Definition, eligibility, and registration process of Cooperative Climate Initiatives on NAZCA (February 2026)

I. Definition

A. Overall definition

1. A Cooperative Climate Initiative (CCI) is a voluntary body jointly organized by multiple entities (including non-State actors or non-State actors with national governmental actors) working towards achieving a clearly defined climate-related goal aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement shared by the entities within the CCI.

B. Example of a CCI on NAZCA

2. A CCI may take the form, including but not limited to, an informal multi-stakeholder partnership, coalition, alliance, or a joint declaration with implementation mechanisms.

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

3. While an individual entity, whether governmental or non-governmental, may constitute a part of a CCI as a participant, secretariat, funder or through other roles, a single individual entity cannot qualify as a CCI in its entirety, unless the entity's primary objective is to enhance multi-stakeholder cooperation on climate action and fulfils additional eligibility criteria stated below.[1]

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

5. A service, project, or programme provided or operated by a single entity is, in general, not considered a CCI. However, in exceptional circumstances, it may qualify as one. Circumstances may include situations where the service is explicitly defined and designed to enhance the cooperative climate ambition and action of recipient entities, and includes mechanisms to ensure their compliance with robust climate commitments.

II. Eligibility

A. Common eligibility criteria

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

(a) Demonstrate a clearly stated climate-related goal aligned with the Paris Agreement, where such a goal is jointly endorsed, shared and/or upheld by the entities constituting the CCI;

(b) Demonstrate its capacity to monitor and publicly report its progress toward the stated climate-related goal; and

[1] See section II. B. Additional eligibility criteria for an individual entity operating as a voluntary initiative.

(c) Demonstrate an operational structure (e.g., secretariat, focal point, etc.) that ensures public communication and reporting.

B. Additional eligibility criteria for an individual entity operating as a voluntary initiative

7. An individual entity that operates entirely as a voluntary initiative promoting multi-stakeholder cooperation on climate action may be considered as an eligible NAZCA CCI. To be considered, it must:

(a) Demonstrate that it is a mission-driven entity where its primary objective is directly aligned with and contributing to the principles and the goals of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals; and

(b) Demonstrate that it has multiple participating entities that set individual climate action targets under the auspices of the entity, whereas a participating entity is a member or a signatory and not considered a partner of a project or a programme.

8. An individual entity that is operating as a for-profit or as a hybrid model must additionally:

(a) Provide an attestation that the decisions and choices made within the initiative are independent from any corporate interest, including that of its shareholders and/or participant entities; and

(b) Provide an official acknowledgement that registration status on NAZCA is not an endorsement of a product or a service and shall not be used for any marketing purposes.

III. Registration process

9. The registration process consists of the following steps:

(a) A voluntary initiative wishing to be registered (potential CCI) is invited to submit an expression of interest to the NAZCA Team through the online form, where the potential CCI will be asked to explain itself and provide information that confirms its alignment with the definition and eligibility.[2]

(b) Following this, the NAZCA Team will conduct an initial screening to assess general eligibility.

(c) The NAZCA Team will invite those deemed initially eligible to submit a full registration form, through which the potential CCI provides detailed profile information and a list of participating entities. Here, the NAZCA Team may also identify potential CCIs that may be eligible for NAZCA and invite them to submit a full registration form, thereby bypassing the need for an expression of interest. It should be noted that the information provided through this process will be used for the CCI's profile pages once the registration process is successfully completed.

(d) Upon receipt of the full registration information, the NAZCA Team will conduct a due diligence review of the submitted information. This will be conducted to review the completeness, consistency, and coherence of the submission, and its alignment with the CCI definition and eligibility criteria, as well as the principles and values of the United Nations, the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. The NAZCA Team may contact the potential CCI for further information.

[2] The online form can be found here: https://unfccc.int/cci#Register_your_action.

(e) Upon successful completion of the due diligence process without reservations, the CCI will be officially registered, and its information will be published on NAZCA.

10. It should be noted that all registered CCIs will be invited to, and will be encouraged to, participate in the annual progress reporting procedure, which currently takes place every September.

11. The NAZCA Team will internally store information provided by the potential CCI through the registration process, and may disclose it as necessary.