

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](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A Message from the Chair of the Charter Secretariat Board

Dear Signatories,

We are delighted to announce the results of the recent election for the rotational seats on the Climate and Environment Secretariat Board. The newly elected rotating board members are:

Mihir Bhatt, Director of the All India Disaster Risk Mitigation Institute (AIDMI),

Thuy-Binh Nguyen, Interim Director of the CARE Climate Justice Center and Programme Quality Lead at CARE International.

Mihir and Thuy-Binh will join the permanent board members of the Secretariat, which include the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The seat designated for a [supporter](#) of the Charter is being finalized and will be announced as soon as possible.

The Inaugural Board will commence its work from September 2024 and will hold office until September 2026.

Thank you to all who voted and to the organizations that participated in the election. For more information about the new Board, please visit the [Charter Secretariat](#) page. The draft [ToR for Board](#) is also available online.

We look forward to working with the Secretariat and the Charter community moving forward.

### Ms. Susan Wilding

Chair of the Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat Board

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

## CALLS FOR EXPERTS, COLLABORATION & CONSULTATIONS

### **UNFCCC Call for Technical Experts from Least Developing Countries (LDCs) to assist in the technical work under the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme**

#### **Deadline: 19 July 2024**

The Subsidiary Bodies (SB 60) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has sent out a **call for technical experts, including from the humanitarian sector, from Least Developing Countries (LDCs)** who have [adaptation experience](#) on a variety of thematic areas, including food and agriculture production, climate-induced water scarcity, poverty eradication and livelihoods, cultural heritage, infrastructure and human settlements, climate resilient health, as well as ecosystems and biodiversity. The SB Chairs have been asked to convene technical experts to assist in the technical work under the UAE–Belém work programme, including reviewing and refining the compilation and mapping of existing indicators referred to in paragraph 10 of the [conclusions](#) and, as needed, developing new indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5.

To either **recommend your-self or refer others as an expert** for consideration, **please complete [this form](#)**. If you would like to connect with the Least Development Countries (LDC) negotiators, please be in touch with the [secretariat@climate-charter.org](mailto:secretariat@climate-charter.org) and we will facilitate a connection.

## **Call for Contributions for the Mapping of Expertise to Support Signatories of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations," Groupe URD, Commissioned by ECHO**

**Deadline: 24 July 2024**

Across our sector, organizations are developing and sharing resources for how to improve our capacity to take climate and environmental action, such as trainings, guides, tools working groups, communities of practices, and general technical expertise for 1:1 support. In 2022, DG ECHO funded a mapping of sources and forms of assistance available to help signatories of the Climate and Environment Charter turn their commitments into action. As a follow-up to this mapping exercise, and because the sector's expertise is constantly growing, Groupe URD is updating this resource base, which will service as a resource for the Secretariat in its functions as a referral hub to Signatories. To this end, Groupe URD invites you to please share resources and expertise that could be available to other Signatories through [completing this short survey](#).

## **Call for Case Studies of Local/National Organisations on Adaptation/Loss & Damage**

**Deadline: 30 July 2024**

ADAPT and All India Disaster Management Institute (a Charter Signatory) are calling for Local/National NGOs to submit case studies of on any aspect of work they are undertaking under the [Commitment 1 of the Climate and Environment Charter](#) (adaptation / loss and damage / climate-related programming). Organizations interested in contributing a 1,000-2,000 word case study should contact **Paul Knox Clarke** on [paul@adaptinitiative.org](mailto:paul@adaptinitiative.org) by **30 July** with [an outline of their idea in a couple of sentences](#). Case studies will be selected based on whether it provides a new perspective from those already identified. Further information on the content needed for the case study, which will be published and made available online, will be shared by ADAPT/AIDMI upon selection.

## **GUIDANCE, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES**

### **IASC Roadmap on Climate Crisis, The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), June 2024**

The IASC Climate Crisis Roadmap was commissioned by the IASC Deputies Group and developed by the IASC Subgroup on the Climate Crisis. It is based on extensive consultations at field and global levels and represents the collective commitment of the humanitarian community to proactively address climate-related challenges and be part of the solutions through its unique role in assisting communities in the most vulnerable situations, on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Discussions are underway within the IASC Sub-group on Climate to identify with the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HCs) some country pilots in a variety of context .The Charter Secretariat will work with the Climate Sub-group to ensure that the Charter Signatories working in selected country-contexts will be connected to the initiative.

### **Towards Halving Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030 in the Humanitarian Sector: A Sectoral Roadmap, Climate Action Accelerator (CAA), June 2024**

The CAA, a Signatory to the Charter, has developed a Roadmap for Halving GHG Emissions in the Humanitarian Sector by 2030 as a tool to guide humanitarian actors towards meeting their own climate commitments while addressing both populations needs and organisational risk in a world increasingly under pressure. The Roadmap is accompanied by [Guiding Principles](#) for emission reduction for humanitarian organisations; a [Sectoral Analysis](#) of GHG emissions and decarbonisation levers and solutions journey in the international humanitarian sector; an [Operational Playbook](#) for organisations; and a [Change Analysis](#) of how systemic actors, such as donors and the UN, can show leadership and enable change. You can find more information, including of the launch event [HERE](#).

## **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM SIGNATORIES**

### **Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction – South Asia, RedR UK, 26 August - 03 October 2024**

This is an interactive online course on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and is [contextualized to South Asia](#) and uses case studies throughout to support development of DRR activities that allow for the adaptation and mitigation of the impact of climate change. It will support you to develop the competencies to respond to and advocate for improved interventions around climate change and disaster risk reduction. The training is a 6-week, fully online course, with a mix of live and asynchronous (offline) content every week, delivered on RedR UK's dedicated e-learning platform. The course requires a commitment of around 6 -7 hours a week from participants. **RedR UK has free places for this training**. Please apply [HERE](#)

You can find further trainings taking place in July and August by RedR UK that maybe useful:

- **Anticipatory Action**, July 25th and 26th, 16:00-19:00 UK time
- **Locally-led and Community-based Climate Change Adaptation Strategies**, July 30th, 08:00-11:00 UK time
- **Climate Risk Assessments**, August 14th, 08:00-11:00
- *For all RedR UK's training opportunities, you can visit their [website](#).*

**If your organization would like to offer a training or learning opportunity to the Signatory community, please contact [secretariat@climate-charter.org](mailto:secretariat@climate-charter.org)**

## **POLICY AND REPORTS**

### **Protection of Persons Displaced Across Borders in the Context of Disasters and the Adverse Effects of Climate Change: A Review of Literature, Legislation and Case Law to Support the Implementation of the Global Compact on**

The [Global Compact on Refugees \(GCR\)](#) contains relevant provisions for the protection of people displaced across borders when displacement relates to the impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters. To support implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), this review describes a wide range of **good practices** to provide international protection based on **international and regional refugee and human rights law** or to provide admission and stay based on **migration law** to persons displaced across borders in the context of disasters and adverse effects of climate change who do not or are unable to apply for international protection. Overall, existing practice demonstrates that consensus is growing on the need to protect such persons through national and regional applications of these three areas of law. However, a closer analysis of State practice indicates that the use of these tools is limited, often random, hard to predict, and neither harmonized nor well-coordinated.

### **[How to Make the New Climate Finance Target Work for Conflict-Affected Communities, International Rescue Committee \(IRC\), May 2024](#)**

Sixteen countries are caught in the intersection of climate vulnerability and armed conflict, representing a staggering 44% of people impacted by natural disasters and 79% of those in humanitarian need. Despite this, these communities receive disproportionately low climate finance, exacerbating their vulnerability. This report by IRC, a Signatory to the Charter, highlights the opportunity presented by the UNFCCC's [New Collective Quantified Goal \(NCQG\)](#) to establish, monetize, and deliver climate finance to climate-vulnerable and conflict-affected countries. In this regard the [summary note](#) from the **co-chairs leading NCQG discussions at the recent Bonn conference which considers fragile and conflict affected states** as a specific vulnerable group was welcome. By recognizing the unique challenges faced by conflict-affected countries, policymakers can use the new climate finance target to commit to inclusive, sustainable solutions that address immediate and long-term needs. In addition to the policy note, IRCs detailed official submission to UNFCCC can be found [on the portal here](#).

### **[Loss and Damage Policy Updates](#)**

An [open letter to the Board of the Loss and Damage Fund](#) has been launched, asking them to establish a community access window for the Fund. More than 350 organisations have endorsed the letter, sending a clear message to the Board that a community access window that provides small grants to communities is key to ensure access to funding to those who need it most. For more information contact Jocelyn Perry [jperry@refugeesinternational.org](mailto:jperry@refugeesinternational.org).

The **Second Meeting of the Board** of the Fund Responding to Loss and Damage was held from 9 – 12 July in Korea. You can find the board documents, webcasts, of the Second Meeting of the Board of the Loss and Damage Fund, including the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting [HERE](#).

## **EVENTS**

### **[Introduction to the Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat, Charter Secretariat, May 2024 \(RECORDING\)](#)**

If you missed our webinar which introduces the Secretariat team of the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations and its Board. You can watch/listen to the recording. This webinar aims to provide Signatories with a better understanding of the Secretariat functions and how the referral hub will support them in implementing the Charter commitments, including what forms of expertise, guidance, and services can be provided through the Secretariat. If you have any support needs, please be in touch with us via [secretariat@climate-charter.org](mailto:secretariat@climate-charter.org)

### **[Loss and Damage Fund 101: What is happening this year & how can civil society and Indigenous Peoples meaningfully engage? July 2024](#)**

You can find below the recordings of the two sessions organised by YOUNGO, Women & Gender Constituency, Human Rights & Climate Change, Loss and Damage Collaboration (L&DC) and Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL):

- **Tuesday July 2nd:** [link to recording](#) (interpretation to Spanish) - password: K6K\*E\*9p
- **Wednesday July 3rd:** [link to recording](#) (interpretation to French & Arabic)- password: 8iZerN#6

You can access [the slides](#) used to support the sessions in English language only.

### **[Other Events \(NEW\)](#)**

We are curating events organized by Signatories, Partners and other actors that might be of interest to you. You can find more information on our new [Events page](#). If you would like to share an event to our webpage, please write to [secretariat@climate-charter.org](mailto:secretariat@climate-charter.org)

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