

## Update to Climate and Environment Charter Signatories – February 2025

Dear Signatories,

Noting a few tight deadlines on opportunities below, please find our latest update, a compilation, which is in addition to the Charter Secretariat's [bi-monthly newsletter](#).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

You can find below upcoming events organized by the Charter Secretariat in collaboration with our partners:

#### **SAVE THE DATE: [Mainstreaming and Identifying Funding Sources for Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian programmes, Thursday, 13 March 2025, 13:00-14:30 UTC / 14:00 – 15:30 CET](#)**

There is a growing recognition of the need to integrate – and finance – long-term climate adaptation, DRR, and preparedness measures into humanitarian programming. Learning from organizations that are doing this work, as well as understanding available funding options, can both improve the sector's ability to advance Commitment 1 of the Climate Charter. This webinar co-convened by United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) and the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations aims to:

- **Raise awareness** among Charter Signatories and the humanitarian sector on the tools and guidance available to mainstream DRR, within Commitment 1 of the Charter.
- Introduce Charter members to **different types of financing available**, on DRR, EW/EA, and AA, **including through case studies**
- **Explore challenges faced** by Charter Signatories in accessing funding for Commitment 1 and **identify support needs for securing funding** for climate, environment, and DRR activities.
- Synthesize key challenges, concerns and opportunities faced by Charter members related to financing DRR in humanitarian contexts, with **insights to be shared at global platforms**.

#### **[On target? Accelerating Humanitarian Climate and Environment Programming, Tuesday, 18 March, 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET](#)**

The Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat and the ADAPT Initiative are pleased to invite you to an online event during the [Humanitarian Networks Partnership Week \(HNPW\)](#) to launch a case study report examining how organizations are incorporating climate and environmental considerations into their humanitarian work, particularly through the setting of clear, actionable targets. The online event will explore themes and learnings emerging from the case studies.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the event.

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **[German International Climate Initiative \(IKI\) Thematic Call, deadline 18 February, 16:00 CET](#)**

The IKI Thematic Calls address current challenges in climate action, adaptation and biodiversity conservation on an annual basis. For these challenges, the respective IKI ministries define new thematic priorities as a basis for submission of project outlines. The financing volume provided by the IKI can range from 5 to 20 million EUR per project depending on the thematic priority.

### **[Request for proposals for resilience-building programmes - Afghanistan](#), WFP, deadline 28 February**

The World Food Programme (WFP) in Afghanistan invites NGOs and nonprofit organizations to submit proposals for resilience-building initiatives aimed at improving food security and agricultural sustainability in the region.

### **Five calls for proposals launched by [CAN International](#), [CAN Europe](#), [CBM](#), [ECOLISE](#), [GCE](#) and [WECF](#) of the [Funding Fairer Futures](#) project, deadline 7 March**

These funds are dedicated to supporting civil society organisations (CSOs) and groups in delivering impactful awareness-raising, campaigning, advocacy, and community engagement projects that create more just and sustainable futures for all. Through this call, they aim to raise awareness of climate justice issues, motivate people to take action, and promote gender-transformative actions and policies in order to find information about the rest of the funds, you can visit their page:

- [Climate Action Engagement Fund](#) (CAN Europe)
- [Feminist Climate Action Fund](#) (WECF)
- [Youth Climate Changemakers Fund](#) (GCE)
- [Global Connections for Climate Justice Fund](#) (CBM Ireland)
- [Regenerative Communities Fund](#) (ECOLISE)

### **FCDO's [OCEAN partnerships grant 2025: Supporting marine environment and coastal communities](#), deadline 24 March**

The UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office has launched the [Ocean Partnership Grants](#) which supports projects led by medium to large organisations that partner with locally led organisations and have the capacity to deliver projects at scale. Projects should deliver local solutions to local problems by partnering with and working alongside local communities and organisations to tackle marine and poverty issues.

### **Early Warning Early Action Travel Grants, REAP, open**

In line with the Risk Informed Early Action Partnership's (REAP) commitment to enhancing accessibility and participation, they are pleased to highlight the new travel bursaries policy. This initiative will support eligible partners from the [Global South](#) in attending key events and meetings in 2025.

As the Climate and Environment Charter Signatories is a partner of REAP, Charter Signatories who are eligible, can apply for the grant. Please find the detailed policy and application process on the [Travel Bursary HERE](#). Please read the eligibility criteria clearly before applying.

## **[CALLS FOR ENGAGEMENT](#)**

### **Call for submissions: [World Water Week: Water for Climate Action 2025](#), Stockholm International Water Institute**

This year World Water Week returns online and on-site at Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre from **24–28 August 2025**, with the crucial theme [Water for Climate Action](#) guiding the discussions. Organizers are now accepting applications for [Online Exhibitions](#), [On-site Exhibitions](#), [Closed Meetings](#), and, new for 2025, [Side Events](#).

### **Survey: [Impact of US aid freeze on CVA](#)**

CALP is running a [survey](#) to understand how CVA and CVA partners will be affected by the US aid freeze and 28 January waiver to allow "life-saving humanitarian assistance" to continue during the 90 day review period. Responses will be anonymous and only used by CALP staff members for analysis. The summarized data will be used to inform CALP efforts to ensure we make an effective case for CVA to meet the needs of people in crisis.

### **Consultancy: [Climate Expert \(Kenya\)](#), Kindernothilfe e.V (KNH): Deadline extended to 20 February**

Call of application for the provision of consultancy services to Kindernothilfe e.V. (KNH) for assisting Kenyan partner organizations in addressing climatic-risk factors that exacerbate existing child rights violations in their respective project regions by supporting them in developing strategies to address identified climatic risk factors further threatening the realization of children's rights in Kenya.

## **[GUIDANCE, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES](#)**

### **[International Protection for People Displaced Across Borders in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters: A Practical Toolkit](#), The Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (CGRS), NSW Sydney's Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law and the University of Essex's School of Law and Human Rights Centre, with the support of UNHCR, February 2025**

This new global resource provides clear and practical legal guidance on international protection claims involving climate change or disasters, based on existing refugee and human rights law and drawing on positive legal precedent in several jurisdictions. The *Toolkit* can be adapted in any country to fit its existing legal framework, much like the [practice advisory](#) CGRS created for the United States.

- Read the statement [here](#).
- Access the Practical Toolkit [here](#) or read the Overview [here](#) (Spanish versions forthcoming).

## **[TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES](#)**

### **Signatory Spotlight: LocalLink Hub: Capacity development platform**

Check out [LocalLink Hub](#) – the local capacity development platform for Terre des hommes. The site offers e-learning courses developed by Terre des hommes staff on environmental sustainability for local actors, communication or institutional fundraising.

- Check all **e-learning courses** [here](#)
- Every week **new grants relevant for local organisations** are published [here](#)

If you want to stay connected to LocalLink Hub sign up for the [monthly newsletter](#). You can find their up-coming webinar under the events section.

### **Inclusive Approaches on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Afghanistan, 25 February 2025, RedR UK (2.5 hours online)**

RedR UK is offering a free, high-quality online training course aiming to equip participants with a foundational understanding of how gender and disability intersect with climate change and disaster risk, enabling participants to recognise the importance of advocating for and implementing inclusive approaches in CCADRR efforts. This training is designed for the context of Afghanistan.

## **Personal and Professional Growth Resources, DisasterReady**

The global aid sector is facing unprecedented challenges with the recent changes to U.S. foreign aid policies. In times of upheaval and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to stay prepared. DisasterReady has collated the below free online self-paced trainings on the following topics to support the global humanitarian and development community with valuable, accessible, and free online learning resources to help navigate these challenging times. Log-in or create an account on [DisasterReady.org](https://DisasterReady.org) and click on the links below to access the collection in English. Many of the resources are provided in French, Spanish, and Arabic:

1. [Managing change](#)
2. [Fostering wellbeing](#)
3. [Finding a job](#)
4. [Earning certifications](#)

## **POLICY BRIEFS, REPORTS AND BLOGS**

### **COP16.2: What needs to happen in round 2 of the talks, International Climate Politics Hub (ICPH), February 2025**

While the [Convention of Parties on Biological Diversity](#) (COP16) held in Cali, Colombia, last November, delivered important outcomes, unresolved tensions over a fund/instrument hindered negotiations. The loss of quorum in the final moments ultimately led to the suspension of the meeting. This brief provides an overview of the key issues at stake and outlines critical messages for this second round of discussion that will take place in Rome from 26 – 27 February.

### **Future-Proofing Our World: A roadmap to Close the Crisis Protection Gap through Pre-arranged Finance, High-level Panel on Closing the Crisis Protection Gap, January 2025**

A new report from the High-Level Panel on Closing the Crisis Protection Gap, convened by the Centre for Disaster Protection, asks readers to rethink how we prepare for and respond to crises, with a focus on addressing vulnerabilities in crisis-prone regions. The report highlights the need for innovative prearranged finance solutions to enhance crisis protection, especially as extreme weather events grow more frequent.

### **Resourcing Climate and Health Priorities: Mapping of International Finance Flows 2018 – 2022, Foundation S - The Sanofi Collective, Reaching the Last Mile, and The Rockefeller Foundation January 2025**

The report analyzes international finance flows for climate change and health interventions, providing new insights on what finance is available for climate change and health and how is it being deployed, who are the specific funders and funding initiatives available for countries, and specific actions on how to enable increased access to financing for climate and health solutions.

### **The Global Risks Report 2025, World Economic Forum (WEF), January 2025**

The 20th edition of the WEF landmark publication launched last week, reveals an increasingly fractured global landscape, where escalating geopolitical, environmental, societal and technological challenges threaten stability and progress. Once more, the environment ranks high among the greater risks facing humanity with Extreme Weather Events believed to be the second major cause of a large-scale crisis in 2025, as well as one of the most likely risks in the short and long term periods together with biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse, climate change and earth resources shortages.

**[Cash and voucher assistance is ‘life-saving’: We urgently need to make the case](#), CALP Network, February 2025**

This blog which calls on you all to urgently make the case that CVA is life-saving and falls firmly into the category of ‘lifesaving activities’

**Updates: [58th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council \(HRC58\)](#), 24 February – 4 April 2025, Geneva Environment Network**

This page highlights the environmental-related activities of the HRC sessions, including side events. Rewatch as well the [information-sharing session](#), convened by the Geneva Environment Network, where various partners and stakeholders took the floor and shared environment-related activities and events taking place in the upcoming Council session.

**First newsletter: [Nine Months as Rapporteur on the Right to a Healthy Environment](#), UN Special Rapporteur Astrid Puentes.** The bi-monthly update will share the progress of her mandate and provide important documents and news.

## **EVENTS**

**[Growing green initiatives - How to plan for a sustainable NGO?](#) 6 March 2025, 10:00 – 11:30 CET**

Are you interested to explore the local NGO perspective in environmental sustainability? LocalLink Hub is organising a webinar to share locally-led environmental initiatives, measuring greening impact, practical steps for NGO sustainability and success stories from the field with speakers from the Praajak Development Society, Climate and Environment Charter Secretariat, Climate Action Accelerator and Terre des Homme.

**[Environment in Humanitarian Action Network \(EHAN\) Annual Meeting at HNPW](#), March 27 2025, 11:00-17:30 CET**

The UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit (JEU) will host this hybrid annual meeting at HNPW, which will focus on environmental sustainability topics that are relevant to humanitarians. EHAN members will get a chance to present their projects and case studies of successful implementation. Charter Signatories are invited to be part of the event either as a participant or a presenter on one of themes: 1) Environment and Conflict Nexus, 2) Localisation and Accountability in EHA, and 3) New Tools and Resources on EHA. Presentation proposals (a brief abstract, duration of your presentation, and the names and affiliations of the presenters) should be submitted by 30 January 2025 to JEU ([ochaunep@un.org](mailto:ochaunep@un.org) copying [Tina El Khoury](mailto:Tina El Khoury) [tina.elkhoury@un.org](mailto:tina.elkhoury@un.org) and [Yukiko Yoshida yoshiday@un.org](mailto:Yukiko Yoshida yoshiday@un.org)).

You can find more events on the Charter Secretariat [Events page](#).