



REGIONSADAPT

**Catalysing climate
adaptation ambition**

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is the first global initiative for **regional governments** to



assess and plan



learn from peers



gain visibility and representation



and report efforts

**on climate adaptation
and resilience.**



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Mobilising ambition for adaptation action

Driven by the governments of Rio de Janeiro and Catalonia, **RegionsAdapt** was launched at COP 21 in Paris to galvanize the voice and expertise of regional adaptation and resilience.

The Regions4 secretariat coordinates this initiative that now encompasses more than 75 signatory states, provinces and regions from five continents impacting over 390 million citizens.

RegionsAdapt mobilises ambition and action on climate adaptation by facilitating access to the latest innovations, tools and best practices at regional level throughout the world. Through knowledge sharing, capacity building, and contribution to the global processes, this unique regional partnership catalyses innovation on climate adaptation, fosters cooperation and supports regional governments improve their resilience.



By joining the **RegionsAdapt** initiative, governments commit to:

1

Assess

climate change impacts through vulnerability assessments that include all vulnerable communities.

2

Plan

and adopt an ambitious plan and/or programme including the most vulnerable, and mainstream adaptation in other sectoral policies.

3

Act

by implementing concrete actions on adaptation in key identified priority areas.

4

Report

annually on their progress through the online reporting platform in partnership with CDP, to inform and improve policies and actions.



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Regional leadership in climate adaptation

Regional governments have a critical role to play in addressing climate change and ensuring concrete results of adaptation actions, as they:

- Have **close and direct contact** with citizens and those left behind, and are aware of the main challenges facing their territories, which allows them to act together with inhabitants to implement proper and game-changer measures to build resilience.
- Are key in the **effective integration** and mainstreaming of adaptation policies with other sectors, with biodiversity and the sustainable development agenda.
- Promote an **integrated territorial approach** to enhance synergies between different sectors and stakeholders, including civil society, research institutions and the private sector.
- Have **strategic competences** and responsibilities in areas linked to climate policy such as spatial planning, environmental protection, transportation and the built environment.
- Are able to **create strategic and powerful synergies** with other regions in order to exchange knowledge and key initiatives on adaptation.
- Are already **leading in climate adaptation** and collaborating with their national and local counterparts, facilitating multi-level governance and innovation for effective climate action.



Why join?

1. Join **the only global initiative** of regional governments specialised on climate change adaptation.
2. **Learn from and exchange** knowledge, experiences, and good practices with other regional governments to improve your climate adaptation actions.
3. Strengthen **political participation** and **visibility** in the global processes and participate in major international events such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COPs.
4. Get involved in **global campaigns and projects** aimed to boost and improve regional actions on climate change adaptation.
5. Take part in a **global reporting system** to manage and report your vital environmental information increasing your accountability and transparency.

By joining RegionsAdapt, members also qualify for the UN Race to Resilience

Who can join?

The **RegionsAdapt** initiative is open to all governments situated between the local and national level from across the world, regardless of their size or the stage of implementation of their climate policy.

How to join?

Joining is free and easy!

To join the initiative members are required to:

- Complete the adhesion form accepting the four commitments.
- Assign two representatives from your region who will work directly with us throughout the initiative.



Our areas of work and services for members

RegionsAdapt provides different services to its members:

International Visibility

- Encourage political leadership by providing opportunities for regional leaders, governors and ministers to participate in high-level events and champion regional adaptation.
- Highlight regional experiences through our #RegionsVoice campaign and continuous involvement in major international events, such as the UN climate conventions (COPs).
- Showcase members' experiences through reports, publications, and a dedicated [Case Study Database](#) and [Knowledge Hub](#).

Advocacy

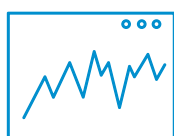
- Foster multi-level governance and increased ambition in climate adaptation and resilience in the global climate agenda.
- Develop joint messages, declarations, and negotiations for the UNFCCC to reinforce the strategic role of regions in global climate processes.

Policy and peer-to-peer learning

- Provide access to tools and resources for developing adaptation plans and programmes, and develop joint publications and policy briefs on topics such as climate justice, multi-level governance, and nature-based climate solutions.
- Support the implementation of adaptation actions through peer-to-peer learning, exchange of experiences and sharing of good practices within our Community of Practice sessions.
- Facilitate networking and cooperation between regions.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

- Report implemented actions through **RegionsAdapt** annual report to increase and showcase ambition, in partnership with CDP States and Regions survey.
- Share achievements and leadership through the UNFCCC Race to Resilience campaign and the Global Climate Action Portal, along with other key platforms.
- Reporting for learning: share lessons learned, identify challenges, and support implementation while connecting to EU and other UN platforms.



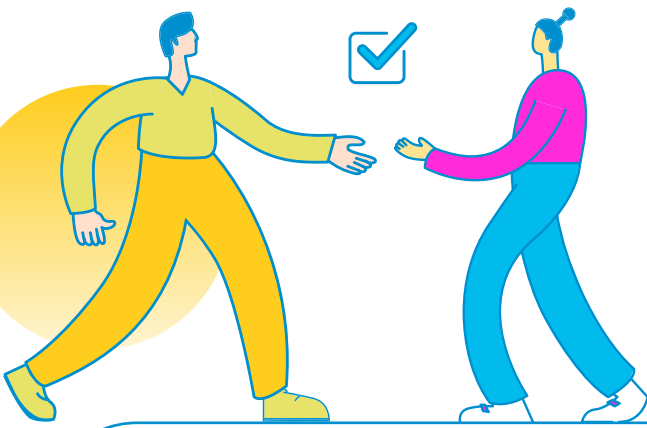
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Synergies with other initiatives



RegionsAdapt works closely with UN bodies and other key partners, particularly:

Marrakech Partnership



Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action: **RegionsAdapt** is actively involved in Marrakech Partnership through its collaboration with the High-Level Champions and the Race to Resilience

RACE TO RESILIENCE

Official partner of the UN Race to Resilience Campaign: **RegionsAdapt** drives states and regions in the campaign for a step-change in global ambition for climate resilience putting people and nature first.



United Nations
Climate Change

Local Government and Municipal Authority Constituency: **RegionsAdapt** is part of the LGMA Constituency to the UNFCCC, aligning forces with other city and region networks accredited to the UNFCCC, co-leading a working group on adaptation.



CDP States and Regions: **RegionsAdapt** collaborates annually with CDP to ensure that the global reporting system captures trends and progress in regional adaptation.



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Raising ambition for adaptation and resilience



+230

adaptation actions reported annually



+50

regional adaptation plans implemented



+50

webinars



+50

stories of regional adaptation planning and actions on [Knowledge Hub](#) and [Case Study Database](#)



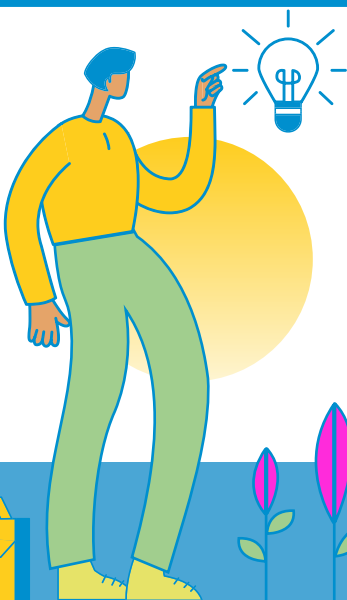
+20

publications, annual reports and policy briefs



+8

priority areas: Water, Nature, Agriculture, Human Settlements, Coastal and Ocean, Infrastructure, Planning and Policy, Finance



Regular contributions into international initiatives such as the UNFCCC Race to Resilience, the UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal (NAZCA), and others

It's time to adapt! Join us!



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Regions4 is the network that supports the initiative through its Secretariat. Through advocacy, cooperation, and capacity building, Regions4 empowers regional governments to accelerate global action on climate change adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable development. We invite all regions to also join Regions4 where they will be able to access additional benefits. More information at www.regions4.org

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