

Update to Climate and Environment Charter Signatories – April 2025

Dear Signatories,

Please find our latest update, a compilation of opportunities, events, and information on climate and environmental action in humanitarian settings. This update is a supplement to the Charter Secretariat's [bi-monthly newsletters](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Workshop Invite: Economics of Environmental and Climate Action in the Face of the Humanitarian Impacts of Climate Change, Monday, 19 May 2025, 16:45 – 18:00 CEST, European Humanitarian Forum (EHF) 2025, Brussels, Belgium (in-person)

Co-organised by the European Commission and the Secretariat for the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations, this session will bring together humanitarian organisations and donors: signatories to both the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations and to the Donor Declaration on Climate and Environment. Through this participatory workshop, participants will dive into:

- Progress made so far by both signatories to the Donor Declaration and the Charter and what is still needed to achieve commitments,
- The economics of investing in prevention, preparedness and reducing organizations' environment footprint, as well as new sources of funding for these actions
- Environmental resilience-building actions in humanitarian contexts.

For more information, including on how to register, see [HERE](#)

CALLS FOR ENGAGEMENT

In our January 2025 survey on Signatory Advocacy Priorities, organizations expressed interest in contributing humanitarian perspectives and engaging in international policy platforms such as the IPCC, UNFCCC and related processes. Below are a few opportunities for humanitarian organizations to contribute to these platforms:

Call for Nominations: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Deadline: 17 April 2025

- **Call for [nomination of authors for the Seventh Assessment Report, Chapter 20: Poverty, livelihoods, mobility and fragility of Working Group II](#)**. This chapter looks at impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability to climate change, which has scope to highlight humanitarian needs and actions in fragile contexts. ***We encourage experts from humanitarian organizations to submit your nominations.*** Find the [outlines of the Working Groups](#). More information can be found on the nomination process [here](#) and how the IPCC selects its authors [here](#).
- **Call for nomination of experts for the [Task-Group on Data Support for Climate Change Assessments \(TG-Data\)](#)**

If you have any questions on nominations to the IPCC, please email Zinta ZOMMERS <zommers@un.org> who has kindly volunteered to field any clarifications.

Call for Inputs: [Environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental impact assessments and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#), UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2025

Inputs will inform the thematic report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment to be presented to the United Nations General Assembly's eightieth session, regarding environmental impact assessments (EIA) and strategic impact assessments (SEA), as an obligation to respect, protect and fulfil human rights, including the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Call for inputs: [Thematic report on the \(re\)integration of internally displaced persons in urban settings](#), UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Deadline for submissions: 28 April 2025

Inputs will inform the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons on the (re)integration of internally displaced persons in urban settings at the 80th session of the General Assembly. More information on scope and objectives available on the link.

Call for feedback: Surveys on Environmental Sustainability and Procurement, The Humanitarian Leadership Group on Supply Chain (HLGSC), Deadline 22 April 2025

Amidst growing humanitarian needs, multiplication of crises, and diminishing funding, the need for a strategic, high-level approach to the humanitarian supply chain has never been so pressing. The supply chain constitutes 60-80% of aid spending from procurement to delivery and offers many opportunities for efficiency and effectiveness gains. The [HLGSC](#), an initiative driven by DG ECHO, aims to identify a concrete set of actions from improvement in five thematic areas: environmental sustainability, procurement, digitalisation, preparedness, and localisation. You are kindly invited to **respond to two dedicated questionnaires designed to capture organisational feedback on key topics as well as proposals for possible recommendations and actions** on the first two themes – [Environmental Sustainability](#) and [Procurement](#).

Should you have any questions on this structured consultation or, in general, on the Humanitarian Leadership Group on Supply Chain initiative, please contact EU-HUMANITARIAN-SUPPLY-CHAIN@ec.europa.eu.

EVENTS

[Community-Based Approaches to Climate-Resilient Urban Infrastructure](#), Friday April 11, 2025, 03:30 PM to 04:30 PM (IST)

Miyamoto International and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) are jointly organizing a roundtable to explore innovative and participatory strategies that empower local communities in building sustainable and climate-adaptive urban environments.

[Launch of the Talanoa Interfaith Call to Action](#), Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC, 7 May 2025, 15:00 CET

Talanoa Interfaith Call to Action, a document representing a unified moral stance from diverse faith traditions ahead of COP30. The Interfaith Liaison Committee was established during the 19th Conference of the Parties in 2013 as a platform for faith-based organisations engaged with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It works to facilitate dialogue and coordinated advocacy across all pillars of the Paris Agreement: mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, and finance.

For an updated list of events relevant to Charter signatories, please see the Charter Secretariat's [Events page](#). Hosting an event you would like publicized in our newsletter, updates, or website? Email us at secretariat@cliamte-charter.org

AVOCACY UPDATES

Proposal for the start-up phase of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, the Board for the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), March 2025

This document presents the proposal for the start-up phase of the FRLD, with options identified for each of the key areas of work required to operationalize the start-up phase.

People not profit in the Loss and Damage Fund, Open Letter to the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), 11 March 2025

More than 160 organizations at the global, regional and national/local level sent an open letter to the Board of the FRLD, calling on them to reject the proposal to establish an Active Observer seat for the private sector. Organizations highlighted that fund is meant to serve people affected by the climate crisis first and foremost, discouraging engagement of the profit-making private sector.

Key Messages for the fifth meeting of the Board (B5) of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD), Loss and Damage Collaboration, April 2025

These [key messages](#), which will continue to be updated, respond to agenda items 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 of the provisional agenda (rev. 1), building upon and/or situating recommendations from the L&DC's membership and work to date on the FRLD. For those who wish to follow B5, the documents will be found [here](#) and the webcast [here](#).

Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) - What can you do?

The Loss and Damage Collaboration (L&DC) has shared some of the ways that organizations can engage and contribute to the FRLD processes:

- Engage with the work of the **LDF Friends**- civil society colleagues can request to join the group via [this form](#));
- Fund / support ongoing Loss and Damage work under the UNFCCC;
- Push developed countries for **new pledges and contributions** to match the scale of needs; and;
- **Share your case studies** on access to climate finance via [this form](#) to support the call for community access under the FRLD.
- Engage with the work and **share the L&DC messages** widely.

10 Things to Know about Climate Finance: 2025, Heinrich Böll Stiftung, March 2025

This set of 10 graphic illustrations of complex climate finance issues produced by Charlene Watson and Liane Schalatek provides a look at the critical role of multilateral climate funds tracked by [ClimateFundsUpdate \(CFU\)](#), including those UNFCCC funds singled out in the NCQG decision for tripling outflows from 2022 to 2030).

TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Environmentally Sustainable Humanitarian Logistics MOOC (Massive Open Online Course), the Logistics Cluster's Environmental Sustainability Team, the WREC Coalition

This course provides eight stand-alone online modules, incorporating theoretical sessions, practical exercises, and real-life case studies. The modules are designed to enhance understanding of environmental sustainability within humanitarian logistics and empower participants to operationalise sustainable practices and mitigation measures, thereby reducing the environmental impact of their operations. Learners have the option of joining a cohort, which will support learning through collaboration with other cohort members and give access to a dedicated Teams channel for communicating questions, comments, or chatting with other learners throughout their learning journey.

Sign up for the course [HERE](#). (Note: you must be logged in to WeLearn to access the course via the link; individuals who do not have a WeLearn account can register for free).

The Environmental Sustainable Lunchbox: Unpacking Logistics is an additional series to the MOOC, designed to facilitate connection, Q&A, and discussion among learners in an informal setting.

This series includes:

- **Launch Event (April 23rd):** A 45-minute virtual session to kick off the MOOC,
- **Interactive 30-minute Lunch Sessions:** These informal sessions will extend beyond the online modules, creating a platform for peer learning. Any learner can join these sessions:
 - [Supply Chain Planning and Advocacy & Procurement and Sourcing](#), 30 April
 - [Freight and Warehousing](#), 08 May
 - [Fleet & Distribution and Reverse Logistics](#), 15 May
 - [End-of-life & Facilities Management](#), 22 May
 - [Virtual Certificate Ceremony](#), 29 May
- **Dedicated Discussion Board via Teams Channel:** This will serve as a central hub for learner interaction and peer-to-peer support ([to sign up to the cohort and access Teams](#), write to Global.WREC@wfp.org)
- **Access to Environmental Specialists** via the Global.WREC@wfp.org email to provide clarification and respond to questions at any stage throughout the learning (and after!).

[GUIDANCE, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES](#)

[Hope for Children Through Climate Justice: Legal tools to hold Financiers Accountable](#), World Council of Churches (WCC), March 2025

This publication helps to empower people of faith and partners in WCC's global constituency with the knowledge for legal action. It provides a menu of strategies particularly aimed at financial institutions, one of the most powerful levers to accelerate climate solutions. It is a call to answer the pleas of the scientific community and young people to tackle the root causes of harm to creation and protect future generation's right to life.

New resources on Anticipatory Action in Fragile and Conflict Affected Areas, Anticipation Hub and partners

- **[Anticipatory action in and for conflict settings](#):** This briefing, written by the Anticipatory Action in Conflict Practitioners' Group, sets out the current thinking on how to implement anticipatory action in conflict-affected settings.
- **[Toolkit for Anticipatory Action in Fragile, Conflict, and Violence affected settings \(FCV\)](#).** Building on emerging lessons, best practices, and an understanding of persistent challenges and knowledge gaps related, this toolkit brings together hands-on resources to support practitioners in implementing conflict-sensitive, effective, and sustainable anticipatory action in FCV contexts, including locations with significant displacement. The toolkit was developed by the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, the Anticipation Hub and the International Water Management Institute, under the CGIAR Fragility, Conflict and Migration Initiative.

[The Climate Action Accelerator's Operational Playbook is now digitalised](#)

The Playbook, designed primarily for international humanitarian organisations, summarises key steps towards building a roadmap for effective emissions reduction, solutions, methodological

tips, co-benefits of climate solutions, and the findings from financial impact assessments. It also includes good practices from across the sector and beyond.

[The Planetary Health Check](#)

This Platform has been created to provide a regular, comprehensive, scientific assessment of the state of the Earth system based on the Planetary Boundaries Science, to better monitor changes, gauge risks, identify urgent actions, develop solutions, and assess our progress in maintaining a safe operating space for humanity.

Case studies on addressing climate and conflict risks, The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

The ICRC has published five short country case studies from [Mali](#), [Mozambique](#), the [Philippines](#), [Somalia](#), and [Yemen](#). Together, they illustrate how collaborative action – across areas from cash-for-work programmes in Mali, to strengthening access to water in Mozambique and supporting Yemeni beekeeping – can address both climate and conflict challenges.

POLICY BRIEFS, REPORTS AND BLOGS

[Climate change adaptations in humanitarian programming](#), Humanitarian Practice Network (HPN), Issue 86, March 2025

It is common for agencies to say to us: ‘We know that climate change is an important issue. But what does it actually mean for programming? What should we actually *do*?’ This edition aims to help answer this question, by providing some examples of the work that humanitarian organisations are doing in response to the threat of climate change.

[The REAP compendium of visualizations on early warning and early action](#), The Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP), March 2025

The report presents 10 distinct visualisations on Early Warning and Early Action (EW/EA) selected for their contribution to overall thinking in the sector and the representativity of specific communities of practice. It compares and contrasts how different EWEA specialities (disaster risk management, meteorology, hydrology, agro-meteorology, agricultural economy, geology, earth observations, epidemiology, etc.) and types of organisations (donors, civil society organisations, international organisations) approach EWEA and how their approaches differ.

[Double jeopardy: Addressing compound flood and heatwave events](#), Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance, February 2025

This paper explores the escalating risks of compound heatwave and flood events, a growing phenomenon highly accelerated by climate change and urbanization. These hazards, occurring in close succession or simultaneously, amplify impacts on human health, infrastructure, ecosystems, and livelihoods, often surpassing the damage caused by each event individually. Using current scientific research and case studies, the paper examines the mechanisms driving these events, their increasing frequency, and the implications for climate resilience practitioners.

[Funding Climate Mobility Projects: key Players and Strategies for Growth](#), Migration Policy Institute, March 2025

This issue brief provides an overview of how development funders are responding to climate mobility issues, highlights entry points for donors interested in engaging on this issue and outlines common barriers and strategies to overcome them. It examines development assistance provided via both bilateral cooperation and multilateral funding, through multilateral development banks, global climate funds, and more. This research draws on insights shared by

representatives of donor governments, philanthropic foundations, and multilateral development banks as part of a multi-year Donor Community of Practice on Climate Mobility. *You can find more reports, articles, blogs and calls for applications related to mobility and climate change and disasters on the [Forced Migration Current Awareness blog](#).*

Blog: [The Plastics Treaty In 2025: IPEN Views On The Chair's Text](#) | IPEN | March 2025

The Plastics Treaty fifth Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) talks ending in December 2024 resulted in a new proposed text from the Chair. IPEN's blog highlights how the text will be a helpful starting point when the negotiations resume in 2025; though significant revisions are needed ensure that the Treaty can meet its objective of protecting human health and the environment.

Country Focus: [Addressing climate and conflict-related loss and damage in fragile states: a focus on Mali](#), IIED, April 2025

This paper examines the compounding impacts of climate change, conflict and socioeconomic vulnerabilities on households in Mopti. It analyses both economic and non-economic loss and damage using the Comprehensive Climate Impact Quantification toolkit and offers evidence-based recommendations for building resilience in fragile and conflict-affected settings. The French summary of the paper can be found [here](#).

New World Meteorological Organization (WMO) publications, March 2025

- [State of the Global Climate 2024](#), The report stresses that 2024 was likely the first calendar year to be more than 1.5°C above the pre-industrial era and the warmest year in the 175-year observational record.
- The [Significant Weather & Climate Events 2024 Supplement](#), outlines how extreme weather events in 2024 led to the highest number of new annual displacements since 2008, and destroyed homes, critical infrastructure, forests, farmland and biodiversity.
- The [State of Climate Services](#) (supplement to the report) indicates that while substantial progress in terms of improving climate services has been observed in the last five years, further investments and support for building National Meteorological and Hydrological Services' capacities is needed.
- The **first ever** [World Day for Glaciers](#) sounded the alarm on the importance of their preservation as glaciers are currently the second-largest contributor to global sea-level rise, after the warming of the ocean.
- In the [State of the Climate in Latin America and the Caribbean 2024](#), WMO highlights that dying glaciers, record-breaking hurricanes and wildfires, debilitating drought and deadly floods scarred the socio-economic landscape of Latin America and the Caribbean in 2024.

NEWS

[Green Climate Fund approves \\$103 million to strengthen early warning systems for vulnerable countries](#), February 2025

Led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the five-year project will bolster multi-hazard early warning systems in Antigua and Barbuda, Cambodia, Chad, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, and Somalia, and directly benefit more than 26 million people. With a total budget of \$114.6 million –including \$11.3 million in co-financing from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and national governments – the initiative will improve risk assessment, enhance forecasting capabilities, and ensure that critical early warnings reach the most remote and at-risk communities.

The 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council's environment-related resolutions

HRC58 came to a conclusion in Geneva on 4 April, with the adoption of environment-related resolutions. [A summary of these resolutions can be found in the Geneva Environment Network newsletter](#) (7 April 2025) For highlights of key environmental issues at HRC58 such as reports, side events, and further resources are available on GEN's dedicated [HRC58 and the environment update](#).