



**Draft roadmap of the international coalition "Multi-level and Multi-stakeholder Governance"
for the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate
2016-2018**

⇒ Motto: Facilitating dialogue and multi-stakeholder actions for faster, more efficient and inclusive implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Who are we?

Within the framework of the World Summit Climate and Territories in July 2015 and the more formal Lima-Paris Action Agenda, a joint undertaking of the Peruvian and French COP presidencies, international coalitions were formed to encourage State-Institutions Other than National Governments (SIONGs such as local subnational authorities) as well as non-state actors (such as companies, investors and civil society organisations) to make climate commitments and facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Climate Chance Summit which will take place in September 2016 will maintain this tendency to forge partnerships between various stakeholders with the aim of contributing to a more ambitious and inclusive implementation of the Paris Agreement.

In 2016 the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), the French Committee for Sustainable Development (Committee 21 France - C21F) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) decided to work together to create a new international coalition on climate dedicated to multilevel and multi-stakeholder governance. A collaborative approach and bottom-up actions with the support of top-down measures are central to our work.

We believe that multi-level governance and multi-stakeholders projects produce more results than aggregated individual projects from different stakeholders. Local and regional authorities when working together with all levels of government and with local communities and companies proved they can surpass national climate objectives and maximise the potential of Parties to commit on climate.

Governance of the coalition

Coalition's co-pilots:

EESC, CoR, Committee 21 France, OECD

Contributing organisations/ members of the coalition:

Local authorities and their networks: CEMR, ICLEI (tbc)

Business and industry: We Mean Business (tbc)

NGOs and networks: European Partners for the Environment (EPE), ECOLISE, Natural Resources Defense Council, The Stanley Foundation (tbc)

Multi-stakeholder partnerships: the Committee 21 Quebec (C21Q), Climate Alliance,

Think tanks: Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Action (GGCA)

Academia:

International organisations:



The starting point of the coalition is rather centered on a northern approach (Quebec, France, Europe), but the coalition aims to further expand internationally. The co-pilots will seek to associate other partners to the coalitions.

Role of the co-pilots:

- Ensure the continuation of the coalition's work between Climate Chance Summits (convene meetings when relevant and ensure regular information exchange between co-pilots and contributors)
- Organise the Forums on the progress of coalition's work at Climate Chance Summits
- Organise events and seminars of the coalition when relevant, including at COP meetings
- Promote the coalition to other potential partners in order to enlarge its scope while ensuring geographical and stakeholder-type balance
- Oversee the delivery of the actions undertaken by the coalition

Role of contributing organisations/members of the coalition:

- Contribute to the coalition's work between Climate Chance Summits (attending meetings in person or via skype, sharing useful information within the coalition)
- Provide input for the Forums on the progress of coalition's work at Climate Chance Summits (suggesting issues and speakers), when relevant
- Provide input for events and seminars organised by the coalition, when relevant
- Contribute to the implementation of actions undertaken by the coalition
- Contribute to expand the coalition, particularly to non-European countries

What are our objectives?

Convinced that greater collaboration between stakeholders enables the acceleration and generalisation of action we propose a methodological coalition which may support the thematic coalitions established in the framework of Climate Chance (transport, energy, forests, oceans, etc.). This methodology coalition aims at achieving more efficiently and in a more inclusive way the commitments and objectives of the Paris Agreement via enhanced vertical and horizontal coordination across levels of government, jurisdictions, and sectors, as well as with a large set of stakeholders representing the civil society for coherent climate action.

All levels of government need to streamline their interactions, facilitate cross-department cooperation and include actively non-state stakeholders in policy formulation, to better address climate mitigation and adaptation challenges. Better planning and reporting should play a key role in these processes.

If the idea of this coalition took root during the preparation of Climate Chance, it seeks to make a concrete contribution to the UNFCCC COP process and provide concrete guidance – including to Parties – contributing to a rapid implementation of the Paris Agreement.

More broadly, the coalition wants to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, specifically the SDG's 13 focused on the fight against climate change and the SDG's 17 for the establishment of innovative partnerships.



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Aware that we are not the only ones working on the governance issues, the coalition wants to build bridges with people and organisations working to facilitate the multi-stakeholder and multi-level collaboration (other international/intergovernmental organisations, subnational governments, States, networks, NGOs, etc.).

The coalition aims to achieve four main objectives:

- Identify the obstacles and conditions for success of an effective multi-stakeholder and multi-level governance cooperation in concrete projects to fight against climate change or to adapt to it. That is to say, provide recommendations from concrete cases.
- Develop a toolbox, a methodology for organisations that wish to engage with various actors in projects/partnerships to fight against climate change or to adapt to it.
- Demonstrate that the multi-level/multi-stakeholder collaboration enables acceleration of the implementation and the generalisation of concrete actions (scaling, replicating, extending).
- Support the creation of multi-level/multi-stakeholder platforms dedicated to climate and sustainable development in the world.

How do we operate?

The coalition is co-managed by four organisations behind its creation: the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions, the French Committee for Sustainable Development and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It associates all organisations wishing to promote inputs, feedbacks and methodology related to vertical and horizontal collaboration.

Climate Chance commits to provide a place to make a yearly meeting of the coalition and gives a possibility to demonstrate its work. The coalition is independent from Climate Chance and it decides upon its internal governance, action plans and methods of continued work. Climate Chance supports the coalition in its endeavor.

During the climate COP, the coalition makes a progress report on the past year - an assessment of the progress on the four objectives. It delivers its key deliverables at the COPs (recommendations, toolkits, reports or studies) during a side event.

The coalition takes advantage of multi-stakeholder international events (MEDCOP, Climate Chance, etc.) to engage with new contributing organisations (widen its geographical scope) and thus feeds their work by organising workshops.

All deliverables are a common product of work by the co-pilots and contributors.

Finance

All activities by co-pilots and contributors are carried out on a voluntary basis. The Coalition does not have its own budget and tries to minimise its operational costs by holding meetings via skype or teleconferences as well as e-mail communication. All involved in its activities contribute according to their own resources and capacities.