

SECRETARIAT NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is a bi-monthly update to share announcements, updates, calls for input and funding, tools, learning opportunities, reports and research, events, and other information will be relevant to humanitarian organizations on climate and environment action. You can find out more about the Charter Secretariat, the role and support offered by the Charter Secretariat Team, and the Board, check out the [Charter Secretariat page](#).

SECRETARIAT UPDATES FROM COP29

COP29 Statement: Every year before the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP), the Charter has issued a statement on key challenges, priorities and opportunities at each COP. This year, following the [COP29 webinar](#), organized by the Charter Secretariat, and discussions with Signatories, the Charter Secretariat has released a [Statement from Charter Signatories ahead of COP29](#)

COP29 Updates: Daily updates, Key messages, Reports, Events and More! The Charter Secretariat, with the support of Charter Signatories, will keep you updated throughout COP29 on our [COP29 webpage](#). The page includes links to relevant [events](#), [key messages](#) and [reports](#) that are relevant to the humanitarian sector. The documents will be updated on an ongoing basis, so keep an eye out on the page.

CALLS FOR CHARTER SIGNATORY ENGAGEMENT: TARGET CASE STUDIES

The **Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat** is launching a new study, with support from ADAPT Initiative: *Mainstreaming, Integrating, and Target-Setting of Climate and Environmental Considerations in Humanitarian Action*. We are currently seeking **Charter signatories who would be interested in participating in this research as a case study**. Through these case studies, the Charter Secretariat aims to illustrate how organizations are setting and progressing toward climate and environmental targets. As such, the research team are looking to connect with organisations who **have already established specific targets and are actively engaging with these through reporting, action plans, or other organisational updates**.

Participating in the study would involve completing a brief questionnaire, providing information on your organization's target-setting strategies and climate-related work where such documentation exists, and participating in approximately three key informant interviews with various members of your organizations. We anticipate these interviews being conducted in 2024, or January 2025, depending on availability. We will be in touch with some organizations who have approached us recently about their targets or reporting, but if your organization would like to contribute to this valuable peer learning opportunity, **please get in touch** at secretariat@climate-charter.org!

GUIDANCE, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES

[Handbook on Early warning systems and early action in fragile, conflict-affected and violent contexts: Addressing growing climate and disaster risks, UNDRR, 21 October 2024](#)

The Handbook on Early Warning Systems (EWS) and Early Action in Fragile, Conflict, and Violent (FCV) Contexts aims to bolster climate action in the world's most vulnerable regions. This Handbook seeks to drive a comprehensive approach to promote increased investment in EWS in FCV contexts and to support local-level action by helping countries and vulnerable communities better anticipate disasters, protect vulnerable populations, and build long-term resilience to a rapidly changing climate.

[Effective emergency preparedness for flooding and drought: A guide for Cities, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, 2024](#)

This guide outlines five key components for effective emergency preparedness. It sets out practical steps that cities can take to help protect vulnerable communities from [flooding](#) and [drought](#) and shares relevant case studies from cities around the world. At the end of the guide, a self-assessment checklist helps cities to evaluate their current progress and identify areas for improvement and further action.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM CHARTER SIGNATORIES

[Greening Operations: Guides, tools and webinar recordings, People In Need \(PIN\)](#)

Are you interested in making your offices, transport, and purchases more eco-friendly? Or perhaps you'd like to assist your partner organisations in improving the sustainability of their operations? If so, we invite you to explore brand-new package of 'greening' [guides, tools, and webinar recordings](#), which offer practical guidance and inspiration. Developed by [People in Need](#), in collaboration with [Civil Society Now](#), these resources are part of their ongoing efforts to enhance the environmental sustainability of humanitarian and development assistance.

Resources for Greening Humanitarian Action, [Humanitarian Advisory Group](#)

Humanitarian Advisory Group's [Greening the System](#) research was designed to support the sector to measurably reduce the climate and environmental impact of humanitarian response, and. As you progress through your own greening journeys, HAG's research and resources may be useful to you. For example, the [Framework for Greening Humanitarian Action in the Pacific](#), offers an operational and contextualised framework that provides local, national, regional and international humanitarian practitioners, policymakers and donors with a practical approach and actions for strengthening greener humanitarian action. The framework can be adapted and scaled to meet the needs of different actors at different stages of their greening journey and can be used as a guide to inform development of contextualised tools in other regions. The Framework also includes case studies in [Fiji](#) and [Tonga](#), and is aligned with HAG's [Vision for a Green Humanitarian Future](#), which identifies five priority focus areas and an aspirational vision for the sector to green operations. *For more information about this research or support in adapting and implementing the tools, please contact Jesse McCommon at jmcccommon@humanitarianadvisorygroup.org or Jess Lees at jlees@humanitarianadvisorygroup.org.*

100% Discounted RedR UK Courses are still available for Climate and Environment Charter Signatories! This is a reminder that RedR UK (a Charter signatory) in partnership with the Charter Secretariat, is offering Climate and Environment Charter signatories free enrollment in all of their upcoming trainings/modules. If you register for any of the RedR UK training and modules listed [HERE](#), please use the promo code Climate_Charter and it will automatically apply a 100% discount. Two upcoming, online training modules to highlight:

- [Locally-led and Community-based Climate Change Adaptation Strategies, November 21st, 11:00-14:00 UK time](#)
- [Climate Risk Assessments, November 28th, 11:00-14:00 UK time](#)

POLICY, AND REPORTS

[The Climate and Humanitarian Localisation Agendas: Entry Points to Enhance Climate Adaptation and Resilience Financing and Action, The British Red Cross, October 2024](#)

This policy brief delves deeper into how locally-led climate and humanitarian agendas intersect and explores the implications on financial flows aimed at enhancing climate adaptation and resilience. The brief offers an in-depth analysis of barriers to accessing climate-related finance for local actors across the climate and humanitarian systems, and proposes solutions.

[Making climate funds fit for purpose in fragile contexts](#) This new editorial in Context News by Mauricio Vazquez, head of policy in ODI's global risks and resilience team, and Hodan Osman, president of the Development and Reconstruction Bank of Somalia, looks at what the World Bank and other major funds must do to better support resilience building in an increasingly fragile world.

News: [Green Climate Fund, FAO commit \\$134M for projects in Somalia and Iraq](#) The projects are aimed at safeguarding food security in areas affected by climate change-driven conflict and displacement, Devex, November 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS



11 - 22 NOVEMBER

[COP 29 Events](#)

The Charter Secretariat is updating Signatories on events at COP29 through [the COP29 webpage](#), which links [a page that will be continuously updated](#) with events and engagement opportunities that may be relevant for signatories to the Climate and Environment Charter for humanitarian organizations during COP29.



VARIOUS

[NEAT+ Training Sessions](#)

Groupe URD is hosting a series of training courses on the NEAT+ (Nexus Environmental Assessment Tool) to assess the environmental risks of your projects. You will learn how to analyse and use the results produced by the NEAT+ tool, and how to develop an action plan for your project based on these results. Sessions will take place every month until March 2025.

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[Climat et santé en Afrique](#)

Comment bâtir des services de santé résilients et durables pour les populations ? Après une première édition ayant réuni plus de 130 participants en octobre 2023, le Climate Action Accelerator organise la 2ème édition de sa rencontre régionale de partage d'expériences et de collaboration intersectorielle sur les interactions entre la santé, le climat et l'environnement. Cet événement rassemble des acteurs de l'aide humanitaire, de la santé, et issus des secteurs privé, public, académique, et au-delà. Il est rendu possible grâce au soutien du Ministère Fédéral Allemand des Affaires Étrangères (GFFO).

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SIGNATORY SPOTLIGHT

[2024 CSO Commitment to Action, Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network \(ADRRN\), October, 2024](#). The CSO Commitment highlights the vital role that CSOs play in advancing the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction \(SFDRR\)](#) and underscores the necessity of inclusive, community-led approaches to DRR. By elevating the voices of CSOs, we bring to the forefront the perspectives and solutions that are often closest to the communities impacted by disasters. The document emerged from ADRRN consultation and serves as a collective pledge to address vulnerability hotspots across Asia and the Pacific

[Advancing International Medical Corps' Comprehensive Climate Response, The Year In Review, October 2024](#) IMC has advanced various programmatic interventions that tackle a variety of issues at the intersection of health and climate, including infections, nutrition, food security and livelihoods (FSL), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). One year after they published their call to action on climate change, they have now produced a four pager that outlines the actions that they have taken to operationalise climate change adaptation in their programming over the past year.

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