

COALITION FOR HIGH AMBITION MULTILEVEL PARTNERSHIPS (CHAMP) FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Summary of Activities 2024

The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) for Climate Action was launched in December 2023 by the COP28 Presidency in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies and has since been endorsed by 75 Parties to the UNFCCC.

2024

Through CHAMP, nations have pledged to enhance cooperation with subnational governments (e.g. cities, towns, provinces, states, regions), to:

- Consult and collaborate with subnational governments over climate action with a first major milestone to include contributions to Nationally Determined Contributions 3.0, due in 2025.
- Include investment needs and priorities from subnational governments in national investment priorities and help unlock climate finance, including public and private funding, to support subnational governments on delivering ambitious climate action.
- Report and share progress voluntarily, including at the CHAMP High-Level Political Dialogue.

This report summarizes key highlights from 2024 and provides a snapshot of progress from coalition members towards CHAMP's six objectives: NDC 2025, Consult, Collaborate, NDC Investment, Voluntary Review and High-Level Dialogue.

This report was prepared by World Resources Institute (WRI) on behalf of the CHAMP coalition.

CHAMP BY THE NUMBERS

In 2024, Finland and the United Kingdom endorsed CHAMP, with Tunisia joining them in February 2025, bringing the total number of CHAMP countries to 75.

CHAMP COUNTRIES REPRESENT:

34%

of the global population

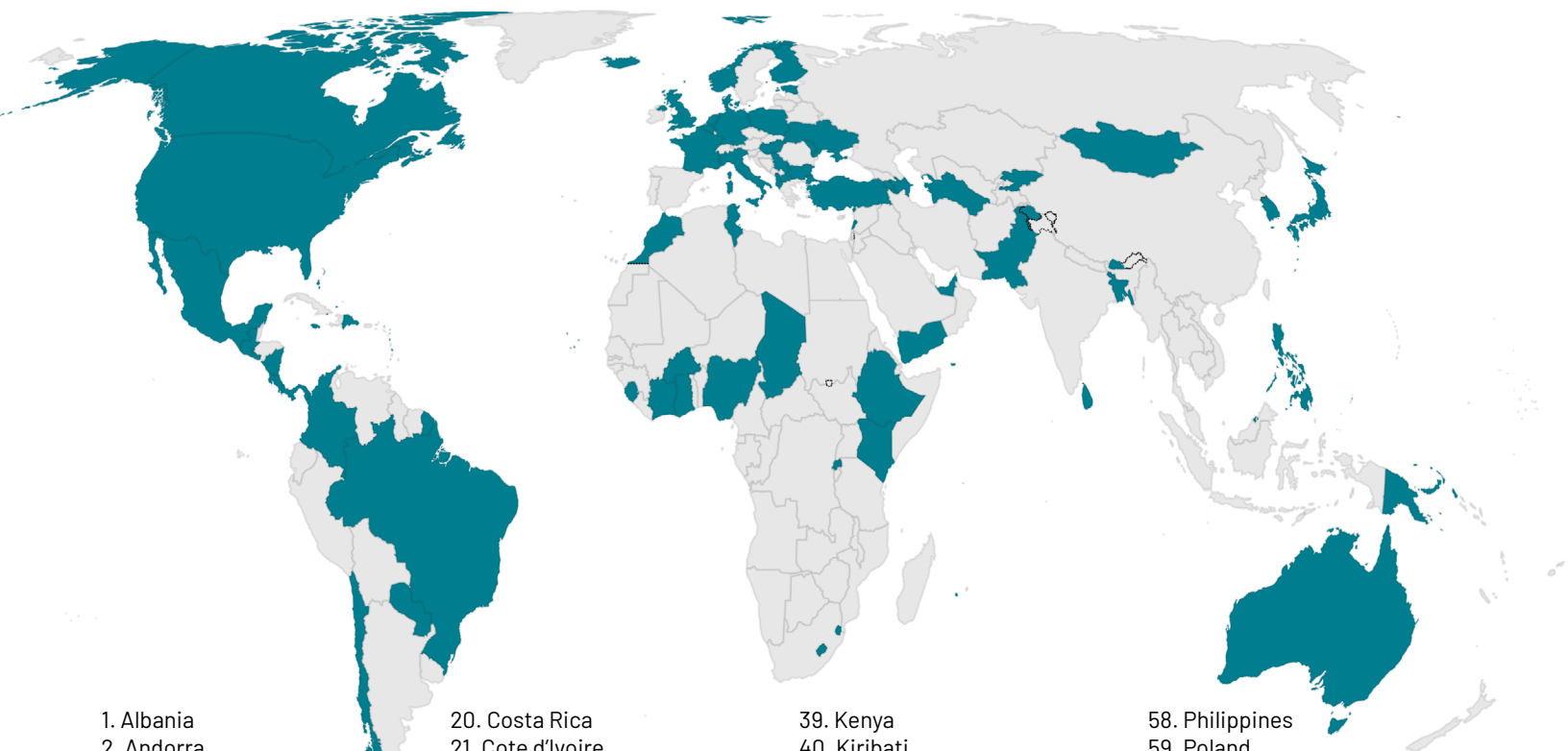
61%

of global GDP

36%

of global emissions

CHAMP COUNTRIES



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| 1. Albania | 20. Costa Rica | 39. Kenya | 58. Philippines |
| 2. Andorra | 21. Cote d'Ivoire | 40. Kiribati | 59. Poland |
| 3. Antigua and Barbuda | 22. Denmark | 41. Kyrgyzstan | 60. Portugal |
| 4. Armenia | 23. Dominican Republic | 42. Lebanon | 61. Rwanda |
| 5. Australia | 24. El Salvador | 43. Lesotho | 62. Sant Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 6. Azerbaijan | 25. Estonia | 44. Mexico | 63. Serbia |
| 7. Bahamas | 26. Eswatini | 45. Moldova | 64. Seychelles |
| 8. Bangladesh | 27. Ethiopia | 46. Mongolia | 65. Sierra Leone |
| 9. Belgium | 28. Finland | 47. Morocco | 66. South Korea |
| 10. Bhutan | 29. France | 48. Netherlands | 67. Sri Lanka |
| 11. Brazil | 30. Germany | 49. Nicaragua | 68. Tunisia |
| 12. Brunei Darussalam | 31. Ghana | 50. Nigeria | 69. Türkiye |
| 13. Bulgaria | 32. Guatemala | 51. North Macedonia | 70. Turkmenistan |
| 14. Burkina Faso | 33. Hungary | 52. Norway | 71. UAE |
| 15. Cabo Verde | 34. Iceland | 53. Pakistan | 72. Ukraine |
| 16. Canada | 35. Italy | 54. Palau | 73. United Kingdom |
| 17. Chad | 36. Jamaica | 55. Panama | 74. United States of America |
| 18. Chile | 37. Japan | 56. Papua New Guinea | 75. Yemen |
| 19. Colombia | 38. Jordan | 57. Paraguay | |

NDC 2025

CHAMP endorsers strengthen the subnational content of their NDCs

Brazil and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were among the first countries in the world to submit new NDCs in 2024, ahead of the 2025 deadline for NDCs 3.0, and both strengthened subnational collaboration as well as explicitly referenced the role of CHAMP.

Spotlight on Brazil

Brazil's new NDC makes a clear commitment to climate federalism. It requires the federal government, states and municipalities to develop climate plans, instruments and targets in a progressive, coordinated and participatory manner.

Spotlight on the United Arab Emirates

UAE's new NDC adopts a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. Its 2035 target was determined through a collaborative process involving all levels of government and more than 100 dedicated workshops.

Sources: Brazil's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change & Environment, CHAMP Summary Report Survey

COLLABORATE

CHAMP endorsers leading on implementing multilevel climate actions at scale and strengthening multilevel governance

Spotlight on Germany

CHAMP endorser, Germany, is a leading model for multilevel climate governance. In 2024 they reported that their National Climate Initiative has financed over 50,000 projects since 2008 in collaboration with municipalities, companies and educational institutions. Projects span a range of interventions including wastewater treatment, energy supply, agriculture and sustainable mobility. Through the initiative, the federal government supports municipalities by providing resources to hire climate action managers and providing information, advisory services, networking opportunities and capacity building.

Sources: CHAMP Summary Report Survey, The National Climate Initiative, GIZ

CONSULT

CHAMP endorsers consulted and collaborated with cities, states and regions to identify opportunities to enhance subnational climate action



Spotlight on Colombia

Colombia's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development hosted five regional dialogues and workshops across the country in 2024. The workshops included urban leaders, civil society, the private sector, business associations and academia and focused on climate, the just transition, peace building and human rights.

A Strategic Cities and Climate Change Committee was established to guide the consultations and reflect on key findings. The committee included representatives from various national ministries, the country's five regional governments, and local and international organizations. WRI Colombia helped facilitate and cover the results of the workshops, including producing two short video documentaries.

Spotlight on South Korea

In 2024, South Korea reported the establishment of Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth Commissions at the national and subnational levels including 17 subnational governments. Additionally, each subnational government designated a chief officer of compliance with carbon neutrality to enable direct communication between different levels of government.

Sources: Colombia's Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, World Resources Institute, CHAMP Summary Report Survey

NDC INVESTMENT

Multilevel governance unlocking climate finance for subnational action.

Spotlight on Bangladesh

In 2024, Bangladesh's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change secured a \$1- million grant for the Bangladesh Climate Development Partnership (BCDP) from the Asian Development Bank. The BCDP, launched in 2010, is a multiyear, multistakeholder, cross-sectoral platform aimed at scaling climate action through a whole-of-government approach. The BCDP will support the development of a project pipeline, integrate climate risks into fiscal planning at all levels of government, bolster disaster risk reduction efforts, and strengthen and institutionalize the monitoring and reporting of climate-related spending.

Sources: Asian Development Bank, C40 Cities

VOLUNTARY REVIEW

11 CHAMP endorsers published Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) reviews in 2024

In 2024, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chad, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, Sierra Leone and Yemen published Voluntary National Reviews of progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

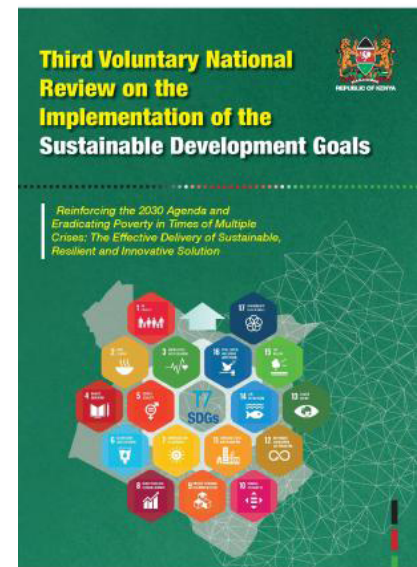
Spotlight on Kenya

Kenya's Voluntary National Review involved a comprehensive, participatory process at both national and sub-national levels. The Council of Governors, comprising governors from all 47 counties, facilitated the localization of the SDGs by coordinating county-level contributions to the review. This ensured that county governments' progress, challenges, and best practices were incorporated.

Spotlight on Finland

The Finnish Environment Institute calculates greenhouse gas emissions for all Finnish municipalities using a uniform calculation method. This is updated annually, providing a comprehensive overview of municipal contributions to Finland's overall emissions.

Sources: UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, UN and Democracy Hub, CHAMP Summary Report Survey





HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

CHAMP shapes global climate diplomacy at international forums

The first CHAMP High Level Political Dialogue was held during Climate Week NYC and the 79th United Nations General Assembly in September 2024. The event brought together global mayors, governors and ministers to discuss enhancing collaboration between national and subnational governments, evaluate progress, and highlight innovative initiatives driving multilevel partnerships forward.

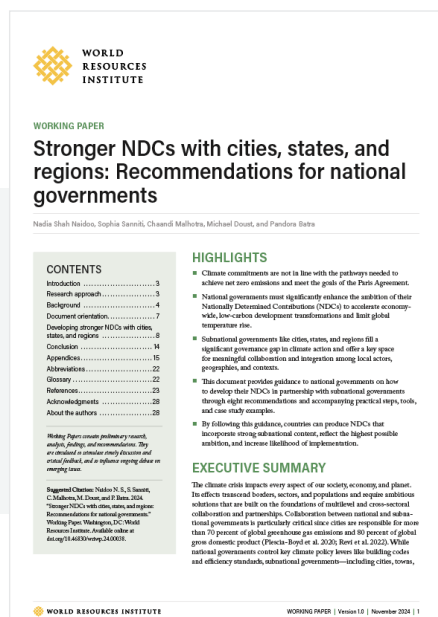
The first CHAMP Endorsers Roundtable was held alongside the Daring Cities 2024 Bonn Dialogues in June 2024. The event aimed to review the progress of CHAMP implementation since COP28. Discussions centered on multilevel action and urbanization in the context of the next round of NDCs, a just transition, the forthcoming Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Climate Change and Cities, and integrating climate-land-nature connections.

The Ministerial Meetings on Urbanization and Climate Change took place at COP29 in Baku in November 2024. The ministerial included multiple high-level meetings throughout the day, acknowledging that the actions needed to achieve the targets of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs require multilevel and multisectoral climate actions and collaboration, with a particular focus on scaling up urban climate finance. Highlights included the launch of the Multisectoral Action Pathways (MAP) for Resilient and Healthy Cities Declaration and the signing of the Baku Continuity Coalition on Urban and Multilevel Climate Action, an effort to ensure urban climate agendas across COP summits build on one another.

Sources : UN-Habitat, WRI, Bloomberg Philanthropies, ICLEI

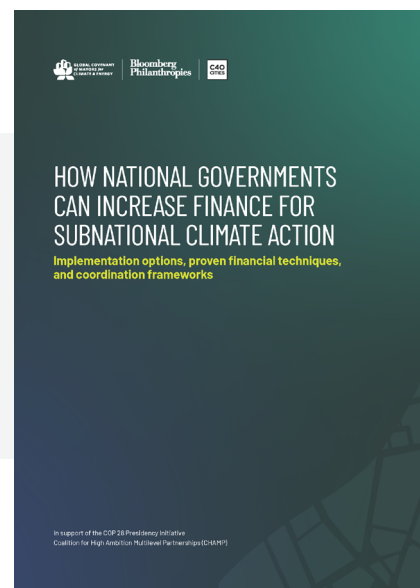


RESOURCES LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT ENDORSERS AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO REALIZE THE GOALS OF THE CHAMP PLEDGE



The new WRI working paper, [*Stronger NDCs with cities, states and regions*](#), offers national governments eight strategic recommendations to enhance their NDCs by collaborating with, and integrating content from, subnational governments.

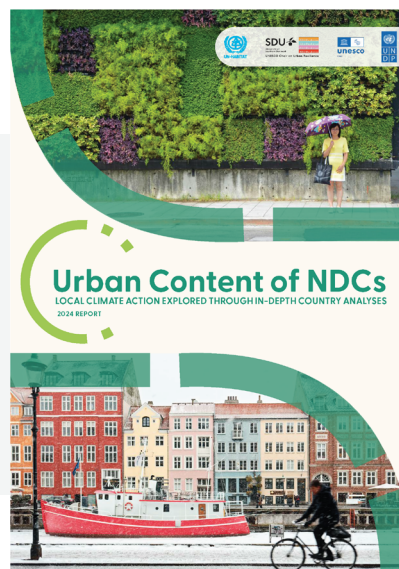
The [*How National Governments Can Increase Finance for Subnational Climate Action*](#) report was commissioned by the C40 x GCoM Bloomberg Philanthropies Joint Programme. The report presents implementation options, proven financial techniques, and coordination frameworks.





[Delivering CHAMP-Aligned NDC 3.0: Guidance for Endorsers](#), by C40 Cities, outlines what CHAMP-aligned NDCs look like and should strive to include.

[Urban Content of NDCs: Local climate action explored through in-depth country analyses: 2024 Report](#), jointly prepared by UNDP, UN-Habitat and the University of Southern Denmark with support from C40 Cities, analyzes urban content and urban climate strategies in the 194 NDCs submitted as of June 2023.



The *[NDC 3.0 Navigator](#)*, by the NDC Partnership, is a tool designed to support and inspire country NDC teams by bringing together knowledge and support through seven routes to ambitious and implementable NDCs, including mobilizing all-of-government and all-of-society approaches.

WHAT'S NEXT:

CHAMP is gearing up for an impactful year of climate diplomacy and action in 2025

As we approach COP30, CHAMP endorsers are demonstrating their leadership by integrating contributions from cities, towns and regions into their NDCs 3.0 and reflecting investment needs and priorities from subnational governments in their national investment priorities.

To unlock finance for subnational action, endorsers are collaborating across levels of government to advocate for bilateral donors and multinational development banks to implement reforms that improve subnational access to climate finance.

CHAMP endorsers are also calling for the role and contribution of subnational actors to be better recognized in the COP process and for subnational governments to have a greater opportunity to shape the COP30 outcome.

FRIENDS OF CHAMP

CHAMP was developed in consultation with subnational leaders and stakeholders, including America Is All In, Bloomberg Philanthropies, C40 Cities, CDP, European Climate Foundation, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, NDC Partnership, Regions4, UN Climate Change High-Level Champions, Under2 Coalition, UN-Habitat, UNDP, UNEP, the University of Maryland, and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities.

