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# Adaptation & Resilience Coalition

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**Co-leaders:** Climate Alliance, Green Cross, International Chamber of Commerce



## Context:

More frequent and intense weather-related events (including storms, floods, droughts and heat waves) are raising the collective awareness – they are calling for immediate adaptation action to make our territories more resilient and liveable.

This is a major challenge, but to be turned into opportunities. Practical experiences have already shown that adaptation can enable positive synergies between state and non-state actors, enhance horizontal and vertical cooperation, facilitate interactions between research/science and policy, trigger a more transversal approach across sectors (public services, buildings and infrastructure, planning, water/food ...), and stimulate investment and innovation.

Non-state actors have a major role to play in building resilience. The forum on adaptation and resilience will be a great occasion to turn the spotlight on some of these solutions ahead of COP22, promote further collaboration and shape the cooperation of all concerned actors for the upcoming years.

## Coalition's objectives:

- Maintain and consolidate the momentum initiated at the World Summit Climate and Territories in Lyon in 2015
- Follow up the negotiation process, contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and reinforce its ambition – in particular through the Global Climate Action Agenda
- Ensure continuous dialogue among non-state actors / coalition members on adaptation-related issues (mainly through the coalition meetings & forums), involve relevant partners and initiatives in the debate and formulate concrete recommendations for decision-makers
- Reinforce synergies and complementarities with other relevant initiatives & thematic coalitions
- Voice the needs and difficulties of non-state actors at the international climate negotiation meetings (COPs) and other relevant events.



## Governance of the Coalition:

### 1. General principles

The thematic coalitions established in the framework of Climate Chance aim to be inclusive groups, with representatives from all different stakeholder groups (e.g. local authorities, non-governmental organisations, research institutes & independent organisations, business & industry, trade unions, women organisations, youth organisations...) and from various backgrounds.

### 2. Composition

The 'adaptation & resilience' coalition is led by [Climate Alliance](#) (European city network), [Green Cross France et Territoires](#) and the [International Chamber of Commerce - France](#) (world business organisation).

The coalition is open to any other stakeholders willing to contribute to the debate.

→ Potential contributors identified:

ICLEI, Committee of the Regions, ADEME, Oceania 22, Climate Change Task Force, Lab of African Business, R20+, nrg4sd, C40, MEDCOP, Habitat III, Urban Climate Change Research Network (researchers' knowledge), WECF - Women and Gender Constituency, as well as long-term investors, global companies (e.g. ENGIE), innovative start-ups etc.

<< Want to learn more or join the coalition? Contact us at [adaptation@climatechance.fr](mailto:adaptation@climatechance.fr) >>

### 3. Role of the co-leaders and contributors

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**Coalition Members: Roles:**

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| <b>Co-leaders</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ensure overall coordination of the coalition's activities</li><li>▪ Keep general relation and correspondence with the organisers (Climate Chance association and Transitions-DD) and the potential contributors</li><li>▪ Organise/moderate the coalition meetings &amp; (annual) forums</li><li>▪ Prepare and deliver relevant documents (position papers, recommendations etc.) (whenever relevant), contribute to the (annual) Climate Chance declaration</li></ul> |
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| <b>Contributors</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Share their knowledge / experience / good practice examples</li><li>▪ Contribute to the debate and the development of the documents / input to the Climate Chance declaration</li><li>▪ Provide information and feedback on relevant issues and situations from their national, regional and/or sectoral point of view</li></ul> |
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#### 4. Communication & collaboration

The following communication and collaboration means are proposed:

- Between the co-leaders: mainly through emails and via regular coalition meetings
- Between the contributors and the contributors and the co-leaders: mainly through the mailing list ([adaptation@climatechance.fr](mailto:adaptation@climatechance.fr))

## Issues, recommendations and solutions for COP22

### 1. Main adaptation issues and recommendations *[part to be developed further]*

Below the list of key issues identified by the coalition - to be given particular consideration in the international debate:

#### *Governing Adaptation*

- *Involving all levels of governance, combining a top-down and a bottom-up approach*

Whilst the “state actors” are key players in setting up the policy and regulatory framework for the international climate regime and their respective national contexts, other levels of governance such as local and regional authorities stand at the frontline of reducing the vulnerability of their territory to the various impacts of climate change through concrete adaptation actions. Strong collaboration between the different levels of governance shall be encouraged to maximise synergies, minimise contradictory or even dual processes and thus ensure policy coherence and coordinated action. International agreements, regional and national Adaptation Strategies shall support bottom-up activities.

- ⇒ Parties to the UNFCCC shall seek stronger links between the NDCs, NAS/NAPs and those developed at the regional and local levels.
- ⇒ National governments shall set up coherent adaptation schemes and ensure consolidated policy frameworks which support the development and implementation of local adaptation solutions.
- ⇒ National governments shall engage with local and regional governments in the preparation and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), as well as the National Adaptation Strategies / Plans (NAS/NAPs), amongst others.

- *Strengthening stakeholder engagement*

The involvement of key stakeholders (scientists and researchers, citizens and business, but also insurance companies, civil protection authorities, NGOs and other relevant actors) is crucial in the adaptation process. The challenge here lies in the achievement of a dialogue, synergies and complementarities between stakeholders with different competences and from various policy domains.

- ⇒ The Global Climate Change Agenda (GCCA) shall be built upon an inclusive and all-embarking governance model & processes.



- ⇒ The GCCA shall promote collaboration among non-state actors, encourage public-private partnerships, and support appropriate joint initiatives with business and civil society partners.

### *Managing Adaptation*

#### ➤ *Ensuring an integrated, cross-sectoral approach, promoting a collaborative planning*

- ⇒ A GCCA implies the involvement of all non-state actors in a more collaborative approach.
- ⇒ The GCCA shall encourage further the implementation of integrated solutions with multiple and cross-sectoral benefits.
- ⇒ Mainstreaming new adaptation and resilience standards into conventional urban development projects is to be continued and further supported at local and regional levels.

#### ➤ *Making better use of technology, science and traditional knowledge and practice to address knowledge gaps and guide decision-making*

- ⇒ Collaboration between scientists, practitioners, and policy makers is crucial for developing evidence-based adaptation plans and responses.
- ⇒ The GCCA shall support the efforts in climate risks accounting, modelling and disclosure, and involve further the insurance sector. The need of combining policy development with climate risk assessment shall be made more explicit.
- ⇒ The GCAA shall support the implementation of smart solutions to address the technical and societal challenges of climate change. The role of the private sector in the field shall be further highlighted.

#### ➤ *Investing in capacity building and knowledge sharing, training users and decision makers at all level*

- ⇒ The GCCA shall make best use of the existing initiatives (e.g. Covenant of Mayors, Under2MoU, RegionsAdapt, Resilient Cities Campaign...) that already offer various capacity-building activities.
- ⇒ The GCAA shall support the collection of exemplary examples tested on the ground (such as the ones promoted via the CLIMATE-Adapt portal or the catalogue of Benchmarks on the Covenant of Mayors website).
- ⇒ Knowledge transfer shall be facilitated through city-to-city cooperation.

### *Financing Adaptation*

#### ➤ *Providing enhanced access to financing, developing specialized financial instruments for comprehensive local adaptation and resilience*

- ⇒ The International agreements and the GCCA shall provide clarity on financing opportunities that support the implementation of local adaptation action.
- ⇒ Parties to the UNFCCC shall continue exploring new innovative ways to channel investments for adaptation actions to local and regional authorities, e.g. from private investors, and find ways to cooperate with insurance companies.
- ⇒ Parties to the UNFCCC shall explore possibilities to provide guarantees (e.g. through regulation, climate investment bonds by financial institutions...).



**These messages / recommendations / solutions will be discussed and completed during the Adaptation Forum that will be held on 28 September in Nantes (see programme in annex I)**

## **2. Solutions already tested on the ground**

**Concrete solutions already tested on the ground by non-state actors will be presented during the Adaptation Forum that will be held on 28 September in Nantes (see programme in annex I)**

# **Roadmap 2016-2018**

## **1. First concrete actions:**

- Organisation of the Adaptation Forum (28 September)
- Contribution to the Climate Chance declaration - based on the Declaration of Lyon (WSCT)
- Collaboration with relevant coalitions and initiatives

→ Relevant initiatives identified:

- Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
- Paris Pact on Water & Adaptation
- Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel
- Food Security Climate Resilience Facility
- A2R (anticipate, absorb, reshape)
- R4 Rural Resilience Initiative
- Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS)
- InsuResilience (G7)

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→ Relevant documents identified:

- Paris Agreement
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Habitat III “zero draft outcome document” / Pact of Amsterdam
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Bourail Declaration (Oceania 22)
- Green Cross note to the Leaders of Oceans

- Definition of key messages for decision-makers

## **2. Milestones:**

- Conferences of the Parties (COPs) and inter-negotiation meetings in Bonn



- UNFCCC meetings
- High-level events on adaptation or related topics (see a non-exhaustive list in annex)
- Coalition forums and other climate change preparatory meetings
- Meetings and events of the coalition leaders and contributors

**3. Possible synergies with other coalitions:**

- Financing
- Decentralised cooperation
- Multi-actor governance
- And other thematic coalitions (energy, water, buildings, mobility and transport, agriculture)

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## Annex I – Adaptation Forum

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 September, 10:30-12:30

**Venue:** Nantes, La Cité, room 200

**Title:** Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience – exploring and unlocking opportunities

### Concept:

The goal of the forum is to gather all concerned (non-party) stakeholders on adaptation and resilience to discuss and exchange inspiring examples, define together a way forward as well as develop recommendations for the international processes – especially for the ‘Global Climate Action Agenda’ (GCAA).

Based on the outcomes of the forum, the Adaptation Coalition – co-led by Climate Alliance, Green Cross and the International Chamber of Commerce – will come up with 2-3 main messages, which will be annexed to the general final declaration of the Climate Change summit.

### Agenda:

#### **10:30-10:40 Welcome & Introduction - On the road to Marrakech**

- Lucie Blondel, Climate Alliance
- Henri Robert, Green Cross
- Dominique Héron, International Chamber of Commerce

#### **10:40-11:40**

- Camilla Born, E3G  
*How climate impacts are transforming climate diplomacy and governance*

#### **Presentations of inspiring practices**

- Claudia Terzi, Regional Minister for Environment, Energy & Sustainable Development, Lombardy Region, Italy  
*The adaptation strategy of Lombardy*
- Zuzana Hudekova, Union of Slovak Cities, Regional Ecological Center Bratislava  
*Adaptation in Bratislava: green infrastructure and interaction between different sectors*



## **Policy debate – What is needed to keep the Paris Agreement on track?**

Panel members:

- Anthony Lecren, New Caledonia's Minister for Land Development, Custom Ecology, Sustainable Development, Natural Resources of the Exclusive Economic Zone
- Houria Tazi Sadeq, expert in legal and institutional issues related to water, environment and sustainable development
- Cedric Baecher, co-associated leader, Nomadeis
- Muriel Morin, Engie, President, International Social Observatory
- Dominique Barroux, director for Regulatory and Legal Affairs, Europe, AT&T

### **11:40-12:20: Discussion with speakers and the audience**

With contributions from: European Union's Committee of the Regions, ADEME Guadeloupe, Urban Climate Change Research Network, Coalition Eau, WECF...

### **12:20-12:30: Concluding remarks – recommendations to negotiators & decision-makers on the road to COP22**

- Bouchta El Moumni, University of Tétouan, Morocco





## Annex II - Relevant events identified in 2016-2017

- 19-20 April 2016: Sommet Mondial de l'Eau, Abou Dhabi
- 23-24 May 2016: Sommet Humanitaire Mondial, Istanbul
- 5 June 2016: Journée Mondiale de l'Environnement
- 6-7 June 2016: Global Green Growth Forum, Copenhague
- 8 June 2016: Journée Mondiale des Océans
- 1-10 September 2016 : Congrès Mondial de la Nature, UICN, Honolulu
- 26-28 September 2016 : Climate Chance, Nantes (FR)
- 17-20 October 2016 : Habitat III, Quito
- 7-18 November 2016 : COP22, Marrakech
- 5-9 June 2017: 3<sup>rd</sup> European Climate Change Adaptation Conference, Glasgow
- 5-8 July 2017: Resilient City Conference, Bonn (DE)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2017 (date TBC): Covenant of Mayors Conference, Brussels (BE)
- 6-17 November 2017: COP23 (location to be defined, Asia)

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