

Technical Working Session of MEAs Focal Points

The Perspective of the Action for Climate
Empowerment (ACE)

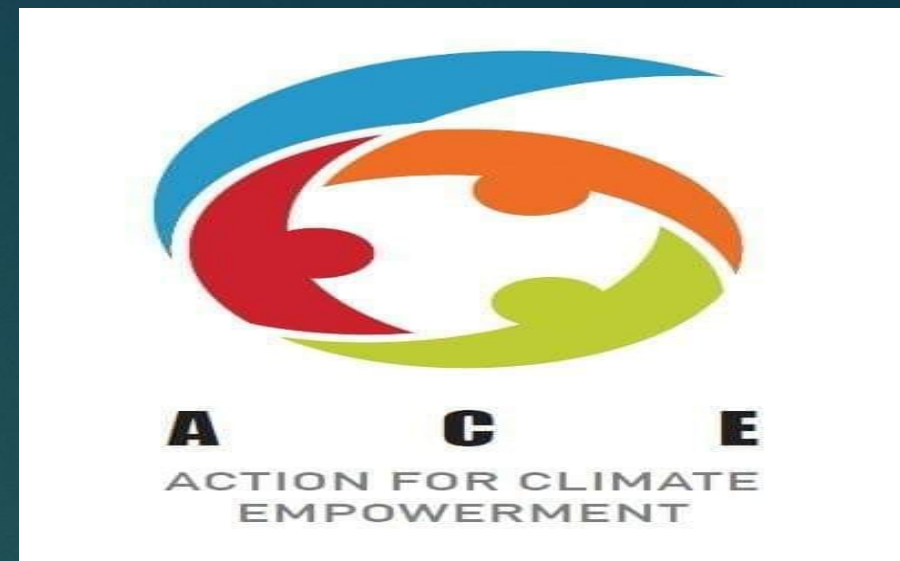
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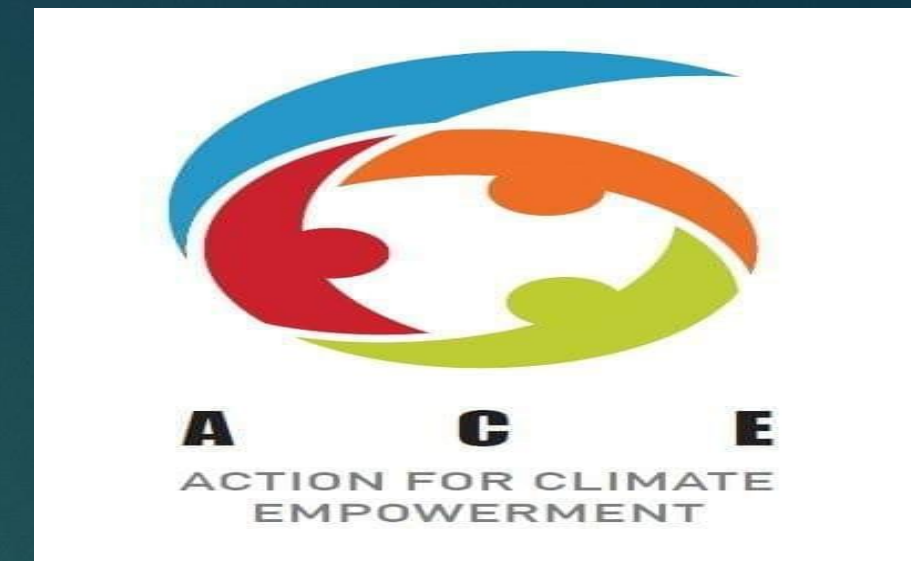
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What is ACE??



Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) is a term adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to denote work under Article 6 of the Convention (1992) and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

The over-arching goal of ACE is to empower all members of society to engage in climate action, through education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these issues.



Evolution of ACE



2012



2016



2018



2019

Adoption of the
eight-year **Doha**
work programme

Intermediate
review of the
Doha work
programme

Katowice
climate package
ACE Decision

SBI50
Preparation of the ToR
for the review of the
Doha work
programme

ACE Decision 17/CMA.1

Paris Agreement work programme

- **Alignment and avoid duplication** : In 2020, when reviewing the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, to also include efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement
- **Integration of ACE** into nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and climate policies
- **Development and implementation** of ACE national strategies on in relation to Article 12 of the Paris Agreement
- **Nomination of ACE focal points** Parties that have not already designated to do so and to provide the necessary institutional support
- **Foster participation** of non-Party stakeholders to scale up the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment





Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

Objectives

With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme are:

- To **take stock of the progress** made in the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;
- To **evaluate effectiveness**, and identify essential needs, emerging gaps in and barriers to the implementation of the Doha work programme;
- To **identify good practices and lessons learned** with a view to their dissemination, promotion and replication, as appropriate;
- To **identify recommendations and possible further actions** on enhancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, with regard to future work on Action for Climate Empowerment, following the review of the Doha work programme.

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Submissions

Invites Parties, observer organizations, stakeholders to submit by **15**

February 2020

- Information on steps taken to implement the Doha work programme, including activities and results, best practices, lessons learned and emerging gaps and needs
- Recommendations to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement

8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment in 2020

Will advance the discussions on recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.



Opportunities

- ▶ ACE presents an opportunity to build synergy with other MEAs
- ▶ It creates an opportunity for flagging the objectives of ACE in other MEAs

Achievements

- ▶ Nomination of the National Focal Point to the UNFCCC (January 2020)
- ▶ Submitted Liberia's First ACE report to the UNFCCC (Baseline)
- ▶ Formulation of a Youth secretariat on climate change
- ▶ National Youth summit on the Environment and Climate change (World Bank)
- ▶ Climate Saturday (World bank)
- ▶ Sourced funding for a national Youth Dialogue on the NDC Revision (UNDP Climate Promise Initiative)
- ▶ Additional funding for technical sectorial workshops on various NDC sectors under the Revision process (ECA)

CHALLENGES

- ▶ Lack of Funding for the Development of a National ACE strategy
- ▶ Limited Cooperation from Focal Points and other departments
- ▶ Lack of Logistical Support

