

# Information Session

**ACE & Children and Youth  
at SB 62 (16–26 June 2025)**

**26 May 2025**



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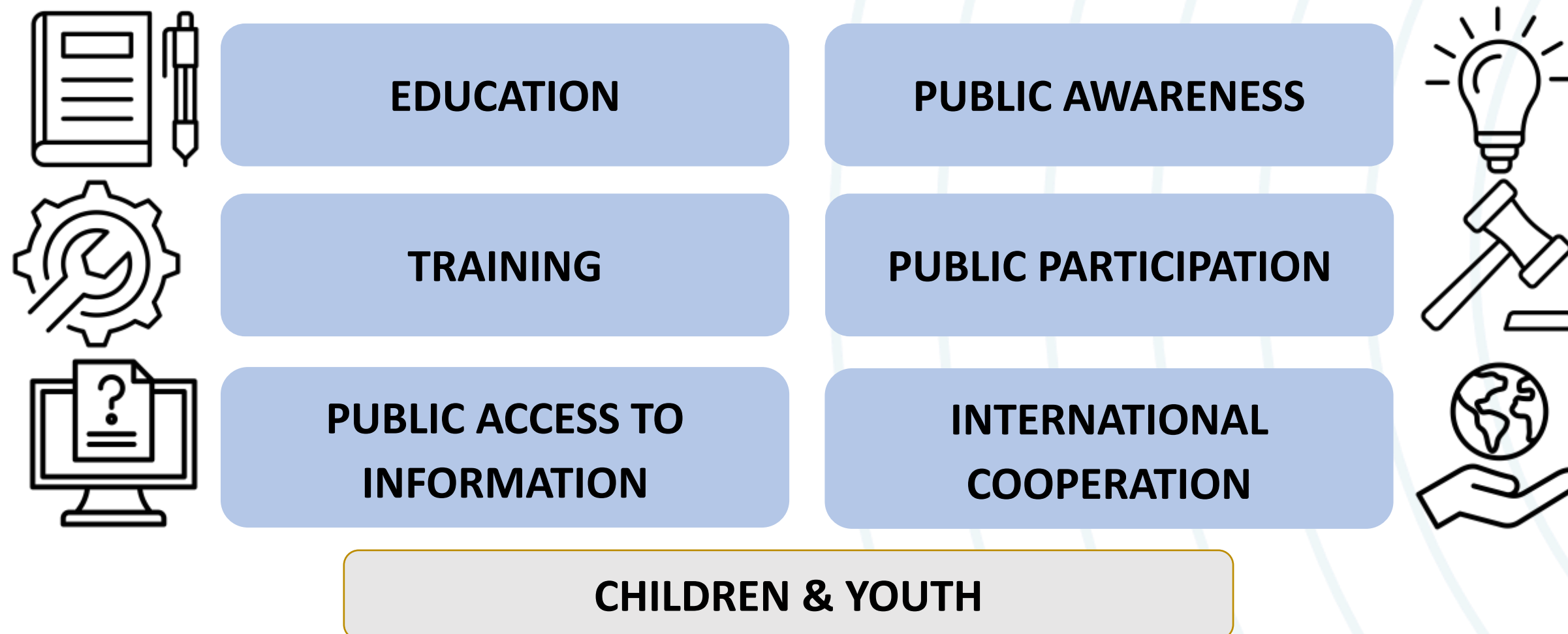


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# What is ACE?

## Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE):

- Refers to efforts related to implementing **Article 6 of the Convention** and **Article 12 of the Paris Agreement**.
- Plays a key role in promoting the changes in **systems, attitudes and behaviours** needed to foster sustainable development and manage the impacts of climate change.



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# Overview: ACE & Children and Youth at SB 62

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## Events contributing to the implementation of the Glasgow Work Programme on ACE and its Action Plan

ACE Dialogue

ACE Gallery

ACE Focal Points Academy

Youth Orientation Session

ACE Hub Youth Event

Yout4Capacity Sessions

# ACE Negotiations at COP29: Outcome

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## Matters relating to Action for Climate Empowerment:

- Noted with appreciation the **2023 and 2024 summary reports**
- Acknowledged with appreciation the significant contributions of **UN organizations and other stakeholders** in advancing the implementation of ACE through coordinated initiatives
- Noted the **compendium of good practices** for integrating ACE elements into nationally determined contributions.
- Requested the **ACE Presidency event** at COP30 to highlight the importance of sharing progress and challenges related to accessibility of tools and support, including financial and technical support, for ACE implementation.
- Invited Parties and non-Party stakeholders to **continue submitting information** on progress, challenges and improvements related to ACE implementation, including accessibility and availability of financial and technical support, for inclusion in the annual summary reports



# 2025 Annual Summary Report

The 2025 annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme on ACE will be published in September 2025.

## Open call for submissions

Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to submit information on progress, challenges and improvements related to ACE implementation, including accessibility and availability of financial and technical support, and any other information they deem relevant, in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme and its action plan



Submit via the **submission portal** (please type "Action for Climate Empowerment" or "ACE" in the search bar) by **15 July 2025**

# Mid-term Review at SB64

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## GLASGOW WORK PROGRAMME ON ACE

The SBI is requested to undertake a **midterm review of progress** at its 64<sup>th</sup> session (June 2026) of the Glasgow work programme **to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any consideration of improving the work programme**, as appropriate.

The secretariat is requested to:

- Prepare an **annual summary report** on progress in implementing activities under the Glasgow work programme;
- Prepare a **synthesis report** ahead of the midterm review on the integration of ACE into relevant reports and communications submitted by Parties to the secretariat as part of the UNFCCC process.



# ACE Dialogue 2025

The [Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to continue to hold **ACE Dialogues at its first regular session of each year** with the participation of Parties, representatives of relevant constituted bodies, and relevant experts, practitioners and stakeholders (Decision 18/CP.26, paragraph 11 (b))

## Policy Coherence

Recognizing that activities related to ACE are also carried out under **workstreams** that are part of the UNFCCC process, as well as under frameworks and processes of the United Nations system and in multiple sectors and strategies at the national level, the priority area of policy coherence has the aim of **strengthening coordination** of work under ACE.  
(Decision 18/CP.26, annex, paragraph 6)

## Coordinated Action

This priority area has the aim of continuing to build long-term, strategic, operational, multilevel, multi-stakeholder, intergenerational **partnerships** that bring together different expertise, resources and knowledge to accelerate ACE implementation  
(Decision 18/CP.26, annex, paragraph 9)



# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Policy Coherence in the GWP

Constituted bodies	Presidencies of COP/CMA	Secretariat, UN and IGO	Parties
Invited to include in their <b>regular reports</b> information on how ACE is implemented under their respective workstreams	Invited to convene an in-session event at each of their sessions focused on a thematic area relevant to the Convention and the Paris Agreement to promote coherence and strengthen coordination of work on ACE undertaken by constituted bodies and other United Nations entities and under other United Nations processes ( <b>ACE Presidency Event</b> )	Encouraged to strengthen their collaboration with a view to ensuring the <b>provision of coordinated support to Parties</b> for their activities related to ACE and avoiding duplication of work	Encouraged to strengthen the <b>integration of ACE into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action</b> , including by developing and implementing a national strategy that covers all six ACE elements  Encouraged to continue designating, assigning responsibilities to, and providing support, including technical and financial support, and access to information and materials to <b>national ACE focal points</b>

# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Policy Coherence in the AP

<b>A.1 Strengthening coordination of ACE work under the UNFCCC</b>	Ongoing	Secretariat	Secretariat will identify good practices for integrating the six ACE elements into the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and reporting thereon in the <b>annual summary report</b> under the Glasgow work programme	International
	SB 62 (June 2025)	Leading: secretariat Contributing: UNFCCC constituted bodies, including the FWG of the LCIPP, Parties, relevant organizations	Organizing a <b>joint session</b> with representatives of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and all work programmes under the UNFCCC at the ACE Dialogue to discuss ways of enhancing understanding of the role of children and youth and indigenous peoples in accelerating ACE implementation and promoting intergenerational knowledge-sharing in the context of their work	International
<b>A.2 Strengthening integration of ACE into the development and implementation of national climate policies, plans, strategies and action</b>	Ongoing	Secretariat	Identifying good practices for integrating the ACE elements into national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action, and reporting thereon in the <b>annual summary report</b> under the Glasgow work programme	
	SB 62 (June 2025)	Secretariat	Holding an <b>interactive workshop</b> at the ACE Dialogue in 2025 and also at the regional level prior to COP 31 (2026) on developing and implementing national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action using a clear, inclusive, intergenerational and gender-responsive approach	International Regional
	Ongoing	Relevant organizations	Facilitating voluntary <b>peer-to-peer exchanges</b> that serve to provide technical and substantive guidance to <b>national ACE focal points</b> for engaging in relevant national processes and policies, such as national ACE strategies, according to national circumstances	

# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Coordinated Action in the GWP

Partnerships	Parties
<p>Hold an annual in-session ACE dialogue that focuses on the progress of implementation of the Glasgow work programme and on its four priority areas (<b>ACE Dialogues</b>)</p> <p>Organize an <b>annual youth forum</b> in collaboration with children and youth organizations, including the constituency of youth non-governmental organizations and other youth NGOs</p> <p>Develop international, regional and national <b>programmes and activities</b>, including the preparation of training and education materials and tools, using local languages where applicable and practical</p>	<p>Encouraged to prepare <b>assessments of needs</b> specific to national circumstances in the area of ACE implementation, including use of social research methods and other relevant instruments to determine target audiences and partnerships;</p> <p>Encouraged to strengthen <b>in-country coordination and institutional arrangements</b> at different levels to avoid duplication of efforts, promote knowledge-sharing, foster local networks and enhance collaboration among all stakeholders in relation to ACE implementation</p>



# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Coordinated Action in the AP

<b>B.1 Enhancing regional cooperation through virtual and in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations, prior to the ACE Dialogues, taking advantage of existing forums, such as the regional collaboration centres and regional climate weeks, as appropriate, to enhance implementation of the Glasgow work programme at the regional level as well as local ACE hubs building on local initiatives</b>	Ongoing	Leading: relevant organizations, Parties Contributing: secretariat	Sharing <b>experience and good practices</b> from virtual and in-person regional dialogues, workshops and consultations prior to the ACE Dialogues, as appropriate  Presenting the outcomes of regional activities at the ACE Dialogues and reporting thereon in the <b>annual summary report</b> under the Glasgow work programme and ACE newsletters	Regional
<b>B.2 Promoting the development of regional and local networks and platforms that support ACE activities at the regional, national and local level, encouraging the involvement of youth, women, academics, children, traditional leaders and indigenous peoples in developing and implementing ACE activities and providing capacity-building in this regard</b>	Ongoing	Leading: relevant organizations, Parties Contributing: secretariat	Increased <b>peer-to-peer exchange</b> among national ACE focal points about ACE activities carried out at the national level through, inter alia, the ACE Dialogues, the regional climate weeks and informal <b>virtual networking meetings organized by the secretariat</b>	International Regional

# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Program

1 <sup>st</sup> Week of SBs		2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of SBs
Joint Session	Interactive Workshop	Closing
<p>Thursday 19 June 10:00-13:00 CEST</p> <p>“Organizing a joint session with representatives of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and all work programmes under the UNFCCC at the ACE Dialogue to discuss ways of enhancing understanding of the role of children and youth and indigenous peoples in accelerating ACE implementation and promoting intergenerational knowledge-sharing in the context of their work”</p>	<p>Saturday 21 June 10:00-13:00 CEST</p> <p>“Holding an interactive workshop at the ACE Dialogue in 2025 and also at the regional level prior to COP 31 (2026) on developing and implementing national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action using a clear, inclusive, intergenerational and gender-responsive approach”</p>	<p>Monday 23 June 15:00-18:00 CEST</p>
(TBC)	ACE Gallery (TBC)	



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# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Location



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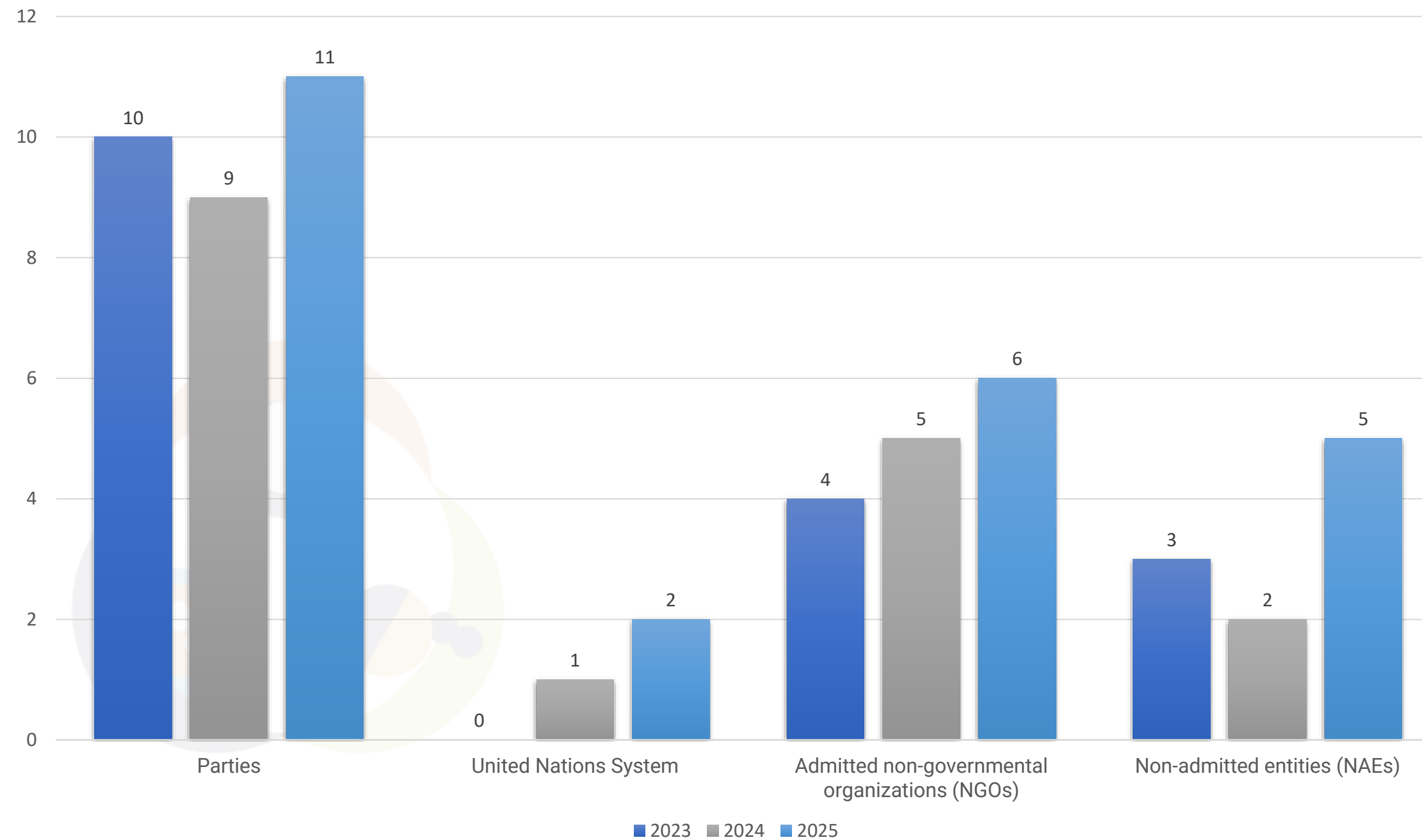
# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Logistics

- The ACE Dialogue 2025 will be open to **participation** by a diverse range of stakeholders including Parties, representatives of relevant bodies established under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, experts, practitioners, constituencies, admitted observers, and other non-Party stakeholders
  - **Simultaneous interpretation** into French and Spanish will be provided
  - Except for the group discussions, participants will be able to follow the discussions **remotely**
  - **Interactive tools** will be made available to participants to the extent possible
  - The **recordings** of the event and the **presentations** will be published on the UNFCCC website
  - The outcome of the dialogue will be incorporated in the **annual summary report** on progress in implementing activities under the GWP, which will be considered by the SBI at COP 30
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# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Submissions

Submissions to the ACE Dialogue in the last 3 years



Parties	11
UN System	2
Admitted non-governmental organizations	6
Non-admitted entities	5



# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Submissions

**Policy coherence** refers to the systematic alignment and mutual reinforcement of policies across government departments, sectors, and levels of governance. It is important to reduce contradictions that might undermine climate goals, maximize synergies, prevent transfer of environmental burdens and provide predictable signals for whole-of-society action.

A key priority for advancing Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is to strengthen policy coherence by ensuring that ACE initiatives are mainstreamed across national climate policies, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and long-term strategies. This mainstreaming is essential for enhancing resilience and driving effective climate action.

Equally important is the enhancement of coordination mechanisms among ministries, agencies, and stakeholders at various governance levels. By fostering better collaboration, ACE implementation can become more systematic and impactful, ensuring that all actors contribute meaningfully to its success.

**Policy coordination** specifically refers to the operational mechanisms, institutional arrangements, and collaborative processes that enable coherent policies to be implemented effectively. This allows well-designed policies with effective implementation across jurisdictions/sectors, strategic deployment of resources, and joint action leveraging complementary capacities. It includes:

- Institutional structures and mandates
- Communication/Information channels and protocols
- Joint planning and budgeting processes
- Collaborative monitoring and reporting

**Vertical integration** – Ensuring alignment across (a) multilateral agreements (UNFCCC Paris Agreement, Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Convention to Combat Desertification, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), (b) UNFCCC constituted bodies (such as the Adaptation Committee, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP, Gender Action Plan), constituency groups (c) national policies (NDCs, NAPs, NBSAPs, LDN targets), and (d) subnational and local implementation plans.

**Horizontal integration:** Working across different ministries, sectors, and policy domains to eliminate contradictions and maximize synergies

**Temporal coherence:** Aligning short-term actions with long-term climate goals and intergenerational equity principles

**Stakeholder coherence:** Ensuring policies respect and integrate the perspectives, rights, and knowledge of all affected groups



# ACE Dialogue 2025 - Submissions

Structure

Topics

Engagement

Other Observations

Guiding Questions



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# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Joint Session

Table 1  
Priority area A: policy coherence

Activity	Responsible entity or entities	Timeline	Deliverables/outputs	Level of implementation
★ A.1 Strengthening coordination of ACE work under the UNFCCC	Secretariat	Ongoing to COP 31 (2026)	Identifying good practices for integrating the six ACE elements into the work of the UNFCCC constituted bodies and reporting thereon in the annual summary report under the Glasgow work programme	International
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# ACE Dialogue 2025 – Joint Session

10:00–10:35	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
10:35–12:00	<b>World café – Working together across generations</b> This solution-focused interactive discussion will generate practical ideas and opportunities for integrating intergenerational considerations into the implementation of the work of UNFCCC constituted bodies and work programmes, for the collective well-being and meaningful engagement of children and youth, including those from local communities and Indigenous Peoples. Discussions will focus on policy coherence, coordinated action, approaches for meaningful and culturally respectful engagement as well as data and information.
12:00–12:10	<b>Report back</b>
12:10–12:50	<b>Open Dialogue</b> Reflecting on the discussion at the World Café, participants will discuss opportunities to further strengthen the work of UNFCCC constituted bodies and work programmes through intergenerational approaches.
12:50–13:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>



# ACE Dialogue 2025

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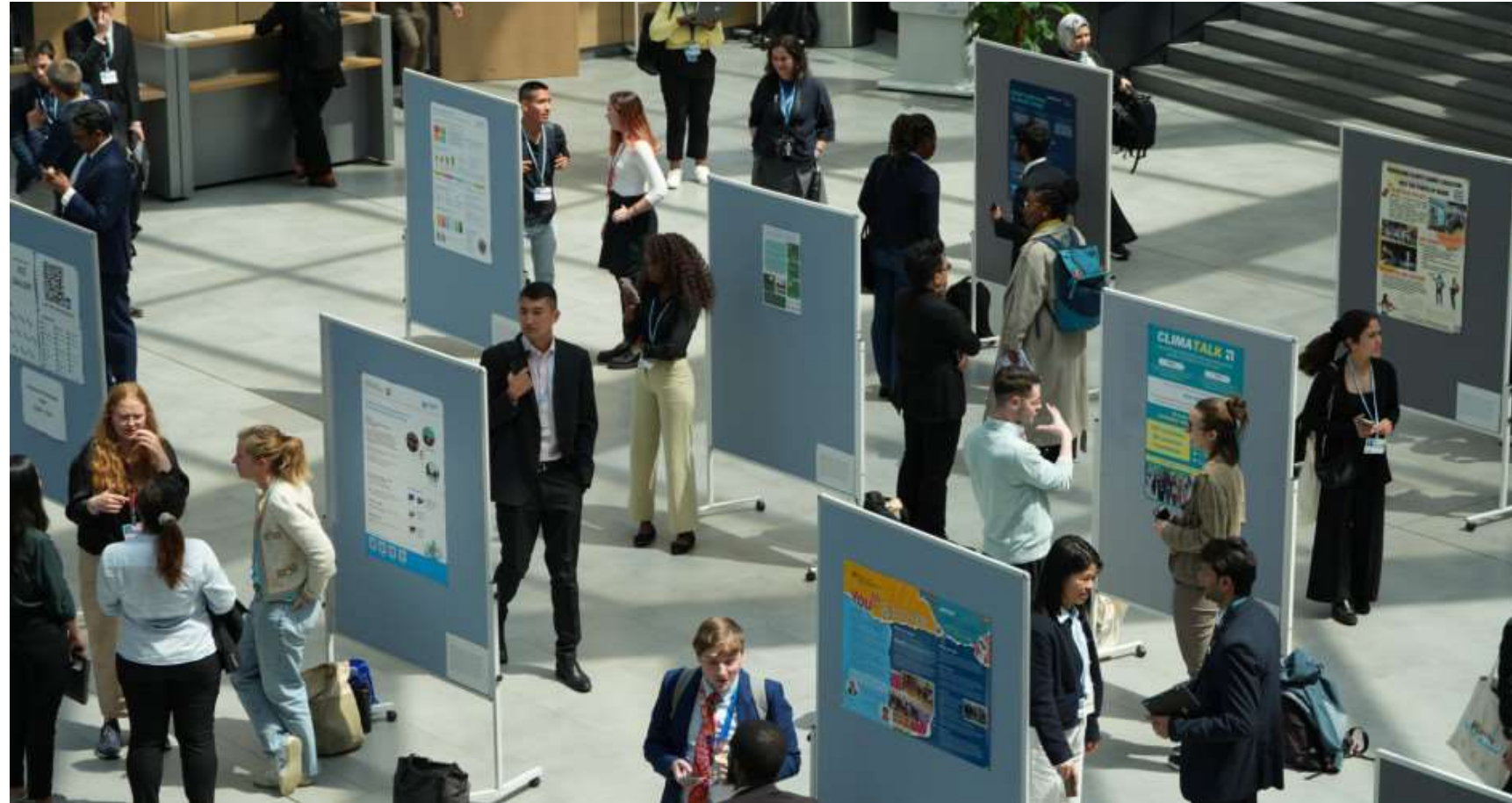
**Interactive workshop on developing and implementing national climate change policies, plans, strategies and action using a clear, inclusive, intergenerational and gender-responsive approach (Activity A.2)**

Strengthening **the use of ACE as a toolbox**  
in developing national climate change  
policies, plans, strategies and action

Strengthening **the integration of ACE  
elements** into national climate change  
policies, plans, strategies and action

# ACE Gallery

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The ACE Gallery – a poster session on ACE, children and youth – will bring together different expertise, resources and knowledge to accelerate ACE implementation through cooperation, collaboration and partnerships.

**Join us at the WCCB Foyer!**

Exact date is to be confirmed.

Selected applicants will be contacted shortly.



# ACE Focal Points Academy

**Skills building**  
**Peer – Peer exchange**  
**Networking and strengthening the network of national ACE focal points**

**Session 1**  
**20 June 2025**

**Session 2**  
**20 June 2025**

**Session 3**  
**23 June 2025**

**Duration:** 2- 2.5 hour sessions

**Focus:** Policy Coherence and Coordinated Action

**Format:** Hybrid

**Event for  
national ACE  
focal points**

**Agenda based on ACE Dialogue submissions and survey sent out to national ACE focal points.**

**Agenda to be published on our website**



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# ACE Hub Youth Event

**Builds the capacity of young people to support the implementation of Climate Empowerment Action initiatives at the local and sub-national level**

- Promotes **exchange** between global youth and youth from North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)
- **Three days** of interactive training modules and skills development with experts and sub-national partners:
  - Advocacy
  - City-level action
  - Communications
  - NDC 3.0
  - Project Management



Closed event for global and NRW young climate leaders



17 – 19 June

Funded by:

Ministry of Economic Affairs,  
Industry, Climate Action and Energy  
of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia





# Orientation Session for Youth

## Orientation Session for Youth

- **Information session** for young delegates (under 35 years old) attending SB62.
- A space for young delegates to receive information from the secretariat and YOUNGO focal points about the what's taking place at SB62, how to engage and to be able to ask questions.
- **Networking** session.



**Date:** 16 June 2025



**Time:** 13:00 – 14:00



**Meeting room:** Check CCTV



**Agenda:** to be published on our [website](#)



# EVENTS SCHEDULE

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	16 MON DECODING UNFCCC LANGUAGE	14:00-15:00 Room TBC
	17 TUE CULTURE AS A FRAMEWORK TO DRIVE ACTION FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT (ACE HUB YOUTH EVENT)	13:30-14:30 CT Conference Room
	21 SAT TOOLS4YOUTH MARKETPLACE	TBC CT Conference Room
	23 MON YOU(TH) AND NDCs	13:00 – 15:00 CT Conference Room
	24 MON RIO CONVENTIONS	13:00 – 15:00 CT Conference Room



# Other Events



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# ACE-related Side Events

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- **World Green Skills Collaborative: Connecting Local Designs With Sustainable climate Action**

Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 16:30—17:45 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Promoting information integrity on climate change: an essential milestone for the Paris agreement**

Wednesday, 18 June 2025, 15:00 —16:15 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **Enhancing transparency and accountability in climate finance: Lessons from civil society**

Saturday, 21 June 2025, 15:00 —16:15 CEST (Room Berlin)





# Children and Youth-related Side Events

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- **Global Goal on Adaptation - necessary data on race, gender, and age**

Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 15:00 —16:15 CEST (Room Bonn)

- **COP30: a legacy for children and climate negotiations**

Thursday, 19 June 2025, 16:30 —17:45 CEST (Room Berlin)

- **How to bridge the gap between youth-led innovation in Africa and NDCs**

Monday, 23 June 2025, 16:30—17:45 CEST (Room Bonn)



# Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC)

FCCC/CP/2023/11/Add.2

## Decision 16/CP.28

### Presidency youth climate champion

*The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*Recalling decisions 1/CP.26, 18/CP.26, 1/CP.27, 23/CP.27, 17/CMA.1, 22/CMA.3 and 22/CMA.4,*

## CURRENT PRESIDENCY YOUTH CLIMATE CHAMPIONS



**Leyla Hasanova**

**COP29 Presidency Youth  
Climate Champion -  
Azerbaijan**



**Marcele Oliveira**

**COP 30 Presidency  
Youth Climate Champion  
- Brazil**

- Institutionalized at COP28, to act on behalf of the COP Presidency.
- Each incoming Presidency is requested to confirm appointee for Presidency youth climate champion for a term of up to two years.
- Facilitates the engagement of youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process.
- Each incoming COP Presidency provides direction to the PYCC, with advice from the UNFCCC secretariat.
- Must avoid duplication with the work and activities of YOUNGO.
- Engages with all youth, both within and outside the UNFCCC process.



# Where is the information?

[SB 62 Daily Programme](#)

[Mobile App](#)

[UNFCCC webpage](#)

[Overview Schedule](#)

CCTV  
(On-site)

DIGITAL PLATFORM AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION ONLY AVAILABLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND MANDATED EVENTS

# Daily Programme.

The first Daily Programme of each day will be published on the SB 62 page the night prior to the date of the meeting. Please note that demands of the day may lead to changes to this meetings schedule. For more information, please consult the SB 58 virtual platform.



Pre-sessional period Monday 9 June to Sunday 15 June				
Monday 9 June	Tuesday 10 June	Wednesday 11 June	Thursday 12 June	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13th meeting of the FWG</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13th meeting of the FWG</li><li>125th meeting of CDM Executive Board</li><li>SCF 37</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>13th meeting of the FWG</li><li>12th meeting of the KCI</li><li>125th meeting of CDM Executive Board</li><li>SCF 37</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LDCs coordination meetings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LDCs coordination meetings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AGN coordination meeting</li><li>SIDS coordination meeting</li></ul>	
Friday 13 June	Saturday 14 June	Sunday 15 June		
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# Q & A



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# Observers at SB 62



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## YOUNGO: ACE, Children, and Youth at SB62

- We invite everyone to review our Submission on the 2025 ACE Dialogue with more information on our key priorities
- We invite everyone to our poster presentation in the ACE Gallery, as well as encourage them to join for the other posters by our members.
- Some key priorities for SB62
  - YOUNGO will be publishing our Strategic Demands Document (will be published soon) which includes asks related to Children, Youth, and thematic topics
  - As the Constituency, we will be ensuring children and youth voices are present in the negotiations and events taking place at SB62!
  - Financial and institutional support for ACE implementation (from 2025 ACE Dialogue submission)



# UNFCCC ACE Information Day: WGC Roadmap to COP30

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- Gender responsiveness and gender transformative climate action
- Integration of ACE and dedicated People responsiveness pillar for the NDCs
- Leveraging and supporting women, LGBTIQ+people, Indigenous peoples, Environmental & Human Rights defenders, Indigenous Peoples, and Marginalized Groups for Coordinated Climate Action focused on fostering the engagement of Environmental Defenders and Indigenous peoples through an intergenerational and gender approach.

### **WGC action:**

- Fostering gender and intersectional approaches in participative processes, including women, LGBTIQ+people, Indigenous peoples, Environmental & Human Rights defenders.
- Fostering the process of a Global People Assembly that is grassroots and HERD based, and in the context of an overall reform of multilateralism.
- Draw learning from the ACE Action plan for the Gender Action Plan.

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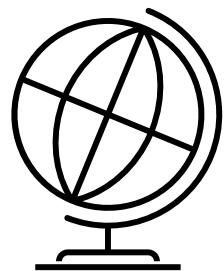


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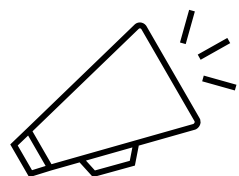
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