Action for Climate Empowerment

Empowering All Members of Society for Stronger Climate Action

YECAP Training
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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.
Countries recognized the importance of the six ACE elements in **achieving the objectives** of the Convention and **the purpose and goals** of the Paris Agreement.

ACE plays a key role in promoting the changes in **systems, attitudes and behaviours** needed to foster low-emission, climate-resilient and sustainable development.

- A crucial **toolbox** in the global response to climate change.
Climate change is fully integrated into the school curricula, educating learners of all ages about cognitive, behavioural, socio-emotional aspects of climate change.
ACE in Real Life

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Consumers fully aware of environmental impacts of their day to day behaviour, including what (and how) they eat, wear, ride, live.
Future workforce fully trained and capacitated with adequate climate-ready green skills, allowing for just transition of societies.
Citizens, regardless of their status, race and gender, fully empowered to take part in the design, implementation and evaluation of climate change policies.
The general public has full access to the climate change information that allow them to hold governments and companies accountable.
ACE in Real Life

“Educate, Equip & Empower”
**TIMELINES**

1993

Article 6 of the Convention

COP8 (2002)


COP13 (2007)


COP18 (2012)

Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention adopted (2012 – 2020)

COP21 (2015)

Article 12 of the Paris Agreement

COP26 (2021)

Glasgow work programme on ACE adopted (2021 – 2031)

COP27 (2022)

Action plan under the Glasgow work programme on ACE adopted (2022 – 2026)

COP8 UN Climate Change Conference

COP13 UN Climate Change Conference

COP18 – CMP8

DOHA 2012

PARIS 2015

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Bali, Indonesia

UK 2021

SHARM EL-SHEIKH EGYPT 2022

COP21 – CMP11

COP26 – CMP12

COP27 (2022)
✓ **Annual ACE Dialogue**
  - An annual forum (every June) bringing together ACE Community to discuss the implementation of the work programme

✓ **National ACE Focal Points**
  - Parties to continue designating, assigning responsibilities to and providing support

✓ **Annual summary report**
  - A mechanism to monitor progress in implementing the work programme and ACE in general (every September)

✓ **Youth Engagement & Capacity-building**
  - Build capacity of youth to embark on and lead ACE and promote youth participation
- **Four thematic priority areas** to address **gaps and challenges** in implementing the six ACE elements and to create **opportunities to accelerate** that implementation.

  - **Strengthen coordination of ACE work** at the international and national level.
  - **Build partnerships** that bring together **expertise, resources and knowledge**.
  - **Enhance access to tools and support** for **building capacity and raising awareness**.
  - **Strengthen monitoring, evaluation and reporting** of all ACE elements at all levels.

**POLICY COHERENCE**

**COORDINATED ACTION**

**TOOLS AND SUPPORT**

**M&E AND REPORTING**
COP26 requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop an action plan focusing on immediate action through **short-term, clear and time-bound activities**, guided by the priority areas set out in the Glasgow work programme.
ACE Action Plan

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Q:

- Have you been to a UNFCCC session (COP or SB)?
- What activities have you engaged in?
Youth Engagement at COPs

Party

Non-Party Stakeholders
Youth Engagement at COPs

Youth Inclusive
- Negotiations
- Side Events
- Pavilions

Youth Focused
- Youth-led Climate Forum
- Young & Future Generations Day
- Children & Youth Pavilion
- Conference of Youth
Youth Engagement under the UNFCCC Process

Submissions

• Youth are invited to make submissions and respond to call for inputs;
• YOUNGO working groups make submissions across all UNFCCC workstreams.

Constituted Bodies

• Youth can participate in meetings as observers;
• YOUNGO us a member in CTCN AB, TEC Task Force and WIM ExCom Expert Group.

Projects & Activities

• Various youth-inclusive and Youth-targeted organized by constituted bodies, Presidencies and the secretariat;
• E.g., YECAP, ACE Hub
ACE website: https://unfccc.int/ace

Glasgow work programme on ACE:
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2021_12a02E.pdf#page=17

ACE action plan: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2022_10a02_adv.pdf#page=44

ACE LinkedIn Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12774018/
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