

How to join Race to Zero

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What is Race to Zero?

Race to Zero is a UN-backed global campaign to take rigorous and immediate action to halve emissions by 2030.

It rallies non-state actors – including companies, cities, regions, financial institutions and educational establishments – to take rigorous and immediate action to halve global emissions by 2030 and deliver a healthier, fairer zero carbon world.

The goal of Race to Zero

All Race to Zero members are committed to the same overarching goal: reducing emissions across all scopes swiftly and fairly in line with the Paris Agreement, with transparent action plans and robust near-term targets.

Led by the High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action – Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz – Race To Zero mobilises actors outside of national governments to join the Climate Ambition Alliance, which was launched at the UNSG’s Climate Action Summit 2019 by the President of Chile, Sebastián Piñera.

The Under2 Coalition is a partner of Race to Zero

The Under2 Coalition supports individual states, regions, provinces and other subnational actors to join Race to Zero.

We do this through our [Net Zero Futures](#) initiative, which offers subnational governments the opportunity to be highlighted as a [Net Zero Leader](#) and submitted to Race to Zero.

All states and regions taking part in Net Zero Futures are supported to join Race to Zero.

How to join Race to Zero: process for new members

1. Pledge:

Pledge at the head-of-organisation (for state/regional governments, this reflects a pledge at the Governor, Premier, First Minister, Chief Minister or other Minister)

level to reach net zero GHG emissions as soon as possible, and by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

Set an interim target to achieve in the next decade, which reflects maximum effort toward or beyond a fair share of the 50% global reduction in CO₂ by 2030 identified in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

Submit evidence of this public commitment to net zero to the Under2 Coalition Secretariat through the [Under2 Ambition Tracker](#).

Note: The interim target must be set within 12 months from the point of joining the Race to Zero, if not shared already at the time of the pledge.

2. Plan:

Within 12 months of joining, explain what actions will be taken toward achieving both interim and longer-term pledges, especially in the short- to medium-term.

3. Proceed:

Take immediate action towards achieving net zero, consistent with delivering interim targets specified. Participating in Under2 Coalition [projects and activities](#) can support states and regions to reach their targets and fulfil this criterion.

4. Publish:

Commit to report publicly both progress against interim and long-term targets, as well as the actions being taken. Report via [CDP](#) annually and have your data included in the [UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal](#).

How to join Race to Zero: process for existing members*

*members who've been in Race to Zero for a year or more

CDP is the global reporting platform for [Race to Zero](#). Existing members of the campaign must continue to report their progress annually to CDP through the [2022 States and Regions Questionnaire](#).

1. Plan:

Develop a long-term decarbonisation pathway (using the [Under2 Pathways Framework](#) or any other methodology).

Fill out the [CDP questionnaire](#) in line with the Race to Zero accountability process and submit pathway.

2. Proceed:

Develop a long-term decarbonisation pathway, as well as MRV system, and engage in capacity building Under2 Coalition projects and demonstrate action through case studies.

3. Publish:

Met via action on step two and through annual CDP disclosure.

For information on how to use the CDP platform, please view their [Disclosure Platform User Guide](#). You can also consult their [2022 States and Regions Questionnaire Guidance](#) for help with your reporting and consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

For any questions, guidance or support please contact Nehmat Kaur, Head of Global Government Relations at nkaur@theclimategroup.org or your regional Under2 Coalition representative.

Note: All state and regional governments that meet the minimum criteria can join Race to Zero. Being a member of the Under2 Coalition is not a precondition to joining Race to Zero.

Race to Resilience:

[Race to Resilience](#) is a global campaign – the sibling to Race to Zero – catalysing a step change in global ambition for climate resilience, putting people and nature first in pursuit of a resilient world where we don't just survive climate shocks and stresses but thrive in spite of them.

The campaign aims to catalyse action by non-state actors that builds the resilience of 4 billion people from vulnerable groups and communities to climate risks, by 2030.

Through a partnership of initiatives, the campaign focuses on helping frontline communities to build resilience and adapt to impacts of climate change, such as extreme heat, drought, flooding and sea-level rise.

Join Race to Resilience

Similar to the criteria to join Race to Zero, state and regional governments are invited to join Race to Resilience by meeting the following criteria:

1. Pledge:

To translate new and existing targets, directly or indirectly, into the numbers of people from vulnerable groups and communities who will be made more resilient to climate risks.

2. Plan:

To use the best knowledge and scientific evidence and share a clear plan by COP26 to take action towards this commitment with interim targets and milestones.

3. Proceed:

To take immediate action to pursue commitment in support of Race to Resilience and has an active and functional secretariat able to request and monitor members.

4. Publish

Agree to report back on progress annually starting at COP26.

States and regions interested in joining Race to Resilience, can do so by contacting [RegionsAdapt](#) - a partner to Race to Resilience and working to place climate resilience at the centre of the global climate agenda, putting people and nature first, and empowering local and regional action on adaptation.

The RegionsAdapt initiative, launched at COP21 in Paris, is a global initiative that supports the acceleration of climate adaptation by subnational governments. With over 70 signatory regions, RegionsAdapt aims to inspire and support regional governments to take concrete action, collaborate and report on climate adaptation.

By joining the initiative, regions commit to report on the progress of their adaptation actions and goals on an annual basis. Regions4 is the network that supports the initiative through its Secretariat and by involving members from the five continents.

Regions wishing to be part of this global effort and Race to Resilience can contact Mayra García-Blásquez, RegionsAdapt Project Officer at mgarcia@regions4.org

For more information, please visit www.regions4.org