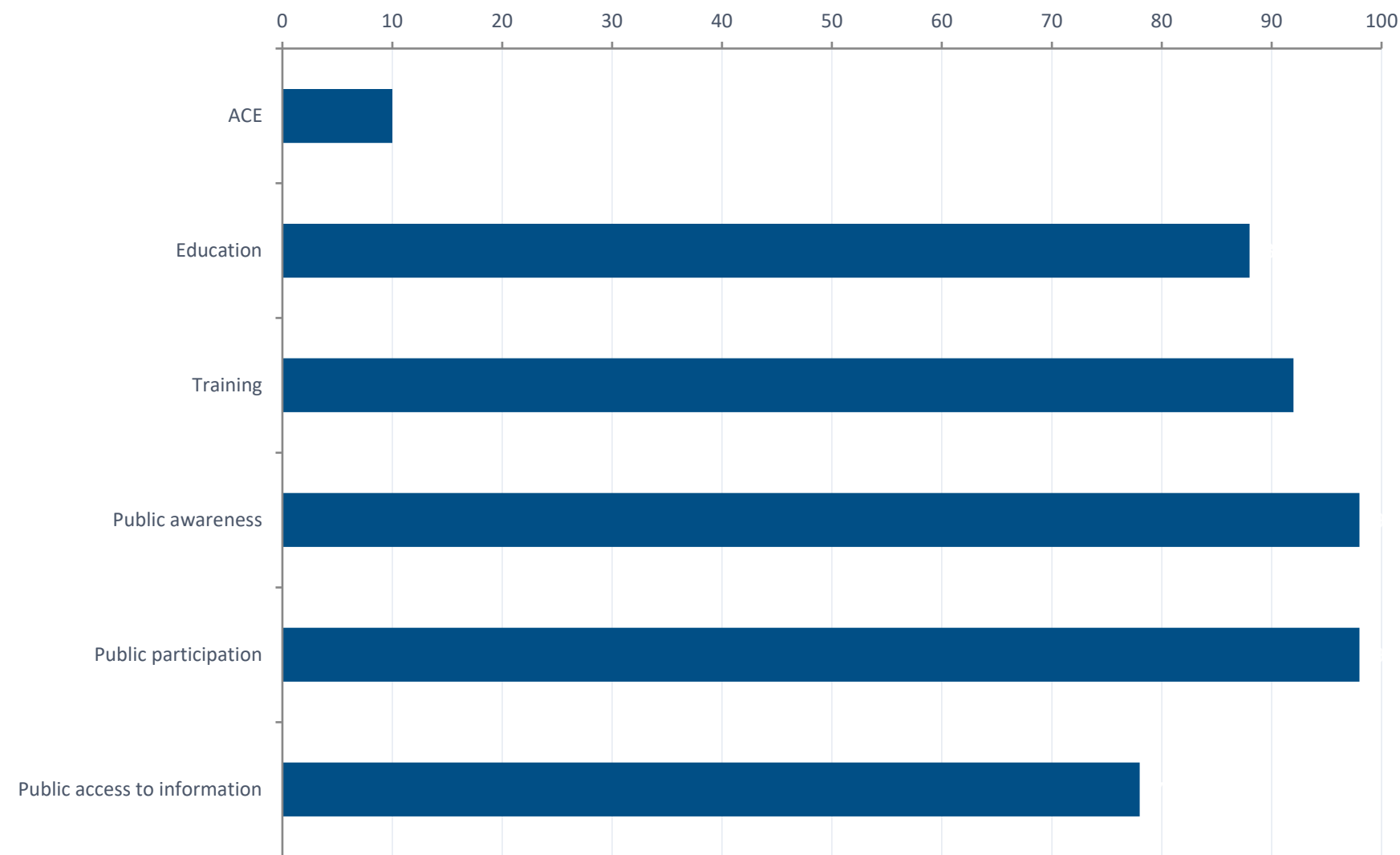
**12%**

explicitly referred to ACE (23 Parties)

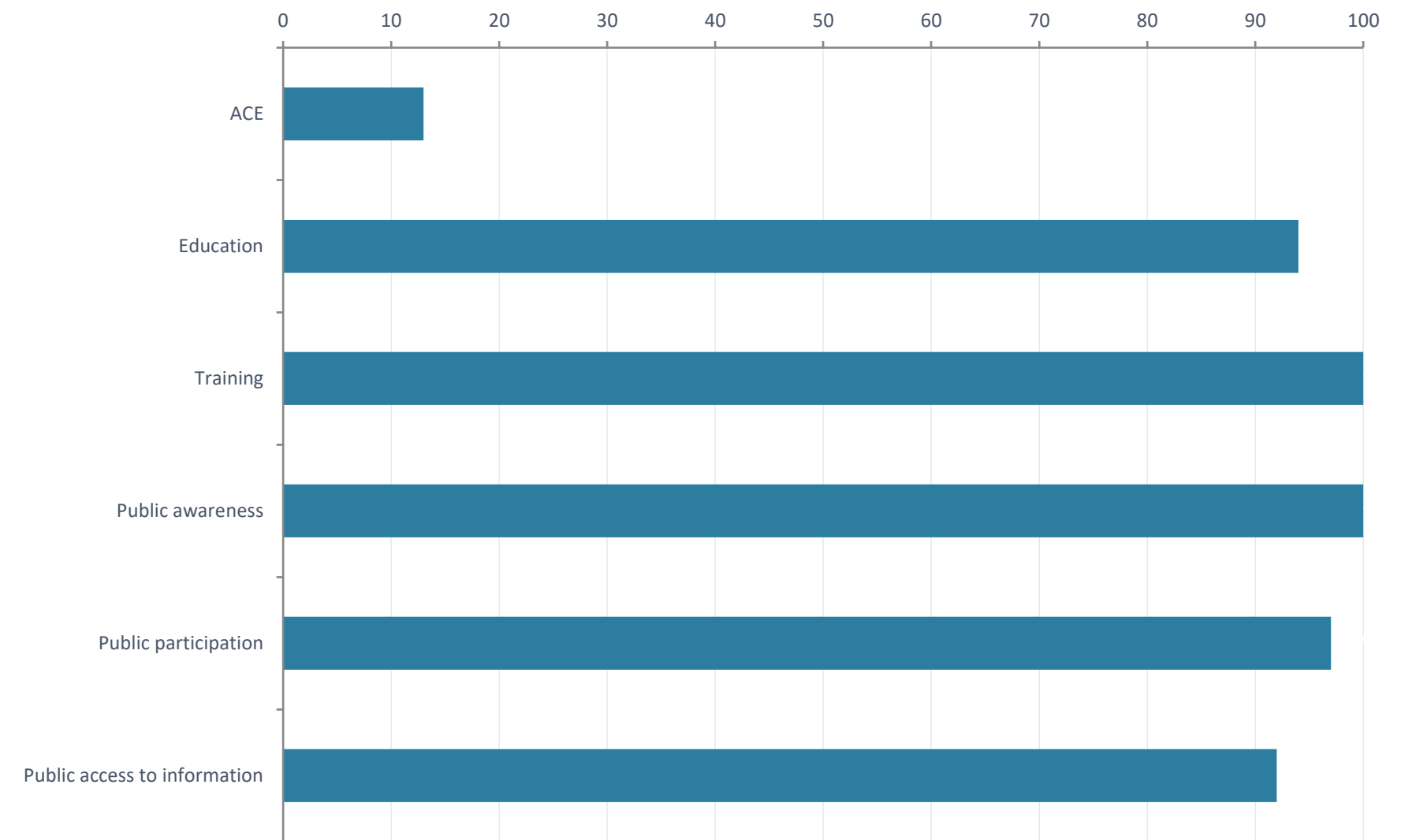
# ACE in National Adaptation Plans & Biennial Transparency Reports

*NAPs: 86 Parties | BTRs: 124 Parties (values shown as % of Parties submitting that report type)*

## National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)



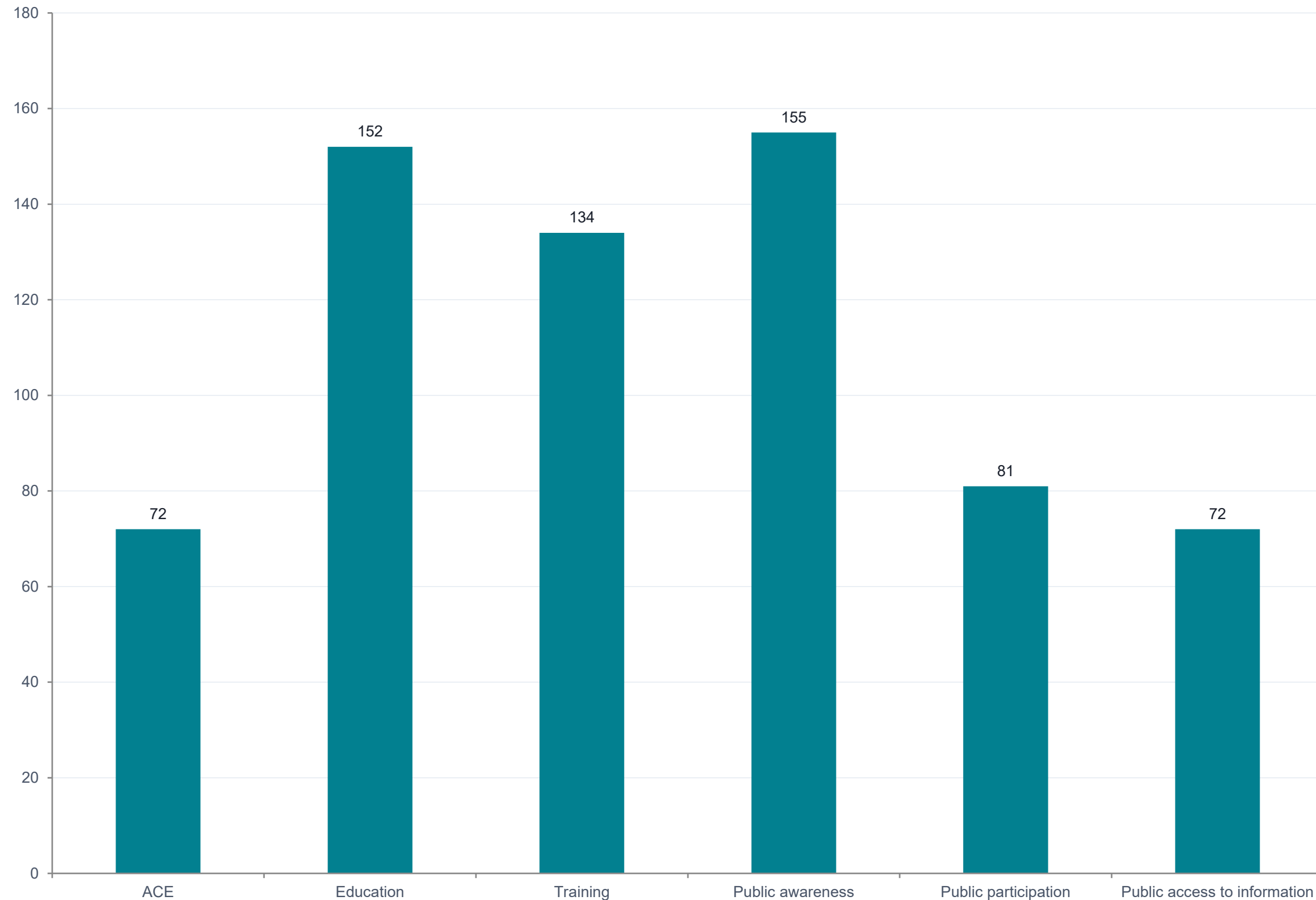
## Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)



© Despite all Parties providing information on using at least one ACE element – also in relatively high percentage, only 9–16 Parties explicitly referred to ACE across both document types.

# ACE in National Communications

*Based on latest NCs submitted by 197 Parties (166 with dedicated section on education, training and public awareness)*



# 43%

with dedicated section explicitly referred to ACE — highest rate across all four report types

The NC guidelines seek to ensure that Annex I Parties report on all six ACE elements, with relevant information undergoing technical assessment.

# ACE and its Six Elements

*Each element examined in depth across all four report types*

**For each of the ACE elements, the report examines:**



## Role in Climate Action

How each element enables inclusive and effective mitigation and adaptation efforts



## Measures Reported

The range of policies, plans, strategies and actions that Parties have reported under each element



## Common Challenges

Financial, technical and institutional barriers that limit effective implementation



## International Cooperation

The role of bilateral and multilateral support in strengthening implementation across all elements

# Key Points

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ACE and its elements were often highlighted as foundational enablers for inclusive and effective climate action, framed as supporting societal transformation towards achieving climate goals.



ACE integration in reports and communications is broad but uneven — all Parties referenced individual ACE elements, but few explicitly framed ACE as a unified framework.



Monitoring and outcome-tracking of ACE implementation need improvement — reporting focused on actions taken rather than outcomes, behavioural changes and longer-term impacts.



Support needs are real but difficult to quantify — ACE activities are often embedded within broader programmes and not separately costed or tracked.

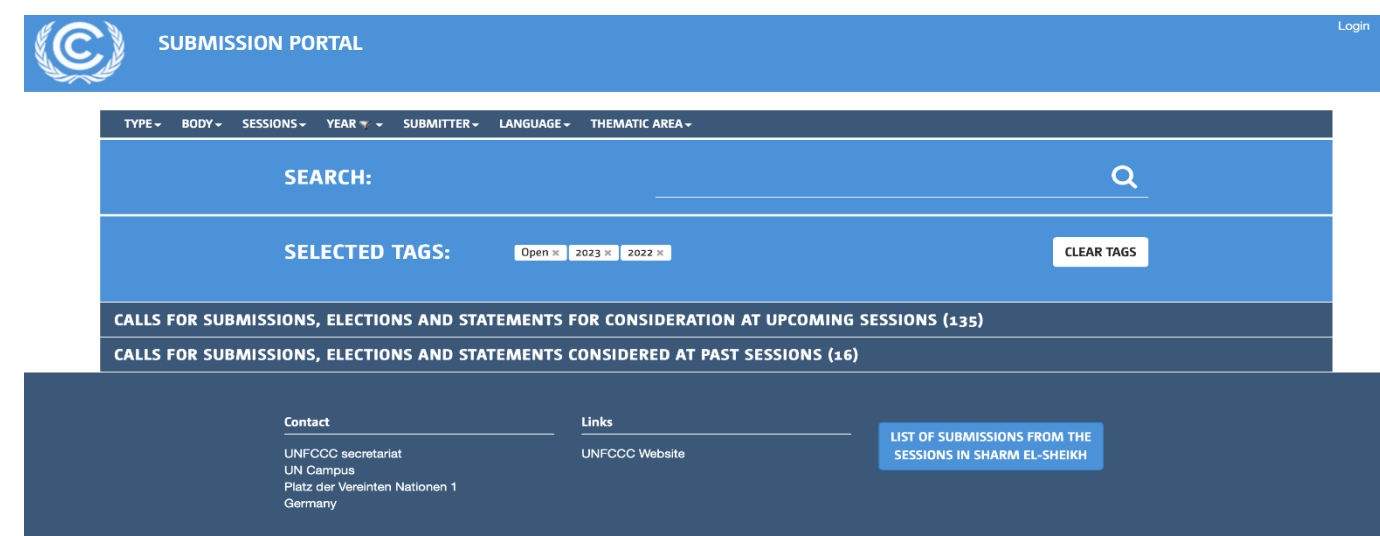
→ *The SBI may wish to draw on the information in this report in undertaking the midterm review of the Glasgow work programme.*

# 2026 Annual Summary Report

The 2026 annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme on ACE will be published in September 2026.

## Open call for submissions

Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to submit information on progress, challenges and improvements related to ACE implementation, including accessibility and availability of financial and technical support, and any other information they deem relevant, in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme and its action plan



Submit via the **submission portal** (please type "Action for Climate Empowerment" or "ACE" in the search bar) by **31 July 2026**



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# **ACE & Children and Youth Events**

**SB 64**

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# Overview: ACE & Children and Youth at SB 64

## Events contributing to the implementation of the Glasgow Work Programme on ACE and its Action Plan

ACE Dialogue and Technical Workshop

ACE Gallery

ACE Focal Points Academy

ACE Hub Youth Event

Youth Orientation Session

Expert dialogue on relevant issues in gender- and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis



# ACE Gallery

The ACE Gallery 2026 will look back at previous ACE Galleries to showcase good examples for implementation with a focus on the priority areas of the Glasgow Work Programme.

**Where?** Foyer of the WCCB

**When?** 8 June 13:00-15:00\*

\*The Gallery remains accessible until June 18. Posters will also be made available [online](#).

The ACE Gallery is supported by the ACE Hub, a collaboration between the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia



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# ACE Dialogue 2026 and Technical Workshop

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The [Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to continue to hold **ACE Dialogues at its first regular session of each year** with the participation of Parties, representatives of relevant constituted bodies, and relevant experts, practitioners and stakeholders (Decision 18/CP.26, para. 11 (b))

## ACE Dialogue

At COP30, Parties decided that the **2026 Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment**, to be held at the sixty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2026), should facilitate inputs to inform the midterm review of the Glasgow work programme on ACE, by focusing on the **effectiveness of the work programme and any emerging gaps and needs relating to its implementation, and to inform any discussions on improving the work programme**, as appropriate

## Technical Workshop

At COP30 Parties requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to organize an **interactive technical workshop**, to be held at the 2026 Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, for a broad range of participants, including representatives of Parties, UNFCCC constituted bodies and work programmes, and other stakeholders, as well as experts and practitioners, **to discuss potential elements for a new action plan under the work programme**

*Parties and non-Party stakeholders were invited to submit views on matters to be addressed at the 2026 Dialogue on ACE and the technical workshop, as part of the call for annual submissions on the Dialogue, via the submission portal by 31 March 2026*


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# ACE Dialogue 2026 and Technical Workshop

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- The ACE Dialogue and technical workshop will be open to participation by a diverse range of stakeholders including Parties, representatives of relevant bodies established under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, experts, practitioners, constituencies, admitted observers, and other non-Party stakeholders
- A registration system will be put in place to ensure that an adequate level of representation is present in the room.
- Simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish will be provided in Plenary sessions
- Participants will be able to follow the plenary discussions remotely
- Interactive tools will be made available to participants
- The recordings of the event and the presentations will be published on the UNFCCC website
- The outcome of the dialogue and workshop will be incorporated in the annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the GWP, which will be considered by the SBI at COP 31

 **8, 9, and 11 June 2026**

 10:00-13:00 CEST  
15:00-18:00 CEST

**Meeting room: TBC**

 **Agenda:** available on the [website](#)

# ACE Focal Points Academy

**Skills building**  
**Peer – Peer exchange**  
**Networking and strengthening the network of national ACE focal points**

**Module 1**  
**6 June 2026**

**Module 2**  
**6 June 2026**

**Module 3**  
**13 June 2026**

**Duration:** 2- 2.5 hour sessions

**Focus:** ACE Implementation related topics

**Format:** Hybrid

**Event for  
national ACE  
focal points  
and ACE  
negotiators**

**Agenda based on ACE Dialogue submissions and needs identification and  
assessment survey sent out to national ACE focal points.**

**Agenda to be published on our website**



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# ACE Hub Youth Event



From Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of June



30 participants (18-35 years-old)  
15 from NRW & 15 from all over the world  
Closed event, by invitation only



Build skills, strengthen competencies, connect and empower young people to mobilize climate solutions at the city, national and regional levels



Partners: ICLEI, IRENA, UNU, E+C Pavilion, etc.



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EMPOWERMENT

# Orientation Session for Youth



## Orientation Session for Youth @ SB 64

A space for young delegates attending SB 64 to receive information from the secretariat, YOUNGO, other focal points on how to navigate SB 64 and network with other young delegates.

**09 June 2026 (Tuesday)**

**13:30 – 15:00**



## Orientation Session for Youth

- **Information session** for young delegates (under 35 years old) attending SB64.
- A space for young delegates to receive information from the secretariat about the what's taking place at SB64, how to engage and to be able to ask questions.
- **Networking** session.
- **Agenda:** to be published on our [website](#)



# Other Events

# ACE-related Side Events

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- **National ACE Implementation in the Context of the Mid-Term Review of the Glasgow Work Programme**

Friday, 12 June 2026, 16:30—17:45 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Strengthening information integrity on climate change: from COP30 to COP31 and beyond**

Monday, 15 June 2026, 15:00—16:15 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Looking Back for the Future of Greening Education**

Wednesday, 17 June 2026, 13:40 —14:45 CEST (Room Bonn)



# Children and Youth-related Side Events

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- **Loss and Damage for Children: Advancing Recognition, Evidence & Inclusive Cross-Sectoral Solutions**

Tuesday, 9 June 2026, 10:30 —11:45 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Building youth skills for economic diversification: Opportunities in green transition and AI**

Friday, 12 June 2026, 13:30 —14:45 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Showing of award-winning short film “An Amazon’s Night Dream” and dialogue with the creator**

Wednesday, 17 June 2026, 13:30—14:45 CEST (Room Berlin)



# Where is the information?

[SB 64 Announcements and Useful Information page](#)

[Schedule of events](#)

[Mobile App](#)

[UNFCCC webpage Overview Schedule](#)

CCTV  
(On-site)

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## UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS



Participant information



Sessions & Agendas



SB 58 Platform access



Documents & Submissions



Events & Schedules



It's Possible - UNFCCC Podcast



Social media coverage



Outcomes of COP26

Pre-sessional period Tuesday 2 June to Sunday 7 June



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Tuesday 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15th meeting of the FWG</li><li>LDCs coordination meetings</li></ul>
Wednesday 3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15th meeting of the FWG</li><li>LDCs coordination meetings</li></ul>
Thursday 4 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15th meeting of the FWG</li><li>14th meeting of the KCI</li><li>AGN coordination meetings</li><li>SIDS coordination meetings</li></ul>
Friday 5 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15th meeting of the FWG</li><li>14th meeting of the KCI</li></ul>

# Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC)

## CURRENT PRESIDENCY YOUTH CLIMATE CHAMPIONS



**Marcele Oliveira**

**COP 30 Presidency  
Youth Climate Champion  
- Brazil**



**Sally Higgins**

**COP31 Presidency Youth  
Climate Champion -  
Australia**

### Decision 16/CP.28

#### Presidency youth climate champion

*The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*Recalling decisions 1/CP.26, 18/CP.26, 1/CP.27, 23/CP.27, 17/CMA.1, 22/CMA.3 and 22/CMA.4,*

1. *Reiterate* their acknowledgement of the role of children and youth as agents of change in addressing and responding to climate change and *recognize* the opportunity for future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to enhance the meaningful engagement of youth in the UNFCCC process through strengthened engagement on this matter with Parties and non-Party stakeholders, in particular the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC and youth within all other non-governmental organization constituencies of the UNFCCC;

2. *Note* the outcomes of the eighteenth Conference of Youth, organized by the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC and held in Dubai in November 2023, which were informed by local and regional conferences of youth;

3. *Welcome* the appointment by the Presidency of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement of the first youth envoy of a Presidency of the Conference of the Parties;

4. *Also welcome* the initiative of the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in appointing a youth climate champion, who has furthered the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process;

5. *Recognize* the initiative of the Presidency of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in supporting youth-led engagement, including by co-organizing the children and youth pavilion, the Dubai youth climate dialogue and the international Indigenous youth forum on climate change, held at the same sessions;

6. *Decide* that a youth climate champion between the ages of 18 and 35 will be appointed to act on behalf of the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to facilitate the enhancement of the meaningful, inclusive engagement of youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process;

7. *Request* each incoming Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to confirm its appointee for Presidency youth climate champion for a term of up to two years, with the outgoing Presidency youth climate champion using the second year of the term to support the champion appointed by the incoming Presidency;

8. *Also request* each incoming Presidency of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to provide direction to the Presidency youth climate champion, with advice from the secretariat, including guidance on avoiding duplication with the work and activities of the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC, while respecting the independent role of the constituency and supporting the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement on matters related to children and youth in the UNFCCC process, including in relation to the matters referred to in paragraphs 10–12 below;



## PYCC Events during SB64

- Consultation with Youth in Party Delegations
- Consultation with Youth in Constituencies
- Special PYCC event
- Other children and youth events

Most up to date information: <https://unfccc.int/PYCC>



# Q & A



# Observers at SB 64

YOUNGO ACE WG



# Action for Climate Empowerment

CONNECTING YOUTH VOICES

FOR CLIMATE IMPACT  
AT SB64





Strengthening meaningful youth participation in UNFCCC processes through capacity building under the Glasgow Work Programme

Advancing inclusive and intergenerational climate governance through engagements with national ACE focal points

## Planned Activities During SB64



- Contributing youth perspectives to the midterm review of the GWP and ACE Negotiations
- Participation in the ACE Youth Hub, ACE Gallery Poster and ACE Dialogue
- Youth coordination, briefing, and capacity exchange sessions ahead of and during SB64
- Engagement in technical workshops, and knowledge sharing discussions



# WOMEN \* GENDER CONSTITUENCY

Advancing a Ambitious ACE for SB64

# priority areas & WGC demands for the mid-term review of the \* Glasgow Work Programme

## Priority areas

- Gender transformative approach.
- Inclusion of girls in all their diversity, including people with disabilities
- Intergenerational justice within the framework
- Global People assembly for Climate Justice: from the community and indigenous knowledge to the Climate empowerment action.

## WGC demands

- Institutionalizing gender-transformative approaches across all ACE workstreams.
- Formally recognizing and supporting **Women Environmental and Human Rights Defenders** as knowledge holders and solution providers.
- Strengthening monitoring and accountability systems to ensure delivery at national and subnational levels through the Global People assembly.



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## WEB

[womengenderclimate.org](http://womengenderclimate.org)

## SOCIAL

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# Useful Resources

## Mastering International Climate Negotiations: All You Need to Know



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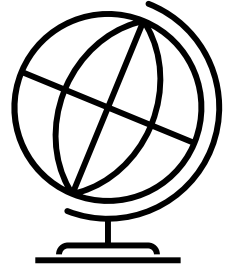
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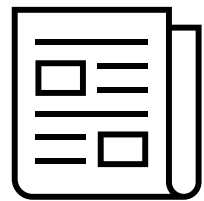
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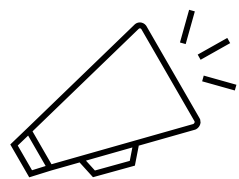
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