

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)



Background

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) aims to empower all members of society to engage in climate action. Its six pillars include: climate change education, the creation of public awareness, training, public participation, public access to information (transparency), and international cooperation. Put simply, ACE is designed to encourage the public to contribute to addressing the effects of climate change and to developing adequate responses.

Outcomes from COP28

Discussions on ACE at COP28 focused on assessing an implementation progress report, which was released in October 2023. The report contains information from various countries regarding the implementation of ACE targets in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Whilst requests were made to the secretariat to increase engagement with ACE activities, final decisions were suspended until SB60 in Bonn.

Key Questions for SB60

ACE's central goal is to enable all members of society to engage in the climate policy process. SB60 will hold an expert dialogue focused on the impacts of climate change upon children, who are one of the under-represented groups which ACE seeks to uplift. Other key points on ACE's agenda at SB60 include identifying challenges for ACE implementation; scaling-up the role of civil society, business and marginalised groups; and identifying next steps for ACE focal points.

Event	Date	Time (CET)	Information & Accessibility
Expert Dialogue on Children and Climate Change	4 th June 2024	10:00-18:00	Dialogue Information
ACE Dialogue 2024	8 th June 2024, 10 th June 2024	8 th : 10:00-18:00 10 th : 11:00-13:00	Dialogue Information Sessions will be recorded

The Road to COP29

In expert-run sessions, Parties, representatives of relevant constituted bodies, as well as relevant experts, practitioners, and stakeholders will continue to hold ACE sessions in line with the requirements of the Glasgow Work Programme, thus focusing primarily on policy coherence, coordinated action, tools and support, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting. The outcome of this dialogue will be incorporated in the annual summary report, which will be considered at COP29.

Sources: Carbon Brief (2023) *COP28: Key outcomes agreed at the UN climate talks in Dubai*,

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/cop28-key-outcomes-agreed-at-the-un-climate-talks-in-dubai/>, UNFCCC (2024) *Action for Climate Empowerment*, <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-and-youth/big-picture/ACE#Article-12-of-the-Paris-Agreement>