

APPROVED FRAMEWORK & 2030 VISION STATEMENT

FOR THE CLIMATE AND CLEAN AIR COALITION TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

The representatives of the Coalition's State Partners¹ and in consultation with the non-State Partners:

Recognizing that key short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs), including methane, black carbon, tropospheric ozone, and many hydrofluorocarbons, are responsible for a substantial fraction of near-term climate change, with a particularly large impact in sensitive regions of the world;

Concerned that SLCPs have significant impact on air quality and detrimental health, agricultural, and environmental impacts;

Recognizing that control of SLCPs is expected to have near-term and multiple benefits for human well-being;

Acknowledging the ongoing efforts by states, organizations, and partnerships to address SLCPs and related public health issues;

Recognizing that these efforts will benefit from the active involvement of the private sector, environmental groups, civil society, and intergovernmental organizations;

Committed to control and to reduce SLCPs, including in their own countries;

Appreciating the unique capabilities of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);

Recognizing the central importance of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, including through national action and multilateral cooperation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in order to address climate change effectively;

Set forth the following Framework for the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants ("the Framework").

1. Purpose

The Coalition is a voluntary international framework for concrete and substantial action to accelerate efforts to reduce SLCPs, with an initial focus on methane, black carbon, tropospheric ozone and many hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), in ways that protect the environment and public health, promote food and energy security, and address near-term climate change and air pollution.

¹ At the time for the revision, in October 2021 included: African Union Commission, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Dominican Republic, ECOWAS Commission, Eswatini, Ethiopia, European Commission, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Laos, Liberia, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

2. Functions

The Coalition intends to enhance global, regional, and national² public and private efforts to reduce SLCPs by:

- (a) raising awareness of SLCPs and their impacts;
- (b) enhancing existing and developing new national actions to reduce SLCPs;
- (c) encouraging existing and new regional actions and promoting opportunities for greater international coordination;
- (d) reinforcing and tracking existing efforts to reduce SLCPs and developing and improving inventories;
- (e) identifying barriers to action and seeking to surmount them;
- (f) promoting best practices or available technologies and showcasing successful efforts to address SLCPs;
- (g) improving understanding of and reviewing scientific progress on SLCPs, their impacts, and the benefits of mitigation, and disseminating knowledge; and
- (h) mobilising targeted support for those developing countries that require resources to develop their capacity and to implement actions consistent with national strategies to support sustainable development.

Each Partner is expected to undertake activities under this Framework; to be done in accordance with the laws, regulations, and policies under which it operates and applicable international instruments.

3. Participation

- (a) Any member State of the United Nations or regional economic integration organization (REIO) may join the Coalition as a Partner (“State and REIO Partners”), subject to the conditions in paragraph (c) and the consensus approval of the State and REIO Partners.
- (b) A non-governmental organization, a private sector entity, an intergovernmental entity or initiative, or a regional or international organization (or subsidiary thereof) may join the Coalition as a Partner, subject to the conditions in paragraph (c) and the consensus approval of the State and REIO Partners.
- (c) A State or other stakeholder may join the Coalition under paragraph (a) or (b), respectively, if it:
 - (i) endorses this Framework;
 - (ii) endorses that it will take meaningful action to address SLCPs consistent with the Framework; and
 - (iii) identifies particular areas of interest related to SLCPs and specific actions planned to address near term climate change.
- (d) UNEP is to participate in the Coalition as a Partner and to perform the functions described in section 4(g). UNEP will also contribute to the Coalition through its ongoing assessment efforts regarding SLCPs.
- (e) Participation in the Coalition is voluntary, and each Partner individually determines the nature of its participation.
- (f) This Framework does not create any legally binding obligations between or among its Partners.

4. Organization

- (a) Climate & Clean Air Ministerial

² Note that the CCAC’s conceptualization of “national” encompasses sub-national and city within the nation, in this article and in other references in the document

The Climate & Clean Air Ministerial, a high-level meeting of the Partners, is to be convened in accordance with section 6 to provide strategic direction for the Coalition.

(b) Annual Meeting

- (i) The Annual Meeting is the principal platform for engagement and sharing of information on climate and clean air. Partners and invitees will come together to share policy actions, latest science, discuss challenges and barriers and how to overcome them, and encourage replication of successful practices.
- (ii) The Annual Meeting will be chaired by the Co-Chairs of the Coalition.
- (iii) The Annual Meeting meets at least once per year.
- (iv) A segment of the Annual Meeting will be closed to Partners only for oversight of Coalition decisions: reporting back by the Board to evaluate its functioning, roles, authorities and responsibilities; approval of the Coalition's Work Plan and Budget; election of Board members and Co-Chairs; reviewing the activities of the Hubs; providing inputs for future priorities; and, discussing inputs from the Climate & Clean Air Ministerial.

(c) Board

- (i) The Board is the strategic, decision-making body of the Coalition, engaging and mobilising all Partners towards common goals and taking decisions on behalf of the Coalition. It also provides regular oversight of Coalition activities, makes recommendations on work plans and budgets and assists in securing funding including contributions to the Trust Fund.
- (ii) The Board is the principal decision-making body concerning the use of the Trust Fund – endeavouring to make fast, informed, transparent decisions while ensuring the highest standards of public administration, with strong conflict of interest provisions and open, transparent and competitive contracting consistent with UN regulations, rules and procedures applicable to UNEP.
- (iii) The Board is made up of representatives that reflect the multi-stakeholder nature of the Coalition and an effort to maintain gender and geographic diversity, specifically:
 - (1) the two Co-Chairs of the Coalition;
 - (2) up to ten state/REIO Partners elected by decision of the Coalition to staggered two-year terms;
 - (3) four non-voting representatives elected to staggered two-year terms: two from international organisations (or subsidiary thereof) elected by decision of the international organisations Partners in the Coalition and two from non-governmental organisations (or subsidiary thereof) elected by decision of the non-governmental organisation Partners in the Coalition; and
 - (4) the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel in a non-voting capacity.
- (iv) The Secretariat of the Coalition serves as the Secretariat of the Board and participates in all Board meetings in that capacity.
- (v) The Board meets at least twice per year, once on the margins of the Annual Meeting, and reports to the Annual Meeting on all activities and decisions taken, sharing meeting records with all Partners.
- (vi) Prior to taking decisions, the Board will ensure that adequate consultations with the broader Coalition have taken place, and will undertake regular consultations with the whole Coalition to inform their decision-making, in the spirit of partnership.

(d) Co-Chairs

- (i) Two Co-Chairs of the Coalition from State/REIO Partners and elected by decision of the Coalition for staggered terms of two years, renewable.
- (ii) The role of the Co-Chairs includes:
 - (1) High level political engagement;
 - (2) Proceedings of all Coalition governance meetings (Ministerial, Annual Meeting, Board);
 - (3) Engaging countries and donors in the Coalition's work;
 - (4) Representing the Coalition in other forums;
 - (5) Other roles as decided by the Coalition.
- (iii) The State/REIO Partners of each Co-Chair may also choose to be represented by other individuals on the Board (separate to the existing 10 State/REIO Board members).

(e) Scientific Advisory Panel

- (iv) A Scientific Advisory Panel will provide advice as requested by decision of the Coalition on scientific matters related to SLCPs, air pollution and near-term climate change, and the Panel will:
 - (1) inform of latest scientific developments in the field;
 - (2) provide expert scientific advice to Coalition initiatives, with a focus on how new information may impact Coalition policies or programs; and
 - (3) respond to science and assessment related questions from the Annual Meeting, Board or Hubs, including, if requested, information regarding costs and benefits of various mitigation options, and implementation of policies and practices that can help more effectively and sustainably scale-up implementation of measures to reduce SLCPs in different contexts.
- (v) The Scientific Advisory Panel is to be comprised of up to twenty experts in diverse fields related to SLCPs who are selected by decision of the Coalition to serve for terms of two years.
- (vi) Additional scientific experts may be selected by decision of the Coalition to participate in discrete activities of the Coalition.

(f) Other Sub-Groups

Other sub-groups, including committees, sub-committees, and task forces, may be established by decision of the Coalition.

(g) Secretariat

- (i) UNEP is to serve as a Secretariat for the Coalition and to perform other functions as decided by the Coalition, including:
 - (1) arranging special activities, such as teleconferences and workshops;
 - (2) organizing and supporting Coalition meetings;
 - (3) managing communication and outreach through a website, press releases, and other outlets;
 - (4) serving as a clearinghouse of information regarding the Coalition;
 - (5) implementing programs and other activities approved by decision of the Coalition;
 - (6) preparing, in consultation with the Partners, an annual Work Plan and Budget for Coalition activities for approval by decision of the Coalition;
 - (7) managing the trust fund established pursuant to section 5 and any other resources made available for Coalition activities; and

- (8) performing such other tasks as decided by the Coalition in consultation with UNEP.
- (ii) Each Partner should designate a focal point to serve as its principal point of contact.
- (iii) UNEP may, as required, use the services of personnel employed by Partners and made available on a voluntary basis to the Coalition in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Coalition, such personnel are to be remunerated by their respective employers and remain subject to their employers' conditions of employment.

(h) Decisions

- (i) Decisions of the Coalition, except those in sub-paragraph (ii), are to be made by consensus of the State and REIO Partners elected to the Board.
- (ii) Decisions concerning the annual Work Plan and Budget and election of the Board members and Co-Chairs shall be made by consensus of the State and REIO Partners of the Coalition.
- (iii) All decisions of committees or other sub-groups of the Coalition are to be made by consensus of the State and REIO Partners that serve on the relevant committee or other sub-group.

5. Finances

- (a) Each Partner may, at its discretion, contribute funds, personnel, and other resources to the Coalition subject to the laws, regulations, and policies of the Partner.
- (b) Any costs directly incurred by a Partner arising from the activities contemplated in this Framework are to be borne by the Partner that incurs them, unless other arrangements are decided by the Coalition.
- (c) Funds contributed to support Coalition activities may be held in a Trust Fund ("the Trust Fund") established for that purpose and managed by UNEP in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations and any other rules and regulations established by the decision of the Coalition as appropriate.
- (d) Funds in the Trust Fund may be used to pay only those costs decided by the Coalition for:
 - (i) the Secretariat and administrative support for meetings and activities of the Coalition and its sub-groups described in section 4(f); and
 - (ii) programs and initiatives decided by the Coalition.

6. Meetings

- (a) A Climate & Clean Air Ministerial meeting of the Partners is expected to meet at least once per year as decided by the Coalition.
- (b) Ministerial meetings are to be open to Partners and any other stakeholders approved by decision of the Coalition.
- (c) The Coalition may decide to convene an executive session of the Ministerial comprised of the State and REIO Partners. The Coalition may decide to request the attendance of other Partners or stakeholders during all or part of such executive sessions.
- (d) The quorum requirement for Board meetings is 50% of State/REIO Partners plus one State/REIO Partner.
- (e) Other rules of procedure for the conduct of Coalition meetings and other business may be approved by decision of the Coalition.

7. Modifications

- (a) This document may be modified at any time by decision of the Coalition;

- (i) Modifications decided on by the Annual Meeting shall apply on a provisional basis, subject to definitive endorsement by the Climate & Clean Air Ministerial at its next meeting.
- (b) In accordance with section 3(c), any State or other stakeholder willing to join the Coalition as a Partner shall endorse the latest version of this Framework as endorsed by the Climate & Clean Air Ministerial and provided by the Secretariat.

8. Duration

- (a) Cooperation under this Framework commences on 16 February 2012, and ceases on 31 December 2030,³ unless extended by decision of the Coalition.
- (b) A Partner should endeavour to provide to the Secretariat of the Coalition ninety days prior written notice of its intent to discontinue its participation in the Coalition.

³ Modified by HLA/SEP2019/02A, adoption of CCAC 2030 Vision. (Was previously 16 February 2022 per HLA/SEP2019/04A).

2030 VISION STATEMENT

We are at a critical point. There is a public health emergency from air pollution and a global climate crisis. In today's world, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition is more needed than ever.

Our vision is an atmosphere that enables people and the planet to thrive – a stabilized climate with warming limited to 1.5C and drastically reduced air pollution.

In the next decade we will work to put the world on a pathway that rapidly reduces warming in the near-term and maximizes development, health, environmental and food security benefits.

Building on our experiences we will both drive and respond to scientific and political progress, guided by the following imperatives:

- Working at the nexus of climate and air quality, delivering multiple benefits from the mitigation of short-lived climate pollutants: methane, HFCs, black carbon and tropospheric ozone.
- Strengthening our partnership to deliver results, working arm-in-arm with leaders of national governments, subnational governments, cities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, companies, and civil society.
- Providing decision-makers the confidence to deliver fast and immediate mitigation.

Together we will catalyse action to raise ambition.