



Climate Action Accelerator

WHO WE ARE

The Climate Action Accelerator, a non-for-profit initiative, aims to mobilise a critical mass of community organisations in order to scale up climate solutions, contain global warming below 2°C and avoid the risk of dangerous runaway climate change.



The aim is to help shift the **aid, health and research/training sectors** towards a radical transformation of their practices, pursuing emissions reduction targets (-50% by 2030) and a 'net zero' trajectory, in line with the Paris Agreement.

PARTNERS ON BOARD

So far, **25 organisations** have joined The Climate Action Accelerator and pledged to take action.



The Accelerator has joined the **UNFCCC Race to Zero campaign**, integrating our partner organisations into the global race to a resilient net-zero future.

OBJECTIVES

EMPOWER

Empower emblematic organisations to at least halve their emissions by 2030, through a "one-stop-shop" support service

CHAMPION

Transform them into champions of change within their networks, able to influence their ecosystems

COMMUNITY

Build a global community of action, sharing climate solutions as a free universal good, in order to scale up their implementation

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CONTEXT

The latest IPCC report affirms that our dependence on fossil fuels is responsible for the current 1.1°C increase in temperature, which is causing record droughts, wildfires and floods that are affecting communities worldwide. The way to achieve the goal laid out in the Paris Agreement and limit global warming to 1.5°C – 2°C above pre-industrial levels is by halving our emissions by 2030 and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

To date, climate action has been primarily driven by a mix of top-down policy efforts on the supply side, bottom-up citizen movements and coalitions of large cities and companies.

There remains a big untapped potential in civil society organisations, hospitals, schools and universities, whose audiences and trend-setting potentials, beyond their contributions to total GHG emissions, have been largely overlooked. We must mobilise these sectors too, and leverage on fast-spreading processes of change to rapidly achieve the scope and scale of the global decarbonisation required.

In particular, the initiative aims to help implement the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.

KEY ADDED VALUE

OPERATIONALISING SUPPORT

An expert resource centre, providing science-based targets (in absolute reduction terms), including roadmaps and monitoring.

REPLICATING COMMITMENTS

Partners benefit from increased public engagement and visibility. Commitment also entails the enrolment and onboarding of others, contributing to a domino effect.

MULTISECTORAL COMMUNITY

Partners enjoy cross fertilisation of ideas and solutions between mission-focused sectors, inspiring a larger mimetic effect.

A COMMON GOOD

All our partners benefit from and contribute to an open-source digital platform, sharing climate solutions and experiences.

CLIMATE ACTION ACCELERATOR'S PRINCIPLES

- Co-construction
- Collaboration in a community of action
- Solutions and action-oriented approach
- Tailored to the needs
- Cross-sectoral
- Dedicated to sustainable development

OUR FUNDING



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The Climate Action Accelerator's funding come from various sources:

- The organisations that join our initiative:
 - They sign three-year partnerships with us that include unearmarked contributions. These help us build catered roadmaps and develop generic solutions.
- International and national institutions:
 - ECHO, The Crisis and Support Centre of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France (CDCS), The German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), The City of Geneva, The Republic and Canton of Geneva and the Swiss Confederation.
- We also seek to build strategic partnerships with a few select foundations.

We are seeking additional support for:

- **Supporting national actors in South East Asia and Africa** to build and implement climate-resilient and low carbon roadmaps
- **A capacity building programme** enabling dozens of organisations per year to develop and implement their own climate roadmaps
- **Mobilising UN agencies and funders to adopt ambitious reduction plans and funding policies**
- **Delivering climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable hospitals** in low-income country contexts

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