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

In pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot, as well as in pathways with a high overshoot, CO₂ emissions are reduced to net zero globally around 2050.

Peaks, cut by half, and reach net zero.
Subnational & Non-State Actors’ Role in Net-Zero-Carbon Future
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.

Source: New Climate Institute et al. (2021)
SNSA Engagement at National Level Lags Behind

Source: Hsu et al. (2018)
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
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

23% global GHG emissions with regional representation
ACA Partners and Signatories

**Global Partners**
- 860+ companies
- $16.9 T market
- Global disclosure system for non-state actors

**National Partners**
- 220 Subnational governments
- 1.3 B people
- 1300 NGOs

**Signatories**
- 90+ cities
- 650 M people
- 25% global GDP

**>> 6,000 SNSAs mobilized**

- Foundation with broad network of non-state actors in Latin America
- Ground presence in 100 countries with global brand

- Partnerships across constituencies

- Partners and Signatories

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City Signatories Across National Alliances

- America Is All In: 371
- Alliance para la Acción Climática: 27
- ACA Brasil: 21
- Alliance para la Acción Climática Argentina: 2
- Alliances for Climate Action: 5
- Japan Climate Initiative: 37
- Better Futures Australia: 9

Total Cities Mobilized: 473
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
Share understanding of:
- Our destination
- Progression Criteria and Metrics

Principles

- Advocate for progressive climate policies
- Publicly disclose performance against climate targets
- Take actions to reduce key aspects of GHG footprint
- Start where you are
- Become fully aligned with net-zero goal and a 1.5C pathway

ACA Signatory Journey to 1.5C
RACING FOR A HEALTHY RECOVERY
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.

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.

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**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.
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**.

### Who’s in the Race?

- **Cities**: 800
- **Regions**: 31
- **Businesses**: 3,067
- **Investors**: 173
- **Education**: 624
- **Healthcare**: 37

- **Global economy**: 15%
- **Total CO2 emissions**: 7%
- **Billion people**: 0.62
... And who will be by COP26?

- **30%** Global economy
- **25%** Total CO2 emissions
- **30%** Global population

- Media coverage in every UN Nation
- Uptake in Global South: **40%**

- 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

Accelerate National Transitions to net-zero societies

ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION
Overlap between RTZ and ACA Members

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Source: (Internal) Race to Zero Masterlist (June 2021)
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Race to Zero = “North Star”
ACA: Strengthening the Ecosystem of Climate Action towards Net Zero
Thank you

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