

## Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)



### Background

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is an initiative under Article 6 of the UNFCCC and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement. The main goals of the ACE are to develop and implement educational and public awareness programs on climate change and encourage public participation through the six ACE elements - climate change education and public awareness, training, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these issues. There is a strong focus on youth and children participation and involvement.

### State of Play

At COP28 ACE negotiations, there was an emphasis on youth empowerment, reference to Escazú Agreement on environmental justice, and the protection of climate activists in Latin America and the Caribbean. The UNFCCC noted that there is a constant lack of binding commitments and accountability mechanisms for ACE initiatives. At SB60, ACE focused on developing regional action plans to connect climate education with green jobs. However, progress was hindered by inconsistent definitions of 'green jobs', funding shortages and varying levels of policy support across regions.



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### Key Questions for COP29

According to the UNFCCC, the ACE negotiations at COP29 will focus on the following topics - transformative gender responsiveness, integration of ACE and dedicated People Responsiveness Pillar within the NCQG framework and the operationalization of human rights within the ACE Action Plan.

### Key Events & Meetings

Event	Date & Time	Accessibility
ACE HUB 2.0 Launch Reception at COP29	14th of November 2024, 18:30 - 20:30 AZT	Reception Hall Gobustan (Area B, COP29 Blue Zone) <a href="#">More Information</a>
Youth-Led Climate Forum Headline Event closure	18th of November 2024, 10:00 - 13:00 AZT	Plenary - Caspian, Area D <a href="#">More Information</a>

Sources:

[Carbon Brief - Bonn Climate Talks](#)

[IISD ENB SB60 Report](#)

[UNFCCC - ACE at SB60](#)