

# Your Path To Impact with Alliances for Climate Action

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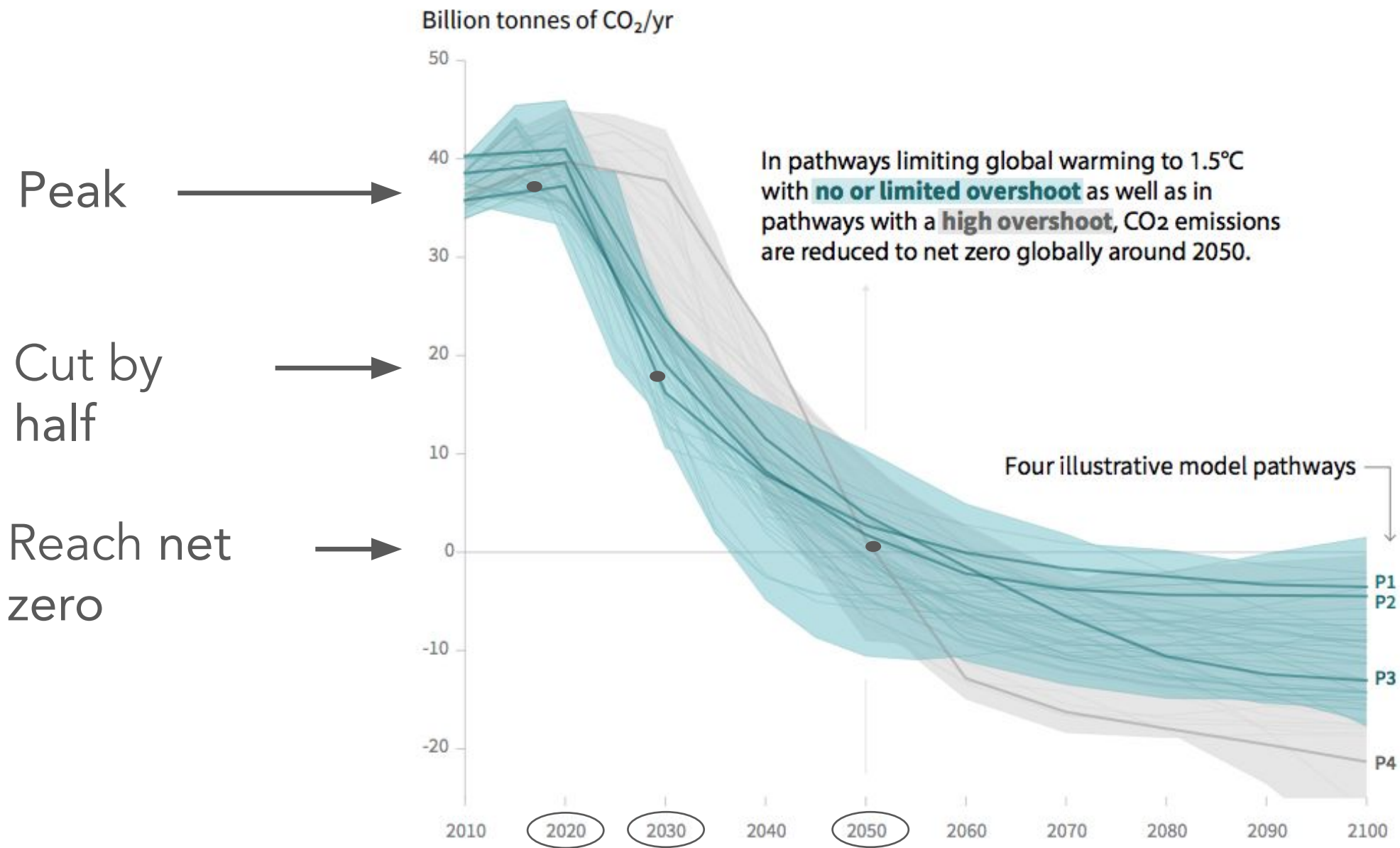
**Changing** by Alisa Singer

*"As we witness our planet transforming around us we watch, listen, measure ...  
respond."*

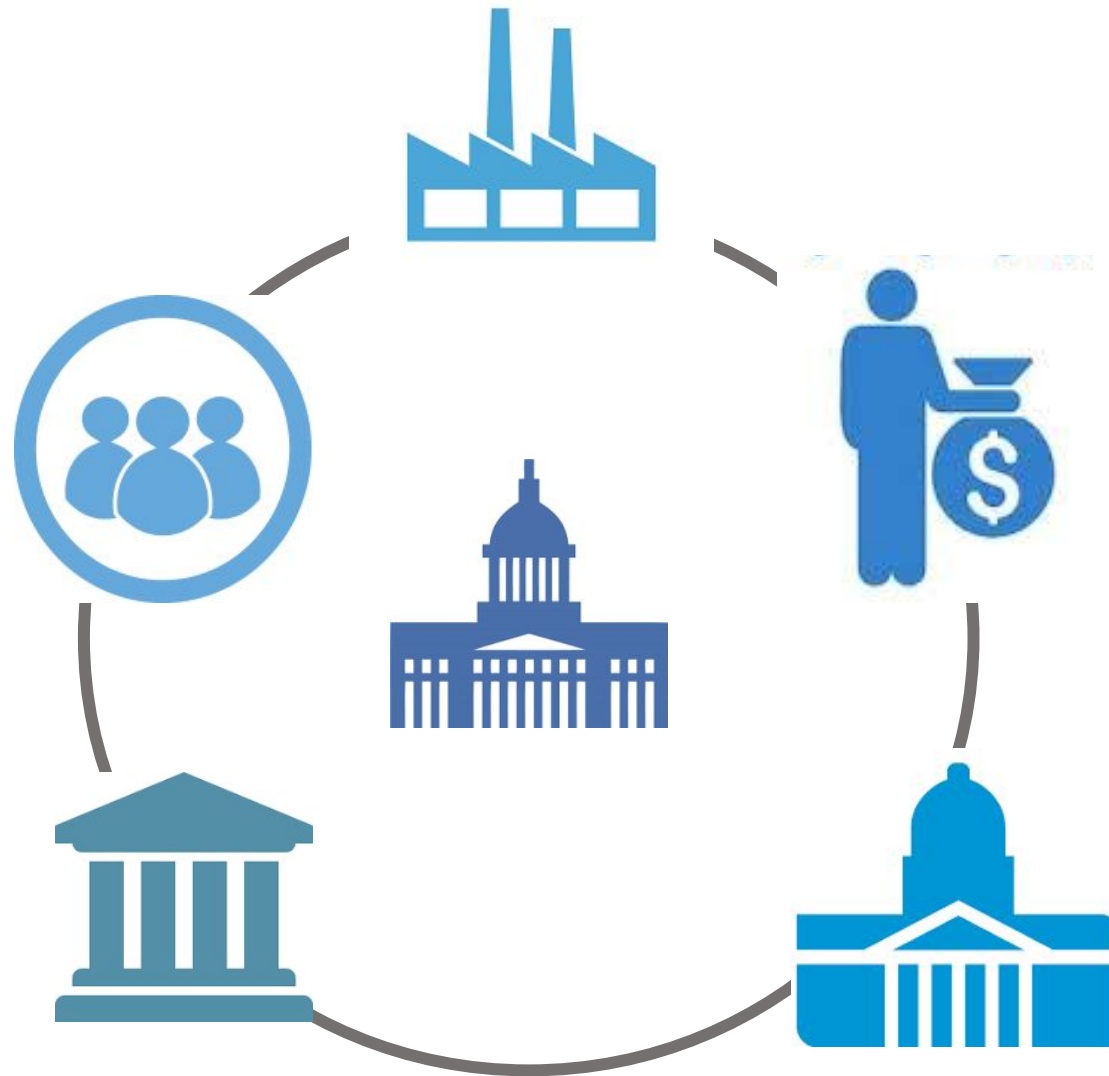
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# The Net-Zero-Carbon Transition Challenge



# Subnational & Non-State Actors' Role in Net-Zero-Carbon Future

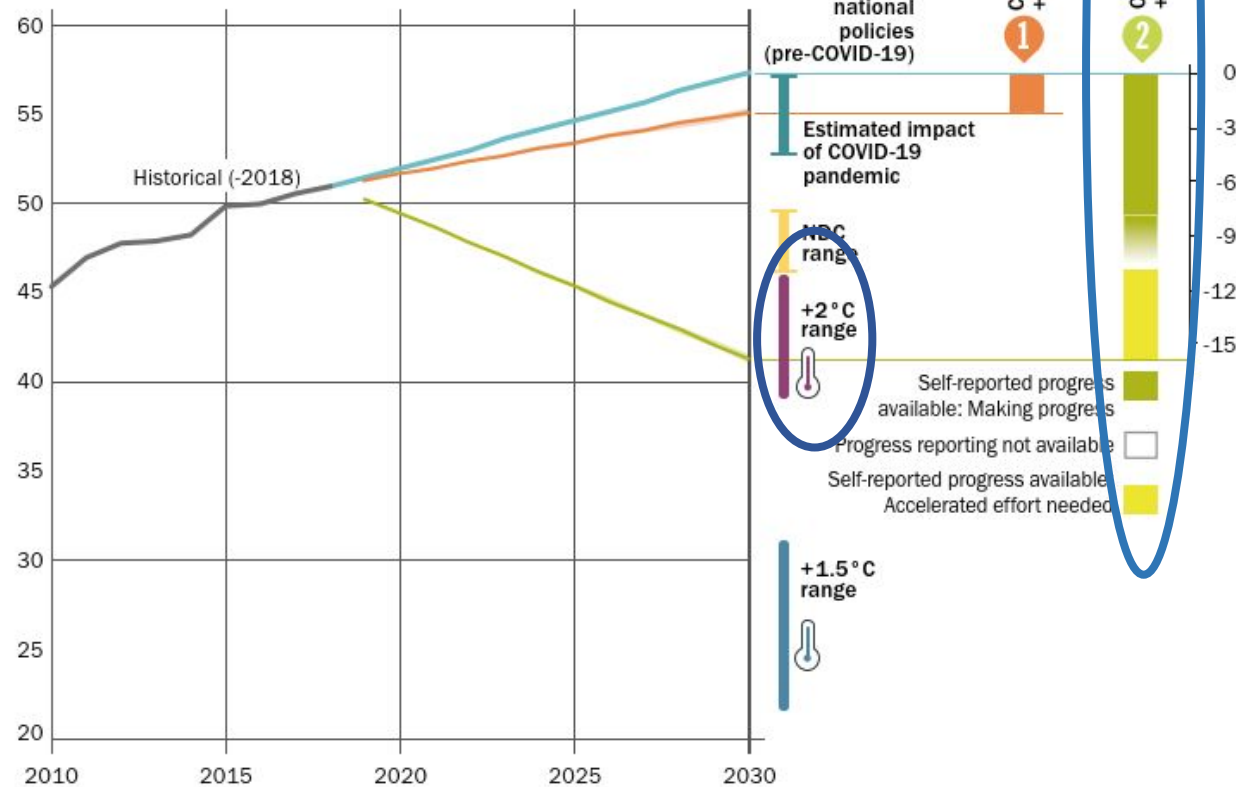


**SNSA**

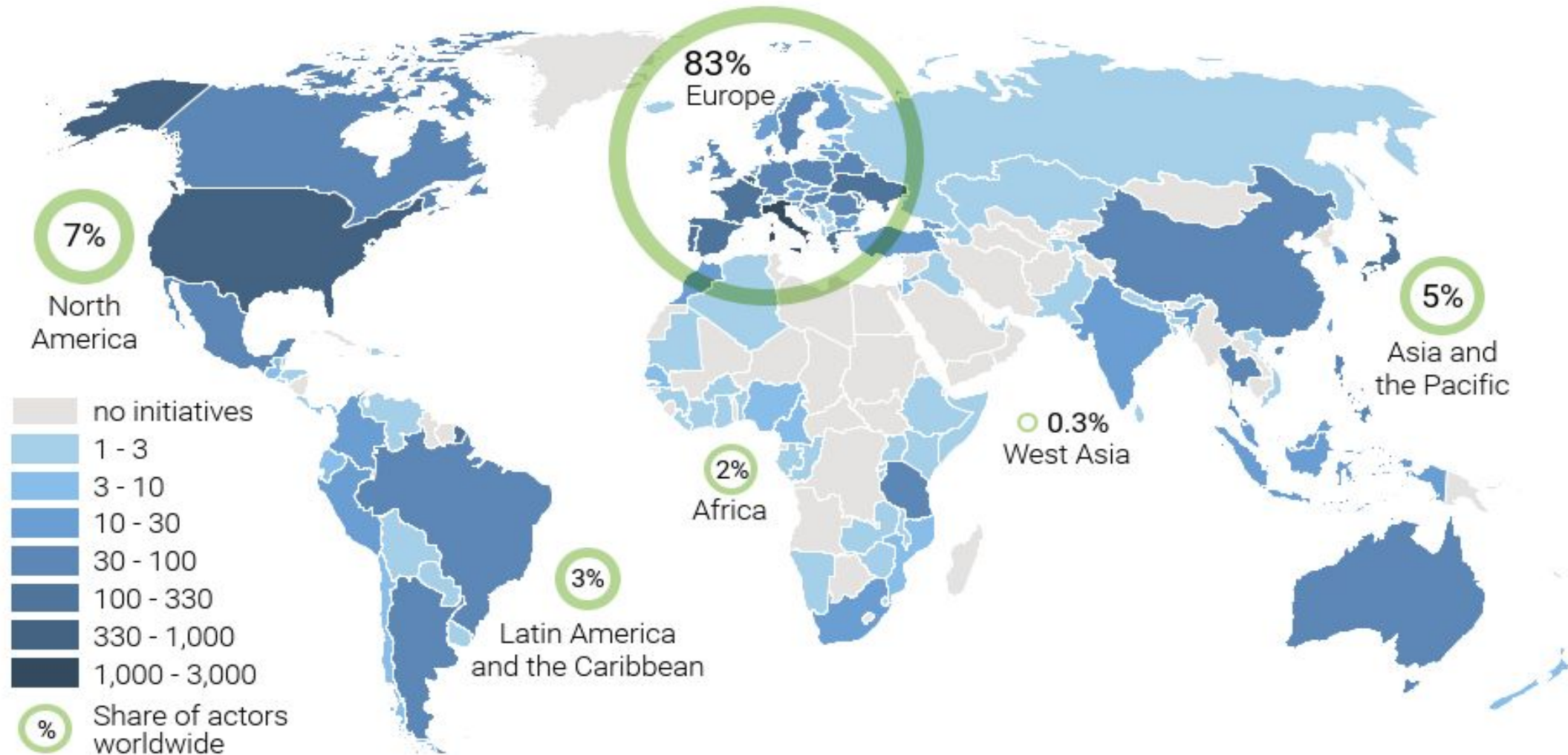
# Significant Potential of SNSA Commitments

The NDC scenario projections for 2030 (average of high and low estimates) are taken from Climate Action Tracker analysis and include recent 2030 target announcements that are not officially submitted to the UNFCCC as of May 2021. Indicative post-COVID CNP scenario projections are taken from Climate Action Tracker and do not consider any announcement of economic recovery measures. 2°C (in 2100, 66% chance) and 1.5°C (in 2100, 66% chance) pathways are taken from UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2020.

Global GHG emissions incl. LULUCF (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/year)



# SNSA Engagement at National Level Lags Behind



# Barriers at Domestic Level



Not enough non-state actors taking climate action



Only few non-state actors publicly championing net-zero-carbon future



Siloed non-state actors with limited political impact



An offshore wind turbine stands in the ocean under a dramatic sunset sky with orange and purple clouds. The turbine is white with a yellow base. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow.

# Alliances for Climate Action

Powerful, diverse national coalitions of subnational and non-state actors driving climate action and higher ambition to deliver the socio-economic transition in their countries in line with 1.5°C and net-zero by 2050

# ACA Pathways for Change

Climate Action



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Public Engagement



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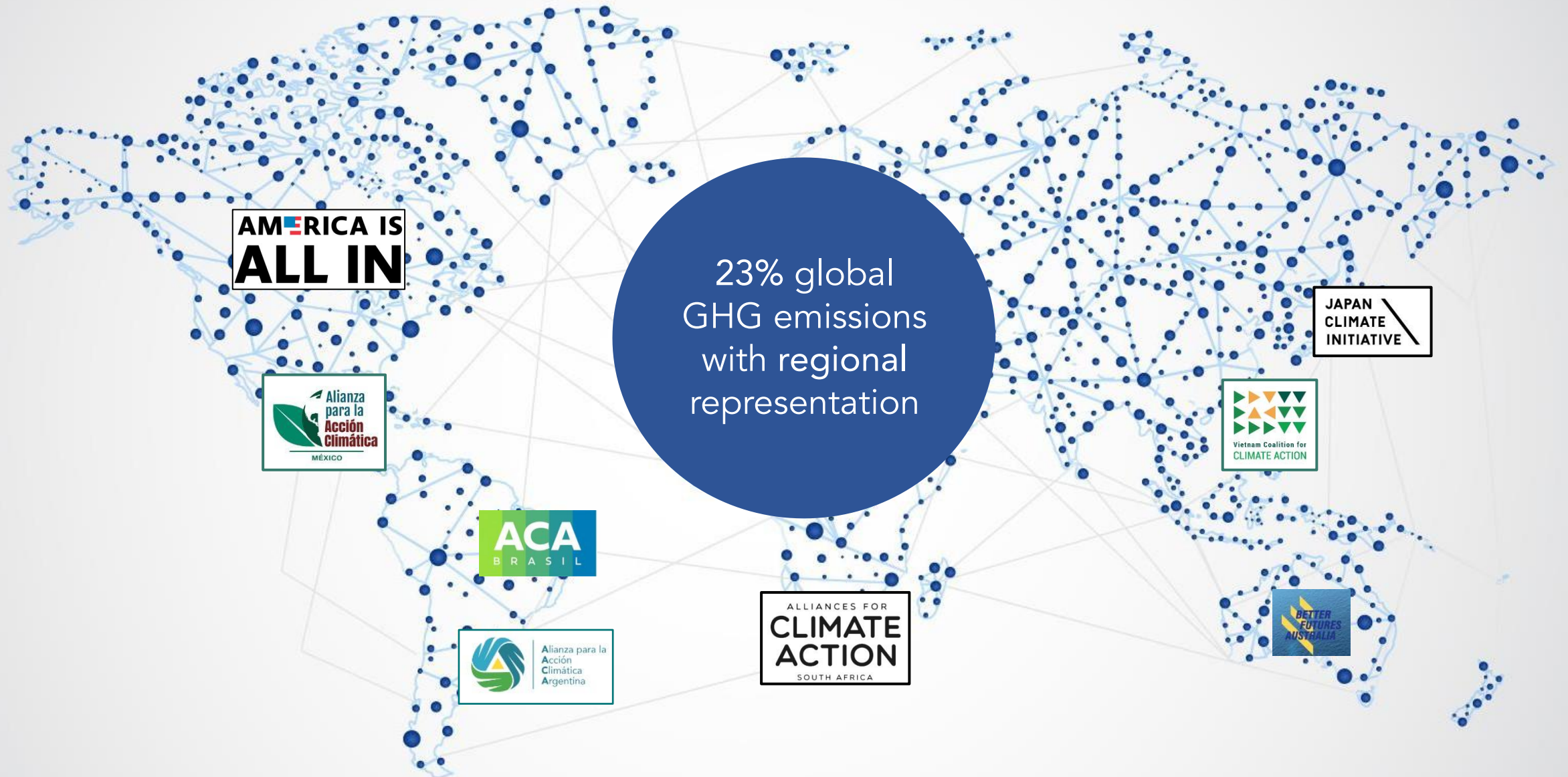
Climate Advocacy



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# ACA National Alliances

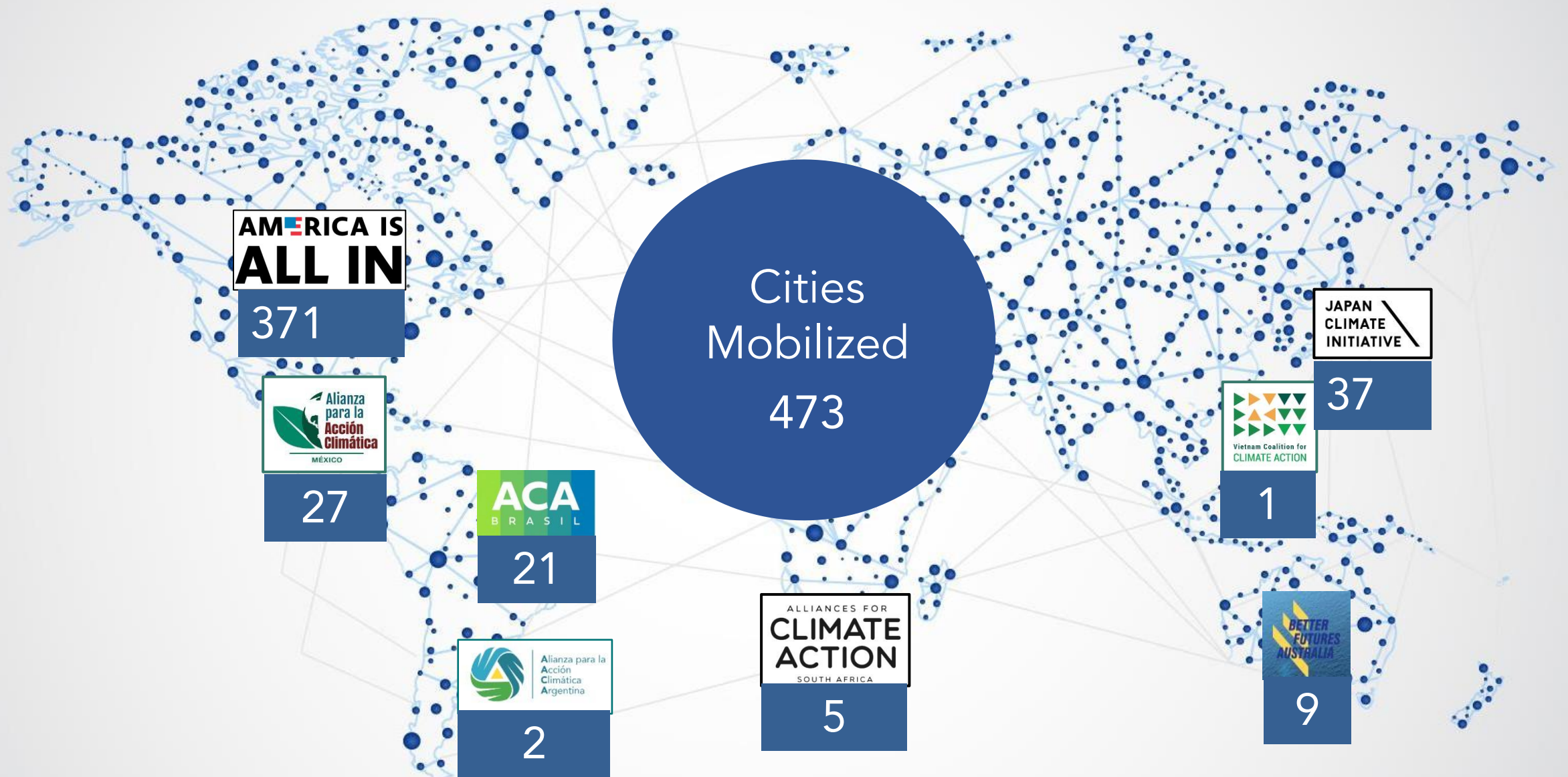


# ACA Partners and Signatories





# City Signatories Across National Alliances





# ACA Principles & Minimum Criteria for Entry



Credibility:  
lead by example  
(climate action +  
policy advocacy)



Transparency:  
Disclose  
Publicly

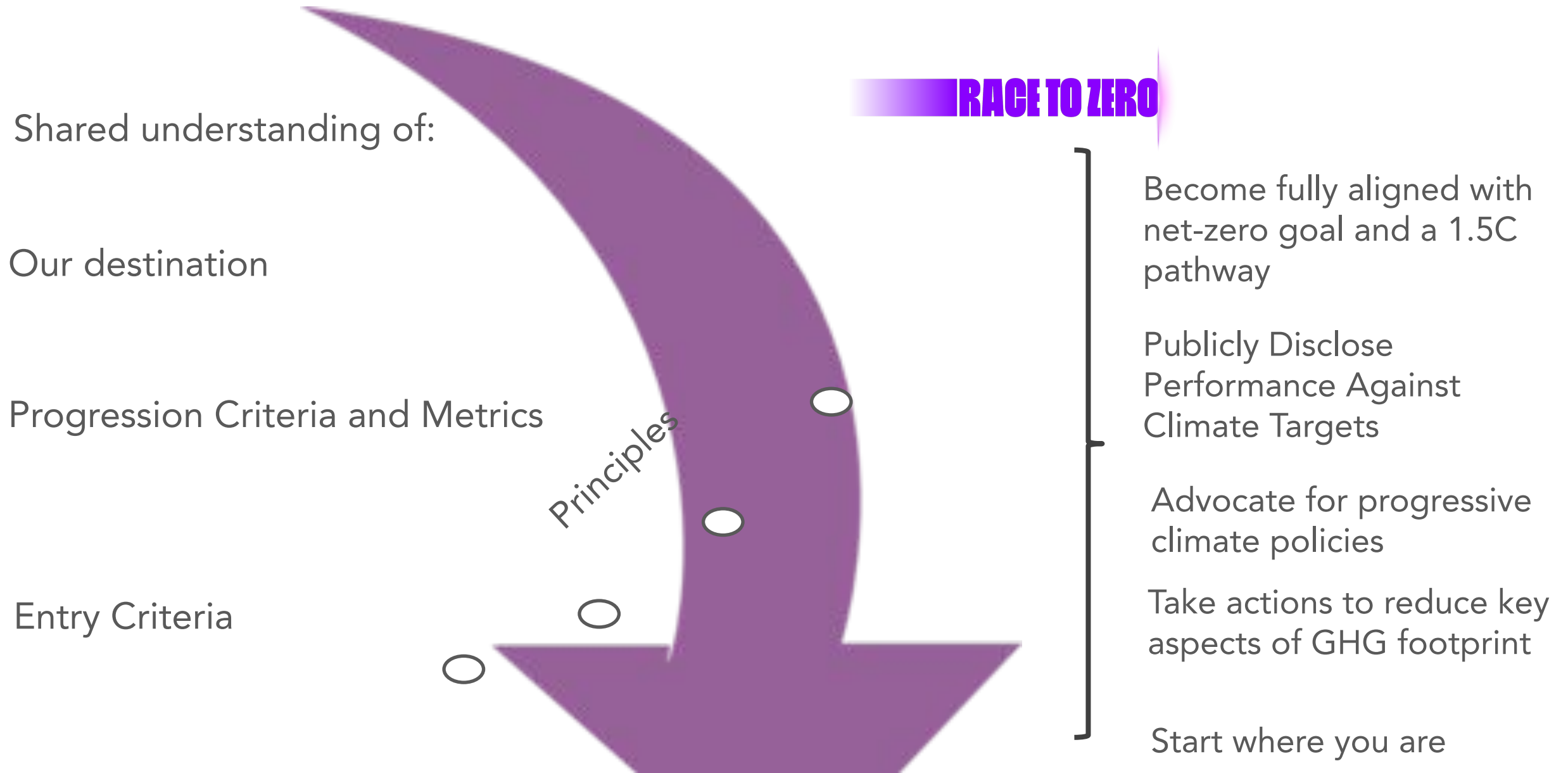


Collaboration:  
work with peers  
+ other  
constituencies  
as part of  
national alliance



Progressivity:  
do more over  
time to align  
with 1.5C

# ACA Signatory Journey to 1.5C



# **RACING FOR A HEALTHY RECOVERY**



**RACE TO ZERO**



# What is Race to Zero?

Race to Zero is the **UN-backed global campaign** rallying non-state actors across the global economy to **take rigorous and immediate action to halve global emissions by 2030** and deliver a healthier, fairer zero carbon world in time.

All members are committed to the same overarching goal: **reducing emissions across all scopes swiftly and fairly in line with the Paris Agreement**, with transparent action plans and robust near-term targets.



Nigel Topping



Gonzalo Muñoz

Led by the High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action – Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz – Race To Zero mobilizes actors outside of national governments to join the **Climate Ambition Alliance**.

# Race to Zero Criteria

## 1. PLEDGE

Pledge to **reach (net)-zero as soon as possible** and set an interim target for your fair share of 50% reduction **by 2030**.

## 2. PLAN

Within 12 months of joining, **explain what actions will be taken** for achieving both interim and longer-term pledges

## 3. PROCEED

Take **immediate, meaningful action** consistent with the short and long term targets specified.

## 4. PUBLISH

**Report progress annually** by publishing against your targets on a public platform.

### ALL SCOPES

*Targets must cover all GHG emissions:*

- 1. Including Scope 3 for businesses and investors*
- 2. Including all territorial emissions for cities and regions*

### RESIDUAL EMISSIONS

1. Offsets are not included in the calculation of emissions reduction
2. Any neutralization of residual emissions must transition to permanent, like-for-like removals.
3. Encourage immediate contributions to the preservation and restoration of natural sinks.

### LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES

Seek to enable all actors to contribute to the global transition toward net zero through engagement, information sharing, access to finance, and capacity building. Develop pledges, plans, and actions in consideration of equity, drawing on, inter alia, the Sustainable Development Goals and Articles 2 and 4 of the Paris Agreement.

# Who's in the Race?

The objective is to **build momentum** around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26. This will send governments **a resounding signal** that business, cities, regions and investors are **united** in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more **inclusive and resilient economy**.

800

Cities

31

Regions

3,067

Businesses

173

Investors

624

Education

37

Healthcare

15%

Global  
economy

7%

Total CO2  
emissions

0.62

Billion  
people



# ... And who will be by COP26?

**30%**

Global  
economy

**25%**

Total CO2  
emissions

**30%**

Global  
population

Media coverage  
in  
**every UN  
Nation**

**40%**  
Uptake in  
**Global South**

At least  
**20%**  
coverage in  
each sector

Prompt ratcheting  
of at least  
**40 NDCs**

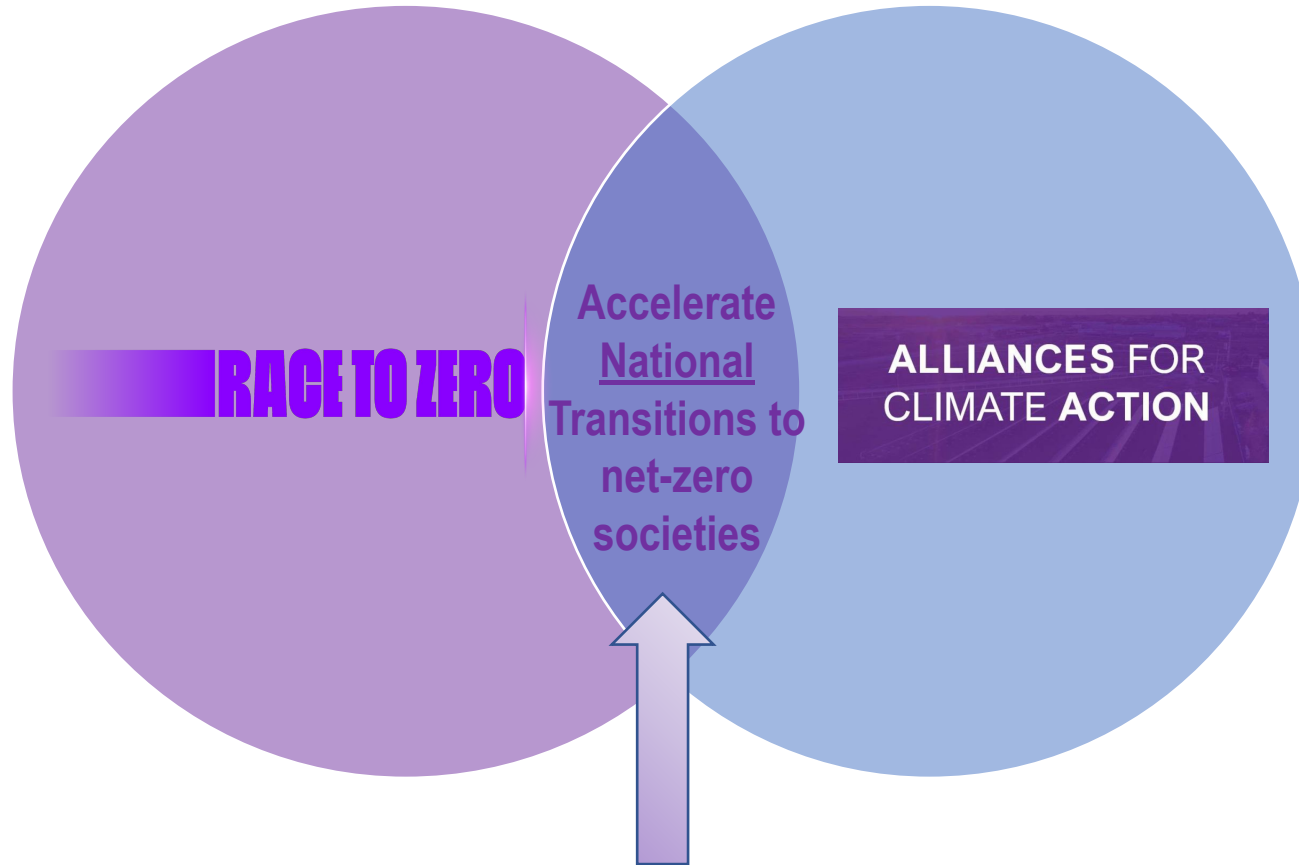
Prompt net zero enshrined  
in law in a further  
**25 countries**

# Who are our partners?

Race to Zero is an exercise in **radical collaboration**, **uniting net zero commitments** from a range of leading networks and initiatives:

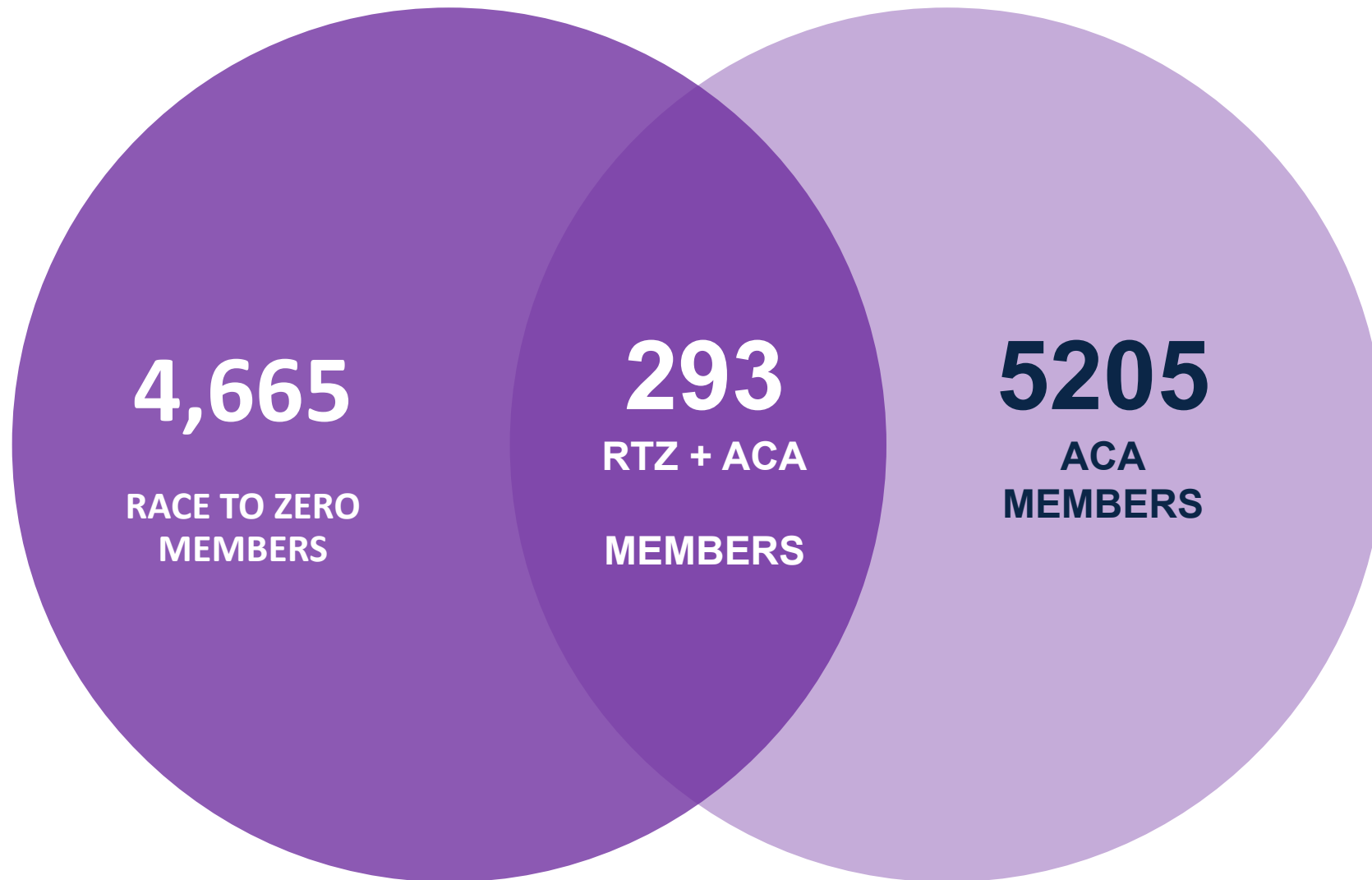


# ACA x Race to Zero



# Overlap between RTZ and ACA Members

## Members



Source: (Internal) Race to Zero Masterlist (June 2021)

**19**  
ARGENTINA

**56**  
BRAZIL

**656**  
JAPAN

**144**  
MEXICO

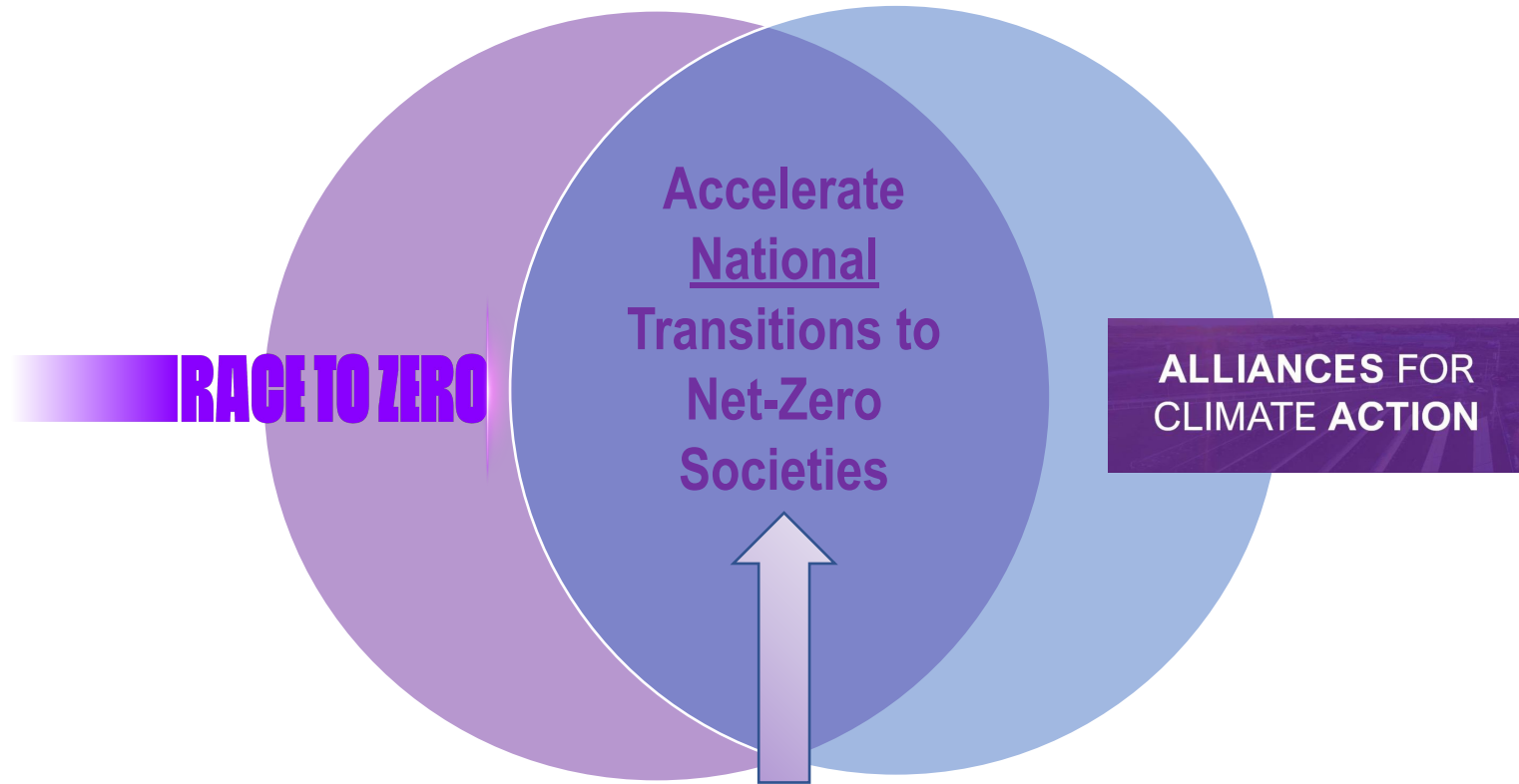
**25**  
SOUTH AFRICA

**4258**  
UNITED STATES

**43**  
VIET NAM



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# Your City's Path to Impact



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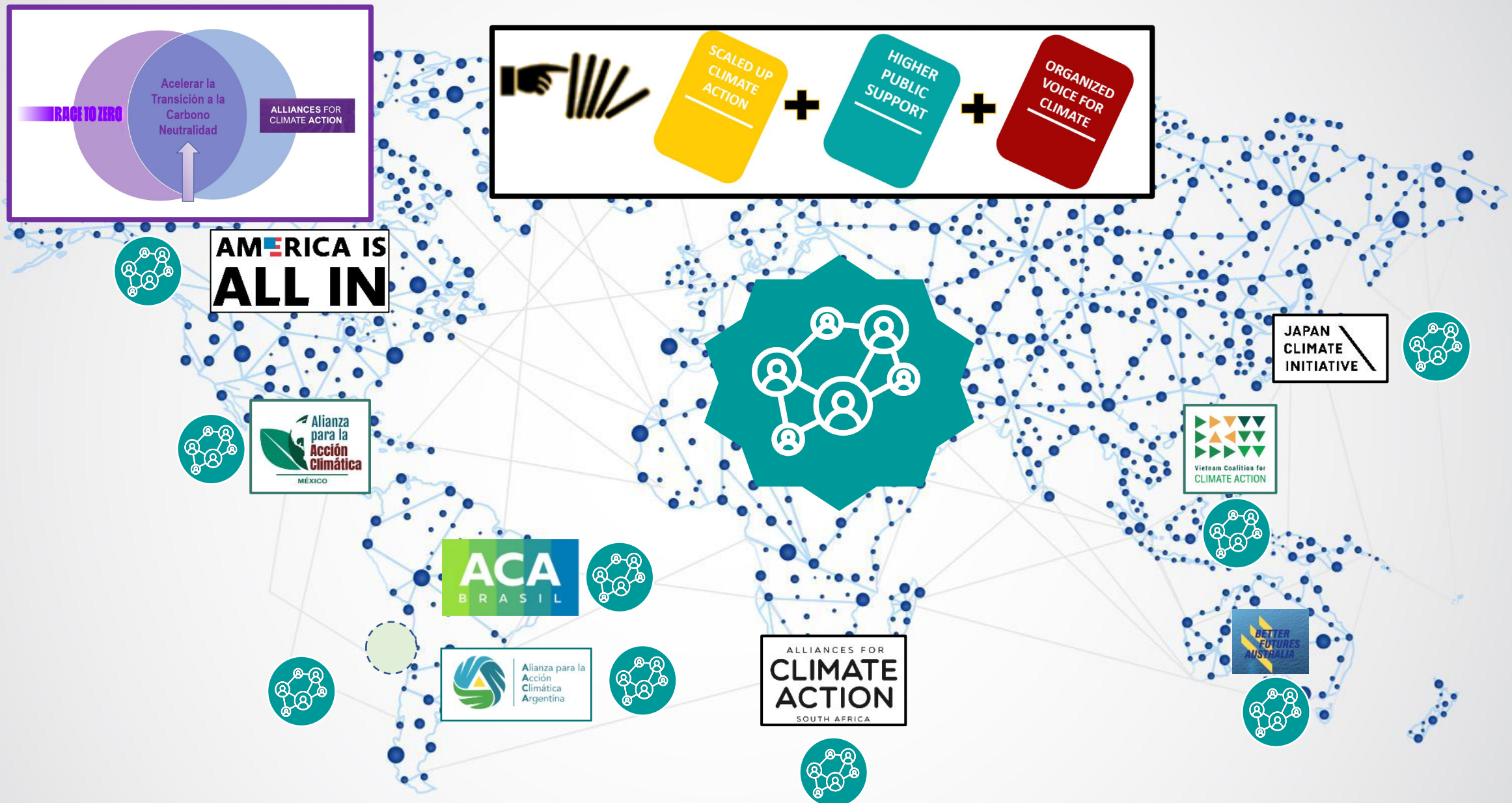
Race to Zero = "North Star"

Credibility and  
Transparency

Annually Report on  
Emissions Targets &  
Reductions



# ACA: Strengthening the Ecosystem of Climate Action towards Net Zero







# Thank you

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