

Race to Zero

Terms of reference

Expert Peer Review Group

This document outlines the Terms of Reference for the Race to Zero (RtZ) campaign Expert Peer Review Group (EPRG).

Responsibilities

1. Credibility is essential for the success of the Race to Zero campaign. All commitments under the campaign should reflect good-faith efforts to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.
2. EPRG advises the High-level Climate Champions (“Champions”) on which networks and initiatives should be included, or not, in the RtZ.
3. The EPRG is an advisory body, not a decision-making body. Ultimately, the Champions decide which networks and initiatives to include, or not.

Functions

4. EPRG provides the following functions:
 - a. **Review** applications from networks and initiatives wishing to join the RtZ.
 - b. **Advise** the Champions on the basis of that review. Such advice will typically be in writing. If required, the Champions may organize discussions with the EPRG.

Composition

5. EPRG is formed of around 15-20 individual experts and practitioners
6. Members are drawn from:
 - a. Networks and initiatives in the RtZ
 - b. Scientific or technical experts
7. The composition of EPRG will be inclusive with respect to:
 - a. Gender
 - b. Geography, including developed and developing countries
 - c. Types of actors (e.g. representatives of sub-national governments, business, civil society, etc.)
 - d. Domains of expertise
8. One member of EPRG will serve as Chairperson.
9. Members of EPRG serve for 18-month terms, renewable.

Expectations for members of EPRG

10. Members engage as individuals, not as representatives of their organizations
11. Members act in good faith to provide accurate, evidence-based advice to the Champions
12. Members are not compensated or remunerated for their time

13. Members allocate 5-10 hours per month to the work of the EPRG
14. Members shall declare any interests they may have relating to a particular initiative / network. Members shall recuse themselves from advising the Champions on initiatives in which they have a direct personal interest (e.g. if they are employed by the network / initiative).

Nomination process

15. Membership in EPRG is determined by the Champions
16. Individuals may nominate themselves to serve on EPRG by submitting a cover letter and CV to the Champions
17. The Champions may appoint further members of the EPRG as needed
18. At the request of the Champions, current members of EPRG may offer advice on individuals nominated to join EPRG

Operation of the group

19. EPRG considers applications from networks and initiatives on a rolling basis (see vetting process).
20. In general, EPRG works asynchronously over email.
21. EPRG has a monthly virtual meeting to discuss any applications that require deliberation. This will be scheduled every month, but only held if deliberation is required.
22. Exceptionally, EPRG may arrange ad hoc meetings at the request of the Champions or if EPRG members wish to meet.

Governance

23. The Champions may update these Terms of Reference as required, in consultation with the EPRG.
24. EPRG deliberations *with respect to specific networks and initiatives* are confidential unless the network or initiative chooses to publicize them. EPRG members are free to discuss publicly the general workings or processes of EPRG.
25. Members of EPRG will be listed on the Race to Zero website .