

ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION



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Alliances for Climate Action in Nine Countries Join Together for a Global Call to Deliver and Surpass Emissions Reduction Commitments

Washington, DC – On the eve of world leaders gathering for the G20 meeting in Rome, Italy, and the COP26 global climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, alliances from nine countries featuring stakeholders from every sector of society released a new global call to action directed to national leaders to demonstrate their resolve to address the climate crisis. Featuring alliances from seven G20 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and the United States), Viet Nam and a new alliance from Chile to be launched at COP26, the statement also calls on subnational actors to join the effort to move from commitments to action at an unprecedented pace and scale in this critical decade for humanity.

Nigel Topping, UN High Level Climate Champion, said: "The unprecedented growth of cities, regions, businesses, investors, and civil society around the world taking ambitious and immediate action demonstrates that a whole-of-society approach lies at the heart of keeping 1.5C alive. This global call to action from the many subnational and non-state leaders that take part in Alliances for Climate Action fully reflects what the world needs. Through ramped up collaborative leadership, we can create a safe world for all."

Under the banner of the *Alliances for Climate Action*, these nine coalitions represent over 6,000 cities, state, regional and tribal governments, companies, investors, faith, cultural and academic institutions and civil society organizations. Their collective call to action urges national governments to enhance their climate commitments, align policies and public investments with the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, and harness the power of subnational and non-state institutions in their respective countries. Meanwhile, the statement calls on subnational actors to take their own action, lend their voice to more ambitious national targets and policies for emissions reductions, and collaborate with their peers nationally and globally to speed the transition.

The latest scientific research confirms that humanity has already done irreparable harm to the planet, but that it is still possible to avoid the worst impacts of climate change with immediate action.

"We no longer need to be reminded of the threats of the climate crisis as the worsening impacts are in the news everyday" said **Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, WWF Global Lead on Climate &**

Energy. “In the coming days, there will be a sharp focus on national leaders’ role in unleashing the transformation that we need. This is critical, but our lens must be broader. It is only through the joint efforts of both national governments and subnational and non-state leaders that we can meet and even surpass any commitments made in Glasgow. This global call to action shows that the world is ready to pivot from pledges to implementation and that, together, we can keep 1.5C within reach.”

Gonzalo Muñoz, UN High Level Climate Champion, said: "Within this coming decade, we urgently need all actors across the real economy to continue stepping up to set us on track to a 1.5C trajectory. The Alliances for Climate Action are critical in driving radical collaboration not only between non-state actors but also with national governments, supporting them in going further, faster. I urge you to join us in this Race to a better world."

Leaders from the global network of *Alliances for Climate Action* also spoke about the importance of the statement and what it calls for:

Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington State, United States, and Co-Chair for *America Is All In*, stated: “COP26 is our moment to fulfill the promise of the Paris Agreement. That means raising our collective ambition and getting to work to deliver what the science requires for a climate-safe future this decade and beyond. It’s going to take all of us, and we’ve got to be all in. The United States government is back at the table and must be a leader in Glasgow. And our coalition of states, cities and tribes, healthcare, colleges, corporations, and cultural institutions, which has carried the torch for U.S. action on climate these last four years, will partner with the US government to continue to lead. This statement represents our expectations of national leaders at this pivotal moment and an invitation to friends at every level of government and society to join us. Let’s go all in.”

Ms. Tran Thi Thu Phuong, CEO, Vietnam Sustainability Social Enterprise and member of the *Viet Nam Coalition for Climate Action (VCCA)*, added: "Addressing the climate crisis is our most urgent task now. The future of our people in Viet Nam and others around the world is at stake. As a part of ACA, we strongly believe that VCCA has a crucial role as a catalyst for climate action in Vietnam, bridging the Vietnamese government’s Green Growth and NDC agendas with the actions of the private sector, academia, local governments and civil society. Together, we will continue to inspire and align the innovative efforts of the Vietnamese leaders to accelerate the transition to a net-zero economy by 2050 in our country.”

Dr. Francis Wedin, Founder and CEO of the world’s first and only Zero Carbon Lithium™ resources company, Vulcan Energy Resources, *Better Futures Australia (BFA)* Signatory and Ambassador, said: "With the world moving away from fossil fuels, Australia has a tremendous opportunity – to establish a clear plan that will see us become a renewable energy superpower. Better Futures Australia shows us that business and community leaders have risen to the challenge and are ready to do their part. Now we need the Australian Government's support to take this opportunity – by delivering a credible national transition plan that ensures we don't get left behind."

Mr. Takejiro Sueyoshi, Special Advisor to United Nations Environment Program Finance Initiative in the Asia Pacific region, and Senior Representative for the Japan Climate Initiative (JCI), stated: “In order for the world to surely achieve 1.5°C target all together, the Japanese government needs more ambitious, concrete and immediate action to halve the emission by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050 at the latest. We believe that, together, we can get there. In support of that goal, JCI will work with all of our members, not only to accelerate

our own efforts but also to continue to engage the Japanese government on the policy conditions that will allow us to decarbonize Japanese society faster with contributions from all institutions. In addition, we will continue to promote cooperation between JCI members and non-state and subnational actors around the world to champion a whole society approach as our best hope to addressing the climate crisis.”

Mr. Cristian Feldkamp, CEO, CREA Argentina, a national network of agricultural producers, and member of the *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina (ACA)* said: “As a food producing country, our farming industry must seize every opportunity to reduce agricultural emissions and improve the resilience of our food production, working closely with the scientific and technological experts to identify and disseminate improved agricultural practices. Together with the Argentinean Alliance for Climate Action (ACA), we work to build consensus across a wide range of organizations with diverse interests – from the private sector, academia and civil society to subnational and local governments and youth – based on a shared powerful conviction – that we can transition more effectively and rapidly to a net-zero, climate-resilient society if we work *together*. We promote an open dialogue among them and with the national government to implement ambitious mitigation and adaptation strategies in key sectors for the country, like agriculture, so that Argentina can pursue its development goals while addressing the climate crisis head on.”

Mr. João Campos, Mayor of Recife, Brazil, and member of *Aliança pela Ação Climática*, reflected: “The union of the *Alliances for Climate Action* is an ambitious step towards prioritizing the climate agenda in this decisive decade for the future of humanity. We call on everyone to recognize the urgency of a fair transition to a development model that is truly sustainable, so that we can guarantee quality of life in our cities - in Brazil and beyond. Nobody can be left behind!”

The full statement is available here: alliancesforclimateaction.org/news.

ABOUT ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Alliances for Climate Action (ACA) is a global network of domestic multi-sector coalitions committed to supporting the delivery and enhancement of their countries’ climate goals and collaborating to build the groundswell of climate action across the world. ACA has partners and members in countries across the world, including seven G20 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and the United States) and two additional emerging economies (Viet Nam and Chile). The Chilean alliance will be launched at the COP on November 8.

Alliances for Climate Action is globally coordinated by WWF, and supported by global partners including, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, CDP, Climate Action Network-International, Fundación Avina, The Climate Group, and the We Mean Business Coalition, together with leading national organizations.

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