On June 23-24, 2016, the Climate Champions will convene the First Alliances and Coalitions Global Forum (http://alliancesandcoalitionsforum.com/index.php) to drive forward climate action and help build a strong framework for the Action Agenda going forward. In support of this important event, Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions (www.climategroundswell.org) has prepared a number of background resources for participants. These materials:

1. Draw on the dozens of discussions and events that Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions has convened on these topics since 2014, which have involved hundreds of participants from a wide range of stakeholders;
2. Are working documents meant to stimulate and support discussion; we enthusiastically welcome reactions and feedback, which will be incorporated into future versions;
3. Are “open source:” we encourage all stakeholders to use them and the ideas they contain as they see fit.

List of resources

“Framework and Roadmap for the Action Agenda to 2020”
This document outlines the current set of institutional arrangements and processes around the Action Agenda and considers how these might evolve going forward. Particular attention is given to the objectives, functions, division of labor, and operation of the Action Agenda. Short version: http://tiny.cc/ptiecy Detailed version: http://tiny.cc/4miecy

“Ensuring credibility of the Action Agenda through strong initiatives”
This discussion paper considers the characteristics that apply to successful initiatives, and discusses how criteria might be developed and applied to select initiatives into different parts of the Action Agenda in a fair and transparent way. Link: http://tiny.cc/eniecy

“Summary of current efforts to track and aggregate non-state climate action.”
This brief memo summarizes the discussion of a meeting in Bonn on May 20th that brought together the data and research communities studying these efforts, and also considers how tracking and aggregation might proceed to support effective implementation and scaling up of climate action. Link: http://tiny.cc/sniecy

Related: “Concept note for working group on data aggregation and harmonization” Link: http://tiny.cc/7oiecy

“Framework memo on relation between NDCs and cooperative, subnational and non-state action”
This memo considers the various relationships between NDCs and other forms of climate action, identifying opportunities for synergy. Link: http://tiny.cc/sviecy
Who we are: Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions

Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions is a series of dialogues that brings together organizations supporting climate action at all levels. Its objectives include:

1. Bringing the groundswell of climate actions from cities, regions, companies, and other groups to a higher level of scale and ambition;
2. Increasing efficient coordination among cooperative initiatives and sub- and non-state networks;
3. Improving analysis and understanding of “bottom up” climate actions;
4. Building a positive narrative of pragmatic, concrete action on climate change; and
5. Identifying opportunities for the groundswell of climate actions and the multilateral process to support and catalyze each other.

Since 2014, Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions has brought together city and regional networks, company networks, cooperative initiatives, governments, international organizations, and researchers to discuss and advance these objectives. By convening the community of actors that make up and support the groundswell of climate actions, we seek to realize the full potential of this extraordinary innovation in global governance.

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