



# REGIONSADAPT

RegionsAdapt is the first **global initiative** for regional governments to take concrete **actions, cooperate and report efforts** in **climate adaptation**

## Background and Objective

Launched at the UN Climate Conference of the Parties in December 2015, RegionsAdapt was commissioned by the governments of Catalonia and Rio de Janeiro. The Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD) serves as its Secretariat; CDP and The Climate Group are endorsing partners.

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

1. **Adopt a strategic approach to adaptation and prioritize adaptation actions** within two years of joining the initiative;
2. **Take concrete action on adaptation** in at least one of the key priority areas identified by the regions; and
3. **Report data on the progress of the adaptation actions** on an annual basis through the risk and adaptation section of CDP's states and regions platform.

## Key priority areas:

- Water resources and management;
- Resilience and disaster risk reduction;
- Agriculture and zootechnics;
- Forestry, protected areas and biodiversity;
- Infrastructure (including transport and the energy sectors) and territorial planning;
- Economic impacts and opportunities;
- Social adaptation and impacts.

## Who can Join

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

## Benefits

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

1. Join an ambitious global group of subnational governments who are pioneer in climate change adaptation;
2. Have a platform to showcase their regional actions on adaptation;
3. Establish an extensive communication with other governments, offering and learning best practices;
4. Become part of a global, standardized reporting system led by The Climate Group, R20, nrg4SD and CDP;
5. Take part in CDP's global reporting system and join over 5,000 companies, 200 cities, and 44 states and regions that already measure, manage and report their vital environmental information.

## Why Join

Subnational governments have a critical role to play in addressing climate change and ensuring concrete results of adaptation actions. They:

- Have authority over key aspects of climate policy, including energy, transportation, and the built environment; and
- Play a fundamental role enhancing coordination and cooperation across all levels of government.

## Services To Participants

**RegionsAdapt** provides different resources and opportunities to participants, including:

- The **RegionsAdapt Office**, which offers support to interested and participating governments in English, French and Spanish;
- **Working groups** established around the key priority areas of the initiative, gathering **RegionsAdapt** signatories upon their interests;
- **Webinars** to discuss topics of interest of all participants organised together with partners;
- **Networking opportunities** organised to foster exchange and help participants to be part of a community of practice;
- **Workshops and events** alongside major conferences to raise awareness about the initiative, its opportunities and the benefits of action;
- **Call for Projects** for **RegionsAdapt** participants who are also nrg4SD members;
- **Materials and publications** foster the visibility of participants' adaptation activities.

## Synergies With Other Initiatives

**RegionsAdapt** works closely with UN bodies and other key partners to ensure synergies with other initiatives, particularly:

- **Compact of States and Regions States & Regions:** **RegionsAdapt** participants can report data on the progress of the adaptation actions through the risk and adaptation section of CDP's states and regions platform;
- **Mayors Adapt:** **RegionsAdapt** is aligning its questionnaire and exploring a vertical integration with this initiative which engages cities on climate change adaptation;
- **The Subnational Global Climate Leadership MOU (Under 2 MOU):** **RegionsAdapt** is exploring linkages with the Under2MOU, as states and regions signatories of the MOU also agree to collaborate on actions to promote adaptation and resilience;
- **UNFCCC NAZCA portal:** **RegionsAdapt** is working with the UNFCCC to ensure that relevant data collected on state and regional government climate action is fed into the NAZCA portal (Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action).

## Outputs

- **Exchange of best practices** within the key priority areas identified by the regions;
- **Webinars;**
- Co-funded projects for **RegionsAdapt** participants;
- **Global Map** of participants' adaptation strategies and plans;
- **Publication** of a compilation of case studies and best practices;
- **Guidebook** on regional adaptation (to be confirmed);
- Including data on regional adaptation initiatives into the **NAZCA database** (to be confirmed).



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**Its time to adapt**  
**Join us**

### More Info

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