

ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION



Alianza para la Acción Climática Chile launches to mobilize non-state and subnational actors to accelerate Chile's climate action

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A new national alliance of Chilean cities, businesses, academia and civil society --Alianza para la Acción Climática Chile--launches at COP26 in Glasgow to mobilize bold climate action and collaboration to pursue carbon neutrality in Chile by 2050.

Alianza para la Acción Climática Chile (ACA Chile) launches today at COP26 in Glasgow with 27 subnational and non-state institutions. These signatories are committed to promoting the implementation of science-based actions with local and regional benefits to support the delivery of Chile's national climate targets.

Today, Chile joins *Alliances for Climate Action*, the global network of national multi-stakeholder alliances from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, the United States and Vietnam. These national alliances represent over 6,000 subnational and non-state institutions committed to supporting the delivery and further enhancement of their countries' climate goals through climate action, policy advocacy and public support. They are present in countries that together account for over 23 percent of global greenhouse emissions.

National governments have a critical role to play through their long-term signals, policies and investments. Regional, state and local governments, the private sector, academic, faith and cultural institutions, civil society organizations and so many others are also essential to addressing the climate crisis.

ACA Chile signatories are committed to: pursuing carbon neutrality by 2050 within the framework of Chile's carbon budget and their sector; elevating, coordinating, and monitoring visible climate action commitments; and promoting the implementation of science-based adaptation and mitigation actions, with local and regional benefits in Latin America, to accelerate the delivery of Chile's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. In addition, signatories commit to champion public policies that help meet Chile's NDC.

signatories of ACA-Chile represent leading cities, companies, universities, associations and civil society organizations in the country, including the Sustainable Campus Network, the Chilean Association of Municipalities, the Chilean Association of NGOs, the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago and the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago, and a range of local business and civil society

organizations . ACA Chile has also partnered closely with Gonzalo Muñoz, High-Level Champion for COP25, to deepen subnational climate action in Chile.

Addressing the audience at the ACA-Chile launch event at COP26 in Glasgow today, **Claudio Castro, Mayor of Renca, said**, "From our municipality, we are very happy to join this new alliance, together with WWF. Our objective is to be able to work with companies, civil society, universities and local governments to articulate the challenges and take concrete, urgent and definitive measures to face climate change. ACA-Chile will allow us to push the central government to go faster in all the actions needed to hit our goals."

Gonzalo Muñoz, COP25 UN High Level Climate Action Champion, said, "ACA-Chile will play a key role in unifying the voices of the academia, civil society, businesses, the financial sector, and of course subnational governments such as cities and municipalities. Together we can not only identify the barriers, but realize the domestic opportunities that we have in Chile to move forward more quickly."

WWF Global Lead for Climate and Energy, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, said, "This is the time of delivery, and subnational efforts have a key part to play in efforts to address the climate crisis. It's impressive to see so many subnational actors in Chile ready to work together and with their national government to accelerate an inclusive and credible net-zero transition, and join their counterpart multi-stakeholder alliances across the globe to keep 1.5°C within reach."

Louise de Sousa, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Chile, said, "As the British Embassy in Chile, we are delighted to support the creation and launch of the Alliance for Climate Action in Chile, which is a new step in the already fruitful and extensive climate collaboration between Chile and the United Kingdom. COP26 has shown that if we work together the chances of success are significantly increased and initiatives like the ACA are an instrument in that direction. We have seen during the development of COP26 as world leaders, countries and other actors have made a number of commitments to keep the 1.5 degrees within reach, but at the same time, it is essential to take that framework of macro action and adapt it/ translate? to local realities. involving diverse actors from all over society to operationalize and implement actions at the territory level. As the Chair of COP26, the United Kingdom is ready and ready to support this challenge."

Arno Wicki, Ambassador of Switzerland to Chile, said, "Congratulations to WWF Chile for promoting this initiative that seeks to engage all non-state actors in climate action. It is essential to articulate and cooperate with all sectors to collectively address the challenges of climate change. In addition, the Ambassador is convinced of the value of this initiative, which is part of the long-term environmental cooperation between Switzerland and Chile."

WWF Chile's director, Ricardo Bosshard, said, "With the urgency of the climate crisis, building these bridges is imperative. Only in this way, will we be able to accelerate national transitions in line with 1.5°C and zero emissions by 2050. The task is not easy, but based on the best available scientific knowledge and with a broad collaboration of various actors, we will be able to push forward the necessary efforts to tackle climate change and build resilient societies. Therefore, as WWF is part of the Alliance for Climate Action Chile, we are filled with enthusiasm and hope to be able to live up to this great national and planetary challenge, driving a transition that, with the help of all, can be unstoppable."

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ABOUT ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Alianza para la Acción Climática Chile (ACA Chile) is part of Alliances for Climate Action (ACA), 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 Chile is joining ACA partners in countries across the world, including the US, Japan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, and Vietnam. 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, the We Mean Business Coalition, together with leading national organizations.

For more information about Alliances for Climate Action

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