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# Race to Resilience In Action

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# Foreword

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As UN Climate Change High-Level Champions for COP28 and COP29, we commend the remarkable achievement of partners in the Race to Resilience in covering 2 billion people with Resilience Action Plans.

Time is running out. We must now accelerate action to move from plans to impact. Together, we strive to ensure that the most vulnerable communities not only survive but thrive, while urgently safeguarding the stable climate on which our future depends.”



**Razan Al Mubarak**  
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# Introduction

Led by the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions under the UNFCCC Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action, the Race to Resilience campaign aims to mobilize non-Party stakeholders with the ambitious goal of increasing the resilience of four billion people by 2030.

Central to the campaign is the commitment to keeping adaptation and people at the forefront of the Global Climate Action Agenda.

Through the “4 Ps” framework, namely Pledge, Plan, Proceed and Publish, Race to Resilience partners systematically plan and report on their progress in enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities and natural systems. This structured approach not only tracks the campaign’s impact but also supports the goals of the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA). By participating as co-leads and members of the SAA Task Forces, Race to Resilience partners are instrumental in driving systems transformation towards a more resilient future.

Now approaching the end of its third year, the Race to Resilience campaign is making steady progress, with 41 partners in 164 countries working to fulfil their commitments. Collectively, they have reached a significant milestone by designing and implementing **action plans** for protecting the lives and livelihoods of more than **2 billion people** most vulnerable to the climate crisis. Driven by the shared vision of a more resilient future, these partners are committed to scaling up their efforts, with the **ambitious pledge** to increase the resilience of 3.2 billion people by 2030.

The Race to Resilience campaign underscores the power of collaboration, the strength of diversity and the leadership of non-Party stakeholders in keeping adaptation and resilience at the core of the Global Climate Action Agenda. By uniting a wide array of stakeholders, the campaign demonstrates that collective action is essential to drive meaningful progress in building a climate-resilient world.

*\*As the first year of the campaign, no reporting tools were available yet for partners.*



## Campaign Evolution

	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Partners</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>People Pledged</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3.08 Billion People</b>	<b>3.17 Billion People</b>	<b>3.26 Billion People</b>
<b>People Under Action Plans</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0 People</b>	<b>1.87 Billion People</b>	<b>2.02 Billion People</b>
<b>Dollars to be mobilized</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$39.44 Billion USD</b>	<b>\$40.88 Billion USD</b>



## Chapter 1:

# Driving Convergence for People-Centred Climate Action

**Race to Resilience partners form the backbone of the campaign, representing a diverse set of stakeholders, including civil society, academia, the private sector and subnational governments (such as those of cities, states, regions and municipalities). By uniting this diverse ecosystem of non-Party stakeholders, the campaign leverages their leadership to drive ambitious adaptation efforts and spearhead transformative resilience initiatives that protect lives, support livelihoods and reinforce the Global Climate Action Agenda.**

In 2024, the campaign expanded to include 41 partner initiatives, marking a 20% increase from 2023 and a cumulative growth of 35% since 2022. This year, the following seven partners joined the campaign, introducing innovative approaches in areas such as gender-responsive resilience to health, Indigenous Peoples and the conservation of local communities:

### Roof Over Our Heads

Empowers women in informal settlements to participate in developing resilient housing solutions, with the goal of 1 billion people living in these communities.

### Southern Africa Regional Anticipatory Action Working Group

Collaborates with local governments to implement early warning systems and provide cash transfers, drought-resistant seeds, agricultural training and improved water sources, targeting 1 million people.

### International Transformational Resilience Coalition

Focuses on psychological resilience, aiming to build mental wellness for thousands across North America.

### EHAB

A weather risk management platform targeting 100,000 construction companies worldwide to proactively address weather-related challenges.

### Acción Andina

An indigenous and locally led initiative working to restore 1 million hectares of native high Andean forests across South America.

### The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility

The first Indigenous Peoples led partner initiative. A leading financial mechanism specialised in supporting Indigenous Peoples and local communities to secure and sustain their land and forest rights, aiming to support the resilience of 15 million people across 60 million hectares of forests and land stewarded.

### UNESCO Youth Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN)

A platform connecting global youth climate networks to enhance cooperation and support youth-led climate actions and research across Education, Science, Culture, and Communication.



**RegionsAdapt, led by Regions4, also saw growth, welcoming four new regions. This brought the total to 82 members, including 76 regions and 6 associations. The new region members are as follows:**

### Assam State in India

Which aims to increase the resilience of 100 villages, including 43 highly vulnerable villages, thereby benefiting 63,441 people.

### Louga in Senegal

Which is home to 357,246 residents and supports local entrepreneurship, agro-pastoral sector development, job creation, income generation for young people and increased food system resilience.

### Pernambuco in Brazil

With over 9 million residents, which is implementing measures to combat sea-level rise, promote sustainable land use, support artisanal fishing and establish marine conservation areas to preserve biodiversity.

### Andalusia in Spain

In 2024, 94% of partners responded to the General Information Survey, with 79% submitting Pledges and 68% submitting Resilience-Building Plans, representing an 8% increase from 2023. In addition, 50% of partners have reported on adaptation finance mobilization.

Finally, the Race to Resilience Solution Stories compendium now includes over 40 case studies showcasing the leadership of partners in implementing resilience action that supports lives, livelihoods and nature across all SAA Impact Systems in diverse contexts and regions.



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## Chapter 2: Partners Leading the Way

**The Ocean Risk Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)** celebrated its 5th anniversary at New York Climate Week 2024, having activated \$45.5 million of investment into innovative finance and insurance solutions from over 100 members, helping to build coastal and ocean resilience. Through direct investment into 50 projects focused on climate-vulnerable coastal communities in the Global South, ORRAA has supported over 174,000 people to become more resilient to ocean and coastal risk, including 78,000 women.

**The Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR)**, a public-private partnership, implementing and investing in more than 20 countries to protect coral reefs with the greatest chances of surviving climate change (*coral refugia*). Providing catalytic support to over 60 reef-positive businesses and financing facilities; 1.69 million hectares of coral reef area under improved management; 2.5 million hectares of marine protected areas (MPAs) with sustainable financing mechanisms in place; large-scale private investments; the first-ever debt-for-nature swap dedicated to coral reefs secured; and over \$60 million USD in additional public and private financing leveraged for coral reef impact. In addition, **GFCR Equity Fund managed by Pegasus Capital Advisors has newly announced an investment of up to a \$50 million** in Brazil-based innovator Agrion Agrisolutions to address key agricultural threats facing the local coastal reefs ecosystems.

**One Planet Business for Biodiversity** launched its 5-Year Progress Report, the global regenerative Agriculture coalition has reached a major milestone of \$3.6 billion invested, 300,000 farmers enrolled in programs; 12.5 million hectare regenerative agriculture footprint by 2030, with 3.9 million already impacted.

**Sanitation Water for All** continues to advocate for WASH, recently launching the policy brief “Benefits and ways of integrating sanitation and climate change in national level policy frameworks”, on the role of sanitation systems as critical for climate resilience, revealing that of the 144 countries whose NDCs were analysed, only 66 countries included sanitation related activities.

After five years, **Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP)** has tripled its diverse membership to 90 partners, with 25% government representation and 25% CSOs, including private sector and international organisations. REAP continues to build on the success of the Getting Ahead of Disasters Charter, launched at COP28, and is working with its partners on a new 2030 strategy that will deliver support on early warning early action where it is needed most - at the regional and national levels.

The Race to Resilience first youth-led partner initiative, **Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)** has conducted 9 impactful projects, directly benefiting over 1,500 people and indirectly reaching more than 2,000 individuals. Additionally, GAYO has mobilised over \$500,000 in funding for these initiatives, greatly supporting their efforts.

The **ARISE Private Sector Alliance** advances the private sector's key role in driving demand for risk-sensitive products and services to promote resilience. Inspiring work from ARISE members include: Mangrove Restoration Programme in Barra de Santiago, Ahuachapán, led by ARISE El Salvador & Davivienda Seguros, with over 180 families benefiting from restored ecosystems and storm protection; **ARISE MX** developed the Resilience Self-Diagnosis tool for MSMEs and 122 companies have actively used the tool; SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SMPH), a member of ARISE Philippines, is using innovative infrastructure solutions focused on water resource efficiency, recycling 4 million cubic metres of water annually approximately. Read more in the **latest ARISE Annual Report**.

**Climate Heritage Network** together with ICLEI secured a Mellon Foundation grant to expand Race to Resilience Culture campaign work in North America and Africa. The Campaign aims to enhance the resilience of at least 200 million people from vulnerable groups and communities through culture-based strategies by 2030.

**The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube)** at the National Institute of Urban Affairs has developed Climate Action Plans for four new Indian cities: Leh, Jamnagar, Junagadh, and Pune. These plans aim to achieve net-zero emissions and enhance climate resilience, aligned with the national Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF), the first nationwide initiative to assess climate considerations at the city level. C-Cube is finalising the third assessment phase (CSCAF 2023) expanding it to 226 cities. The **CSCAF 2023 data is publicly available** to provide insights for researchers and solution providers to develop city-specific strategies.

**RegionsAdapt** launched its 2024 progress report “From Cali to Belem, Subnational Governments Leading Nature Actions to Adapt to Climate Change”, focused on the intersection of nature and climate, bringing insights from 38 region members implementing adaptation action to address biodiversity and climate challenges while improving the lives of people.

**The International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI)**, launched its latest **Climate Resilient Infrastructure Report: A Focus on Technology**, highlighting over 50 case studies, tools and initiatives that harness technology to build the resilience of over 119m people globally through infrastructure. It has also launched a progress report on the Resilience4Ports (R4P) programme, mapping outcomes against the Maritime Resilience Breakthroughs and showcasing inspiring initiatives from the maritime sector that are building port resilience. Recognising the need to accelerate the resilience of 17,000 ports around the world and 30 million livelihoods associated within port ecosystems, “A Call to Action” has been launched to build a network of ports. 6 port actors have already signed the pledge and we are aiming for 30 signatories by COP30.

**Build Change**, the global leader in systems change for resilient housing, has made 1.3 million people safer, protected USD \$5bn in housing assets, and avoided 1.5 million metric tons of CO2 emissions since 2004—providing urgently needed housing solutions in the world's most disaster-prone countries. Build Change also launched **Let's Make Housing Its Own SDG** campaign and two new programs, in Indonesia, financing extreme heat adaptation for over 2,000 women homeowners and in Colombia, promoting the integration of racial equity into national housing policies.



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## Chapter 3:

# Race to Resilience Reporting Framework: New Enabling Conditions Pathway

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The Race to Resilience campaign aims to accelerate actions that protect vulnerable populations against climate risks while enhancing the transparency, accountability and integrity of the reporting contributions of non-Party stakeholders. This aligns with the priorities of the **2023 Global Stocktake<sup>1</sup>** and the UAE Global Resilience Framework. As the campaign progresses from establishing commitments to monitoring and tracking tangible actions, tracking partners' progress through the campaign framework is essential. This requires learning cycles, monitoring tools and robust metrics to assess impact.

The Race to Resilience campaign employs a structured reporting framework known as the "4 Ps": Pledge, Plan, Proceed and Publish. In 2024, the Race to Resilience campaign made a significant leap forward by advancing to the Proceed phase, the third stage in the reporting framework. This phase focuses on tracking the campaign's progress in implementing Resilience-Building Plans and assessing their impact on beneficiaries adapting to climate change and thus their success in turning initial pledges into meaningful actions.

## Pledge

In 2024, the total number of people covered by the collective pledges of Race to Resilience partners reached **3.26 billion**, an increase of 3% relative to 2023.

## Plans

In 2024, partners' action plans covered **2.02 billion people<sup>2</sup>** representing 62% of the current collective pledge and 50.6% of the campaign's ultimate goal. Several partners are still in the process of designing or refining their plans. The total finance planned to be mobilized to implement partners' commitments increased by 3.7% relative to 2023, now at **USD 40.88 billion**.

## Proceed

In 2024, the Race to Resilience campaign began developing the Proceed reporting tool, working with six partners to identify key indicators of progress in implementing their Resilience-Building Plans.

Detailed updates under this phase will be shared as part of the Race to Resilience [progress report](#) in early 2025.

<sup>1</sup> In Key Finding 2 of its Summary Report, [the GST highlights](#) the need to advance the collaboration between Party and non-Party stakeholders on both mitigation and adaptation, while emphasizing that "rigorous accounting and accountability are needed to lend credence to their contributions, track progress with environmental integrity and avoid double counting."

<sup>2</sup> As with the pledges, [this number derives](#) from an estimation made by the Race to Resilience Technical Secretariat considering the target beneficiaries, the depth of impact of the planned actions, reliability and potential double-counting. To find out more, please see the [Race to Resilience's Metrics Framework](#).

## New Enabling Conditions Pathway

A key insight from the Race to Resilience campaign is that while certain actions and approaches may not have immediately measurable impacts on the resilience of communities and the natural systems on which they depend, such actions and approaches play a crucial role in enabling systemic change. These foundational actions enhance resilience on a broader scale, even if their direct effects are not immediately visible.

Recognizing the diversity of the actions taken by Race to Resilience partners, the campaign has developed the **Enabling Conditions Pathway**, aiming to expand its reporting framework to better capture the contributions of partners whose efforts are not directly linked to specific beneficiaries but are nonetheless crucial for advancing the resilience agenda and driving systemic change.

This new pathway was jointly developed with five partners and the Race to Resilience Advisory Body through a comprehensive analysis of partners' actions and the construction of a unified approach. The result is the identification of six adaptation and resilience Signals of Change aligned with the SAA, which will be used to reflect system-level progress in increasing the resilience of communities and natural systems. These signals include the following categories:

<b>Cross-sectoral Coordination and Policy Integration</b>	<b>Financing and Investment</b>
<b>Collaboration and Partnership</b>	<b>Operational Tools and Practices</b>
<b>Climate Risk Information, Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity for Climate Resilience</b>	<b>Communication and Empowerment</b>

The Enabling Conditions Pathway represents a significant evolution of the Race to Resilience campaign's reporting framework, allowing for a more comprehensive understanding of how partners contribute to the broader goal of accelerating adaptation and resilience.



## Chapter 4:

# Halfway to 2030: A Roadmap to Mission 1.5

At a pivotal moment in the fight against climate change, the urgency of the need for action has never been clearer. With just five years remaining until 2030, efforts leading up to COP30 will be focused on keeping the 1.5°C target within reach. The troika alliance represented by COP28, COP29 and COP30 is rallying the international community to enhance climate action and implementation in these crucial years, with the upcoming Nationally Determined Contributions 3.0 and the next round of National Adaptation Plans further strengthening our commitment to meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement.

Accelerating action across all pillars of the Paris Agreement, including global adaptation and resilience action, is essential. In this context, the Race to Resilience campaign is approaching its fourth anniversary, coming closer to achieving 50% of its stated goal, with 2 billion people already covered by partners' action plans. Now the focus must shift to delivering tangible impact.

## Resilience is about People

True climate resilience is not only about safeguarding infrastructure or ecosystems; it is fundamentally about protecting lives, empowering communities and enhancing people's ability to adapt to climate impacts. People-centred climate solutions must be prioritized, local voices amplified and investments directed towards strengthening the resilience of the most vulnerable. Global resilience is built from the ground up, as locally led adaptation efforts directly improve the living conditions of those most affected.

## Turning Plans into Action for Resilient Lives and Livelihoods

To deliver on the promise of increasing resilience, the campaign must transform plans into concrete impact. With only 20% of partners currently at the Proceed stage, the campaign's priority for 2025 is to scale up partners' Proceed efforts. By early 2025, Race to Resilience will have optimized the design of the Proceed stage and expanded reporting to ensure that impact is measurable on the road to COP30. This push will allow us to assess the progress made by partners in supporting vulnerable populations and strengthening resilient communities.

## Driving Inclusion: Women, Indigenous Peoples, Youth and Marginalised Groups

Effective adaptation action requires an inclusive approach that prioritises the needs, voices and leadership of those most affected by climate change. Community-based adaptation, human rights based approaches and gender equality promotion not only address climate impacts but also advance equitable and just outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

Vulnerability to climate change is deeply intertwined with historical inequalities, whether based on gender, race, wealth or other socioeconomic factors, which compound the negative effects of the climate crisis. Acknowledging this, Race to Resilience is committed to incorporating diverse voices and perspectives, particularly those of women, youth and Indigenous Peoples, and increasing their representation in the campaign. Race to Resilience is also working on integrating the tracking of gender responsiveness and the contributions of locally led and Indigenous Peoples' traditional knowledge systems to resilience-building action.

## Enabling and Scaling Adaptation Action: Equitable Finance

Enabling and scaling adaptation actions are crucial to building resilient communities and ecosystems in the face of accelerating climate change. Despite the overall increase in climate finance, **global adaptation finance decreased** from 7% in 2019–2020 to 5% in 2021–2022, and developing countries continue to bear the greatest burden. It is estimated that by 2035, developing nations will require USD 3.3 trillion in funding. However, based on current financing rates, only USD 840 billion is expected to be available. To better equip communities to anticipate, prepare for and respond to climate risks, it is essential to strengthen local capacities through training, technology transfer, education and improved access to finance. Achieving Mission 1.5 will necessitate the establishment of a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), crucial to address gaps in climate finance, including securing financial flows that support adaptation and resilience action.

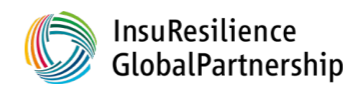
Moreover, the transparent measurement and reporting of adaptation efforts will be essential to track progress and hold all actors accountable. Sharing success stories, challenges and lessons learned will inspire broader action and ensure that adaptation efforts truly benefit people on the ground.

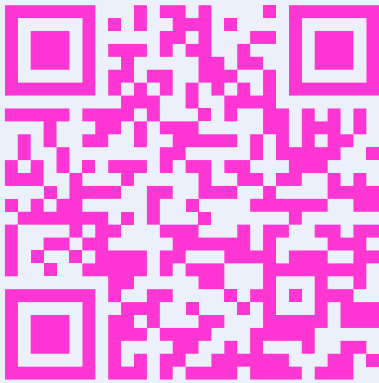
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<sup>3</sup> [More about the importance of Human Rights based approaches to climate action: Resolution 47/24 – Human Rights and Climate Change](#)

# Appendix Partners





## Join the Race to Resilience

Join us in tackling climate change head on.

[Apply to become a partner here](#) or scan the QR code.

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