



# ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD A NET-ZERO CARBON FUTURE. OCTOBER 2021

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## OUR CHALLENGE

Human-induced climate change is real, it is happening now, and it affects us all – from the poles to the tropics, and from the mountains to the oceans. We all have a part to play in addressing this urgent problem. *And it is urgent.*

We have a small window of opportunity to transform the global economy, so that global emissions are cut in half by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. The science is clear and paints an alarming picture of what lies ahead if countries don't step up. Fortunately, the science is also clear on the actions required and, together, we have the resources and technology to make the necessary changes.

While the Paris Agreement gave the world hope that humanity can address the global climate challenge, national governments cannot solve the climate crisis alone. More bottom-up climate action is urgently needed to accelerate nationally-determined processes of transition towards zero-carbon climate-resilient societies. "Crowding in" more businesses, local government leaders and many others at the national level is essential to implement current national pledges and advocate for more ambitious ones.

## DOMESTIC BARRIERS

Unifying subnational actors at the national level faces three main barriers. First, there is still a limited number of businesses, investors, subnational and local governments, academic institutions and civil society groups focused on climate action, public awareness and advocacy in most countries. Second, domestic climate champions have not been publicly visible about their work, nor vocal about the urgency and opportunity of the zero-carbon transition within their countries. Third, subnational and non-state actors have tended to step up either individually or along constituency lines (e.g. businesses with businesses, cities with cities, etc.). This siloed approach has limited their impact.

Well-organized, influential and credible multi-stakeholder coalitions in support of climate action do not exist in most countries and are critical to creating both strong market signals and political space to speed up the zero-carbon transition.

# BOLD, INNOVATIVE SOLUTION

Delivering on the Paris Agreement will require the full mobilization of the world community. Alliances for Climate Action (ACA) seeks to nurture a new form of climate leadership and realize global ambition locally by articulating domestic constituencies of business, local government, academic and civil society leaders in key countries around the world into national multi-stakeholder coalitions committed to driving the net-zero carbon transition in their countries.

## THE POWER OF ALLIANCES

While each domestic alliance is designed to fit the individual country's national circumstances, they share key common attributes. **Each national alliance reaches out and convenes subnational and non-state actors to:**



### CLIMATE ACTION RAMP

Encourage subnational and non-state actors to take on new commitments, and collaborate with each other to implement their current commitments and pursue more ambitious ones;



### ORGANIZED VOICE

Support coordinated engagement with the national government to accelerate the implementation of current commitments, and leverage domestic opportunities for higher ambition in the form of revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies (LTS); and



### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

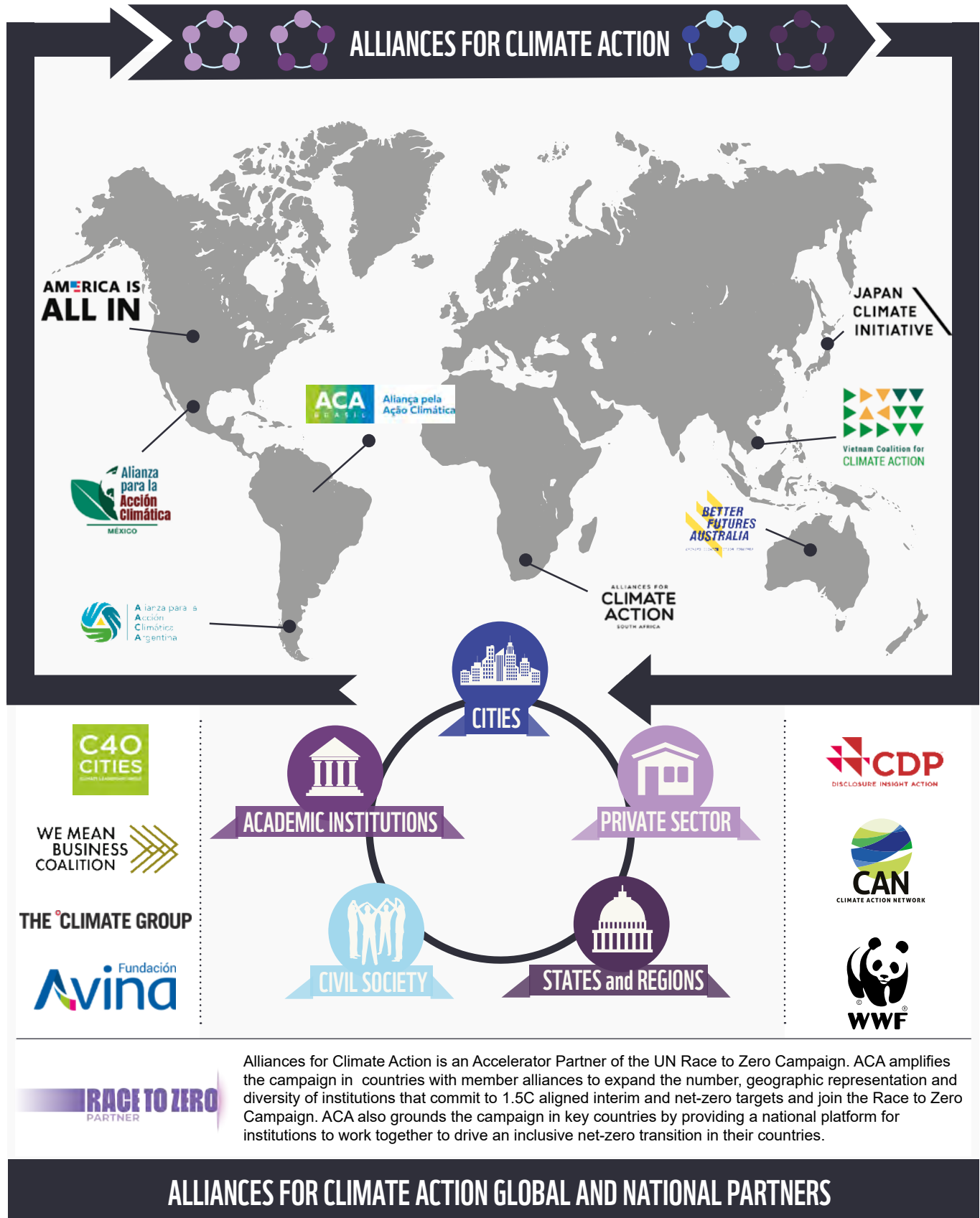
Jointly articulate the urgency and opportunity of transitioning to net-zero carbon climate-resilient economy in nationally-specific terms, to inspire confidence in national governments and the public that their countries can do more.

As a global Network, Alliances for Climate Action connects member alliances to broaden and deepen the collective knowledge and capacity for collaborative climate work. As this shared knowledge grows, it is encouraging further creativity and innovation in climate action.

The Alliances also come together on the global stage to showcase the actions that their members are taking, inspire more climate action across the world and encourage national governments to be more ambitious.

# PARTNERS

ACA global partners include **C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group**, **CDP**, the **Climate Action Network**, **Fundación Avina**, **The Climate Group**, the **We Mean Business Coalition** and **WWF** (global coordinator), working together with leading organizations at the national level.



# MEMBER ALLIANCES



## **Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina (ACAA)** ARGENTINA

Argentina's alliance brings together local and provincial governments, states, companies, banks, higher education, farmers and civil society organizations committed to delivering and enhancing their country's climate goals. Together, they represent more than 13 million citizens and over 30% of the nation's economy.



## **Better Futures Australia (BFA)** AUSTRALIA

Better Futures Australia is a network of climate leaders from finance, business, resources, agriculture, health, faith communities, local and state governments, First Nations, unions, social services, the community sector and more. Committed to leading by example and working together to champion Australia's transition to net zero emissions before 2050, the coalition represents a network of climate champions, ambassadors and partners representing over seven million Australians and over \$218.8 billion in GDP.



## **Aliança pela Ação Climática (ACA-Brazil)** BRAZIL

Alliances for Climate Action-Brazil mobilizes Brazilian companies, investors, local and state authorities, religious entities, health care organizations, civil society organizations and youth to collectively halve emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality in Brazil by 2050.



## **Japan Climate Initiative (JCI)** JAPAN

The Japan Climate Initiative includes leading Japanese companies, SMEs, banks, local governments, universities, faith institutions, and civil society organizations. All are committed to realizing a decarbonized society in Japan. Together, they represent 35% of the country's population and emissions.



## **Alianza para la Acción Climática de México (ACA-MX)** MEXICO

The alliance of leading Mexican entities from the three largest metropolitan areas in the country—Guadalajara, Monterrey and Mexico City—have pledged to help the national government enhance the country's national climate goals. Together, they comprise leaders from state and local governments, companies, SMEs, universities and civil society organizations.



## **Alliance for Climate Action-South Africa (ACA-ZA)** SOUTH AFRICA

Alliances for Climate Action South Africa includes local governments, investors, and companies across South Africa that have come together to pursue an inclusive and resilient net-zero transition in their country by 2050.



## **America Is All In (AIAI)** UNITED STATES

Building on We Are Still In, the alliance mobilizes the whole-of-society to drive maximum effort from companies, investors, cities, states, governments, higher education, tribal nations, faith, health care, cultural institutions, and more to halve US emissions by 2030 and reach a healthy and equitable net zero emissions by 2050. The coalition represents 65% of the population, 68% of GDP, and 51% of U.S. emissions.



## **Viet Nam Coalition for Climate Action (VCCA)** VIET NAM

The Viet Nam Coalition for Climate Action brings together Vietnamese companies, banks, investors, subnational governments, higher education, and civil society organizations committed to delivering Viet Nam's national climate goals.





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