

# Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

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## Background

Adopted in 2021, the *Glasgow Work Programme on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)* aims to empower all members of society, including the youth, to participate meaningfully in climate action. More precisely, it seeks to raise public awareness, promote education on climate change, improve training opportunities, encourage public participation, ensure public access to information, and enhance international cooperation.

## COP29 Outcomes

The decisions taken at COP29 reflect the importance of ACE by underscoring the importance of empowering all stakeholders to participate meaningfully in climate action. In light of the upcoming update of NDCs, Parties emphasized the need to incorporate ACE components into national adaptation plans (NAPs). Moreover, the nomination of four children as moderators and speakers marked a milestone towards intergenerational inclusivity and collaboration. However, in the end, the draft conclusions proposed by the Chair of SBI mainly recall past decisions and advocate the continuation of the Glasgow Work Programme.

## Comparison of Annual Summary Reports

	Annual Summary Report 2023 (COP28, 30 Nov-6 Dec)	Annual Summary Report 2024 (COP29, 11-16 Nov)
Similarities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar structure and content: reports detail achievements and events held under the Glasgow Work Programme during the year before publication</li> <li>Both reports include information from Parties and non-party stakeholders</li> </ul>	
Focal Points	Re-affirming the importance of integrating all six ACE elements into ambitious climate action	In addition to highlighting all of the six ACE elements, focus on the need to secure/ mobilize funding to implement the targets
ACE Poster Session	at SB58 (Bonn, June 2023): “35 posters [were] exhibited, [...] of those posters, 16 highlighted youth-led or -focused initiatives and projects”	at SB60 (Bonn, June 2024): “42 posters [were] exhibited, of which 24 highlighted initiatives and projects focusing on education and empowerment of [...] youth”
Annex	Annex I and II on mandated activities under the Glasgow work programme Annex III on <i>Practices and resources for monitoring, evaluation and porting of the implementation of ACE</i>	Annex I-III (updated yet similar to those of the previous report) <b>plus Annex IV</b> , focusing on <i>Existing guidelines and good practices with respect to child education on and empowerment in climate action</i>

## The Road Ahead

Parties and non-party stakeholders were encouraged to share their insights on progress, challenges, and improvements related to ACE implementation, including accessibility and availability of financial and technical support via the submission portal. This information will feed into the next annual summary reports on ACE, which will, in return, be relevant for the upcoming midterm review of progress of the work programme at SB64 in June 2026.

Sources:

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