

New initiative launched to scale up climate action



THE CLIMATE ACTION
ACCELERATOR

The Climate Action Accelerator (CAA) is a new, non-profit initiative, launched with the aim to mobilise large-scale climate action.

The current situation ?

Stabilising the climate requires a radical change of scale. So far, climate action has largely been driven by national policies and coalitions of cities and businesses. While such actions are essential, they cannot prevent the worst effects of global warming without commitment from society as a whole.

“To avoid the risk of dangerous runaway climate change, it is now urgent to gather a critical mass of community organisations and to trigger fast-spreading processes of change in society to accelerate the implementation of solutions,” says Executive Director, Bruno Jochum.

Our mission?

Taking stock of the scientific consensus, the Climate Action Accelerator's goal is to help as many of these organisations as possible to directly halve their emissions by 2030, in line with the Paris Agreement. The initiative will first seek to mobilise aid organisations, followed by health and higher education institutions in a second stage. The goal is to empower them to reduce their environmental footprint, engage other stakeholders and contribute to a domino effect of increased climate action.

These organisations and institutions have a large amplification potential, due to the trust they inspire, the extent of their activities globally and the reach of their networks. The CAA will support organisations to develop concrete action plans, encourage the replication of climate commitments by others, and accelerate access to knowledge by sharing solutions as a free universal good.

WHY THE CLIMATE ACTION ACCELERATOR ?

- **ACKNOWLEDGE THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND THE HUMAN IMPACTS TO COME**
- **TAKE STOCK OF THE SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS**
- **MOVE FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION, WITHOUT WAITING FOR POLICIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED**
- **CONTRIBUTE TO A DOMINO EFFECT IN SOCIETY**



The three priority objectives of the Climate Action Accelerator are to:

Empower

Equip organisations with the means to act and halve their emissions by 2030, without including carbon offsets in their reduction calculations, and with the help of a shared pool of expertise and resources as well as participatory platforms to promote inclusive approaches;

Champion

Transform these organisations into ambassadors of change within their networks, with a capacity to influence their peers and their ecosystems;

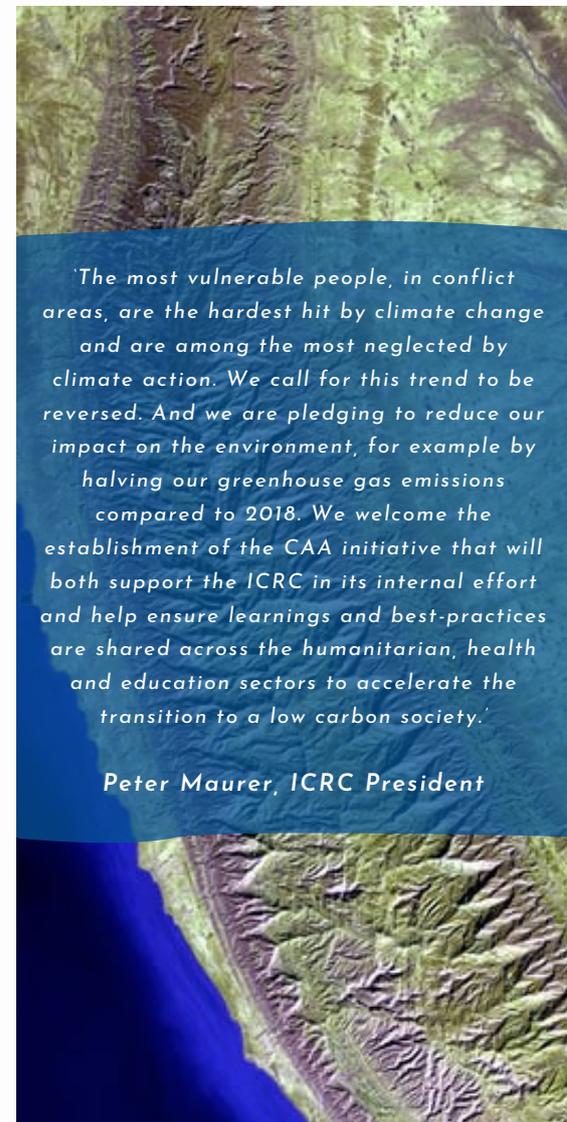
Share

Build a global community of practice, sharing know-how, tools and sustainable solutions for climate action as an open access universal good (Creative Commons).

As key players on the frontline of human impacts of climate change, their example can inspire many others, in high-emitting and developing countries.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Groupe URD, the Terre des Hommes Switzerland/Schweiz and Non-Violent Peaceforce are among the 10 organisations that have already joined the Climate Action Accelerator and have committed to take action.

Together, they represent an operational budget of 3 billion euros.



The most vulnerable people, in conflict areas, are the hardest hit by climate change and are among the most neglected by climate action. We call for this trend to be reversed. And we are pledging to reduce our impact on the environment, for example by halving our greenhouse gas emissions compared to 2018. We welcome the establishment of the CAA initiative that will both support the ICRC in its internal effort and help ensure learnings and best-practices are shared across the humanitarian, health and education sectors to accelerate the transition to a low carbon society.

Peter Maurer, ICRC President

Within the next 3 years, the Climate Action Accelerator aims to mobilise at least 100 organisations across the globe.

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