



UN CC:Learn 2021-2025 Implementation Phase

Learning for Countries

13 October 2022, Online



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Consultation II - Learning for Countries

1. Introduction

The second consultation under the *Dialogue Space on Learning for Countries* was held on 13th October 2022. The overall aim of this consultation was to bring together interested UN CC:Learn partners and other relevant stakeholders to discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27, with a focus on building knowledge and skills for NDC and NAP implementation.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27
- Explore synergies and coordinate around country work on ACE.

To kick off the session, the Head of the UN CC:Learn Secretariat, Mr. Angus Mackay, noted that the discussion was building on the spirit of the first set of consultations held earlier this year, with the aim of fostering more collaboration for impact around ACE. This is particularly essential during COP as this event presents an opportunity to amplify the ACE agenda on a global stage.

2. Opportunities for Collaboration

The discussion was contextualized through a highlight providing updates on the UN CC:Learn hub in West Africa and through an overview of UN CC:Learn planned activities for COP27, both delivered by the UN CC:Learn Secretariat.

Highlight: The West Africa Hub

Established in 2018, the UN CC:Learn West Africa Hub (WAH) is based in Niger and hosted by the Regional Training Centre AGRHYMET, a specialized institution of the CILSS focusing on providing information and training on food security, water management, climate change and the fight against desertification in the Sahel and West Africa, with 13 member countries around the region. The WAH aims to build the capacity of future and current professionals - both men and women - from Sahelian and West African countries on climate change through a regional platform facilitating knowledge and experience sharing and South-South collaboration.

Since its inception, several initiatives have been undertaken, focusing on building both individual and institutional capacities on climate change including:

- Regional workshops for ACE focal points
- Regional training for journalists
- Radio awareness campaigns
- Regional experience-sharing
- Promotion of the development and implementation of National Climate Change Learning Strategies (NCCLS)
- Strengthening regional capacity to develop and deliver e-learning
- Development of regional project proposals.

During the new implementation phase, consultations are taking place in the region, focusing on understanding the key priorities in the area of climate change learning, existing initiatives, possible new partners and opportunities for collaboration and resource mobilization. These consultations will be continued during COP27, where UN CC:Learn has organized a roundtable bringing together WAH partners. This will be complimented by in-country missions after COP27, led by UN CC:Learn's Senior Advisor for West Africa based in Burkina Faso. The results of the consultations will inform the development of the new activities under the WAH.

In addition, the UN CC:Learn Secretariat was delighted to announce that UN CC:Learn recently got selected through the NDC Partnership Action Fund (PAF) to implement two projects in Benin and Burkina Faso on building knowledge, skills and public awareness on the NDC and its implementation.

UN CC:Learn at COP27

UN CC:Learn will actively participate in COP27 and support multiple events, including:

- The Presidency in-session event “implementing the ACE framework” on [15th November](#) (ACE Day). UN CC:Learn has offered its support and has suggested a speaker from Ethiopia to be considered as part of the panel of speakers.
- UNITAR side events: 1) Accelerating the circular economy agenda to tackle climate change and foster economic transformation ([9th November](#), 11:30-13:00); 2) Scaling up innovative finance and solutions for accelerated adaptation in LDCs, SIDS and Africa ([11th November](#), 13:15-14:45).
- UN CC:Learn global, regional and national partners’ side events.
- The West Africa Hub informal roundtable on national budgeting for climate change learning will be held on [15th November](#). This event will bring together the representatives from the WAH member countries, other interested countries from the region, as well as UN Agencies, to discuss and share experiences on the financing of climate change education and training. Additional details will be shared with UN CC:Learn partners closer to the date.
- UN CC:Learn will have bilateral meetings with partners and other relevant stakeholders.
- UN CC:Learn will be hosting a COP27 dinner of [16th November](#). All are welcome and more information will be shared soon.

Furthermore, UN CC:Learn will organize a 10th edition of its Climate Classroom initiative. The Climate Classroom is a regular feature of UN CC:Learn’s engagement in COP and beyond. It includes a series of 45-minute introductory classes on climate change issues - an “espresso-shot” of knowledge for COP attendees and other interested professionals. This year’s COP will see the highest number of classes so far, with over 20 sessions. These will mostly take place online (via Zoom), with 1-2 sessions in person at the COP27 venue. This edition is organized in collaboration with 15 organizations, including the CIF, FAO, the Future Leaders Network, GCA, ILO, ITU, MEECE, OHCHR, UNEP, UNITAR, WHO, WMO, WRI, WTO, YOUNGO.

More information on the Climate Classroom will be made available on UN CC:Learn’s COP27 webpage.

3. Discussions on COP27

After these interventions, the floor was opened for participants to share their feedback, thoughts, as well as plans for COP27.

1. WMO

- Considering the COP negotiation tracks, there is an opportunity for following the negotiations, as well as discussing/coordinating in relation to the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building. While UN CC:Learn follows more specifically the ACE negotiations, there could be an opportunity to further explore this area, given the inter-linkages.
- The WMO Secretary General will be launching the Early Warning for All Initiative, which WMO is co-leading with UNDRR, as well as the State of the Global Climate on [6th November](#)
- From [6th – 8th November](#) WMO will be participating in a roundtable for Heads of States and Agencies on Physical Aspects of the Climate and Water.
- At the WMO Pavilion, Science for Action, co-organized with the IPCC and MERI Foundation, WMO will host 16 side events. These will be also livestreamed.
- On [9th November](#), WMO will participate in a mandated event on Earth Observation.
- On [11th November](#), together with UNDRR and other UN partners, WMO will host a side event on Scaling-up early warning and early action through comprehensive disaster and climate risk management.
- A Liaison Officer between YOUNGO and WMO just joined and will be a useful resource. Contacts can be shared with those interested.
- A WMO COP27 website is being created with a list of all the events and information. This will also be circulated once its ready.

2. UNESCO

- UNESCO will have a pavilion in the Green Zone from [8th November](#)

- Youth Day will be on **10th November** with the following key activities:
 - The UNESCO-UNFCCC Ministerial Session on climate education focusing on Youth demand for quality climate education. This will be held on **10th November from 16h00 – 18h00** as part of COP27 main programme.
 - The Inaugural Meeting on Greening Education Partnership: Getting Every Learner Climate-ready will be held on **10th November from 12h30 – 13h30** at the UNESCO Pavilion.
- ACE Day on **15th November** will also have activities:
 - An event presenting the outcomes of UNESCO global youth survey will be held in the UNESCO Pavilion on **15th November from 14h30 – 15h30**.
 - Focusing on climate change education: On the road to COP28 event will be held in the UAE Pavilion on **15th November from 10h00 – 10h45**.

More information on the Transforming Education Summit (TES) Greening Education Partnership is available here <https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/transform-the-world>. The UN TES Thematic Action Track 2 on learning and skills for life work and sustainable development discussion paper is here <https://transformingeducationsummit.sdg4education2030.org/AT2DiscussionPaper>.

3. UNFCCC

- The focus will be on the adoption of the ACE Action Plan that is expected to be finalized during COP27, following the Glasgow outcomes last year.
- UNFCCC is supporting the COP27 Presidency in organizing the ACE and Youth Days.
- The Future Generations Day will be co-hosted with YOUNGO and supported by the regional centers. Two roundtables on Youth Day, **10th November**, will look at adaptation and at mitigation.
- The ACE and Civil Society Day will be held on **15th November** to focus on the role of CSOs on ACE, especially in adaptation-related areas.
- A reception on **15th November** for ACE Day will be held for partners and stakeholders. There will also be an informal session for national focal points.
- During the Youth Day, the Innovation Hub will feature several events including a Hackathon.
- The recently appointed Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC has been duly briefed on ACE and will be engaging in high level segments on Youth Day and the reception on ACE, availability allowing.

4. Conclusion and Next Steps

- UN CC:Learn will share further information on its activities as the details are confirmed and would be happy to promote and share the relevant webpages of partners with COP27 events to all, once launched, for ease of finding information.
- In addition to updating on each other's activities, as in this coordination meeting about COP27, future events in the framework of this Dialogue Space will also offer the possibility to explore more opportunities for joint action around ACE.

Annex 1 – Agenda

UN CC:Learn Dialogue Space – Learning for Countries –

Thursday, 13 October 2022
(3pm – 4:30pm CEST)

Online

The UN CC:Learn partnership is scheduling a 1h30 group consultation with interested UN CC:Learn partners and other relevant stakeholders to discuss ACE priorities and activities for COP27, with a focus on building knowledge and skills for NDC and NAP implementation, in collaboration with national education and training institutions, and explore synergies and opportunities for collaboration.

Agenda:

Welcome and Introduction

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| 3:00 - 3:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks• Tour de table• Objectives and agenda |
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Opportunities for Collaboration

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| 3:15 - 4:20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight• Presentation: UN CC:Learn activities for COP27• Moderated discussion:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Partner activities at COP27➤ Identification of synergies and opportunities for collaboration |
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Conclusion

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| 4:20 - 4:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of key points• Wrap-up and next steps |
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Annex 2 – Presentation



UN CC:Learn
The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership

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UN CC:Learn COP27 Consultation
– Learning for Countries

13 October 2022

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. CEST



Opening Remarks

Mr. Angus Mackay

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Tour de Table

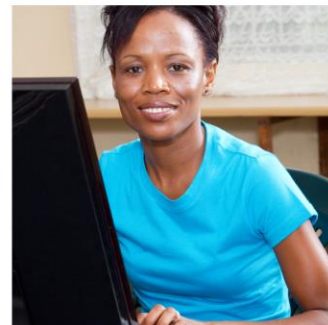
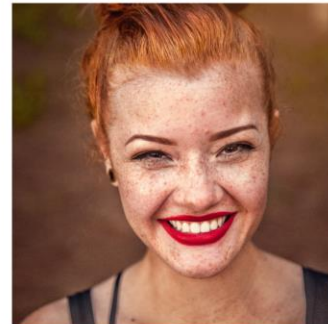
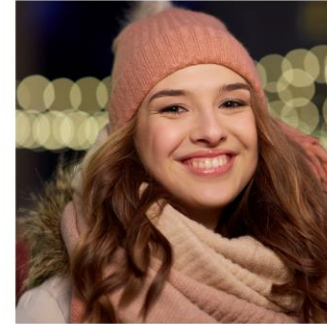
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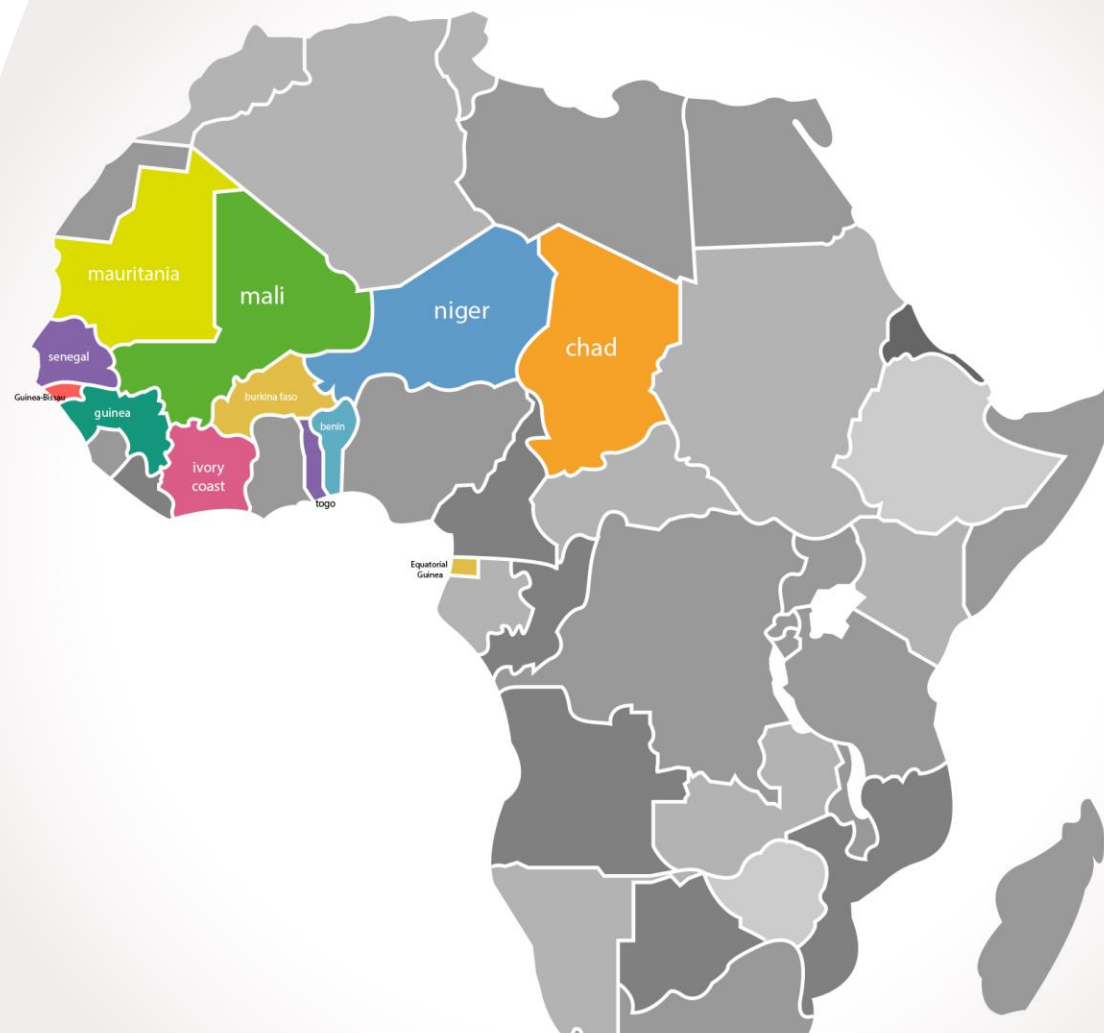
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Opportunities for Collaboration



Highlight – The West Africa Hub



UN CC:Learn @ COP27

- High-level side event on ACE (15 Nov)
- Partner side events
- West Africa Hub roundtable on national budgeting for climate change learning
- Bilateral meetings
- UN CC:Learn dinner



Climate Classroom @ COP27

- 45-minute introductory classes on key climate change topics
- **24** classes (online or face-to-face)
- **15** organizations: CIF, FAO, Future Leaders Network, GCA, ILO, ITU, MEECE, OHCHR, UNEP, UNITAR, WHO, WMO, WRI, WTO, YOUNGO





Discussion

Summary of Key Points and Next Steps

Thank you!



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The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership

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