Minimum criteria for participation in Race To Resilience campaign

The Race To Resilience is a global umbrella campaign - the sibling to Race To Zero - catalysing a step-change in global ambition for climate resilience, putting people and nature first in pursuit of a resilient world where we don’t just survive climate shocks and stresses but thrive in spite of them.

Led by the High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action – Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz – Race for Resilience catalyses actors outside of national governments to build the resilience of 4 billion people from vulnerable groups and communities.

This will be achieved by aligning the targets of existing non-state actor initiatives to this goal while simultaneously working to create opportunities for sharing knowledge on what innovations and practices work, and by increasing cooperation, collaborative actions, and investments towards achieving the campaign’s overall goal.

These initiatives will define the substantive criteria that businesses, cities, states and regions, and other types of actors setting resilience targets are required to meet, tailored for different types of actors.

The High-Level Climate Champions require that the commitments brought forward by initiatives recognized in the Race To Resilience campaign meet a minimum set of procedural criteria. Race To Resilience will evolve this criteria with partners to ensure it has suitable levels of robustness, and this will be finalised in the course of 2021. The Champions will also review these criteria in consultation with participants in the Race To Resilience.

Minimum criteria

All commitments in the Race To Resilience Campaign are channeled through initiatives that require their participants to meet the following procedural criteria, and so have begun their “race to resilience”:

Pledge: To translate existing and/or new targets, directly or indirectly, into the numbers of people from vulnerable groups and communities who will be made more resilient to climate risks, and where initiatives are:

- Committed to delivering inclusive and equitable actions.
- Creating impact at scale (e.g. benefitting over 100,000 people).
- Willing to raise ambition on its targets.
- Agreeing to share knowledge and collaborate with other initiatives to drive ambition on building climate resilience.
- Confirming the initiative has active and growing membership.
Plan: To use the best knowledge and scientific evidence, and share a clear plan by COP26 to take action towards this commitment with interim targets and milestones.

Proceed: To take immediate action to pursue commitment in support of Race To Resilience, and has an active and functional secretariat/hub able to request and monitor members’

Publish: Agree to report back on progress annually starting at COP26.

Vetting

Commitments under the Race To Resilience campaign are collected via leading networks and initiatives. These are the entities responsible for establishing substantive criteria. In exceptional cases the Champions will consider individual actors for inclusion.

The Champions are ultimately responsible for deciding which initiatives are included and which are not included in the Race To Resilience.

Vetting process

- Applications to join Race To Resilience will undergo a vetting process with the Resilience team and the High Level Climate Champions.
- Networks / Initiatives who are not included will be given an explanation as to why.
- At regular intervals, the Champions will review participating networks / initiatives to ensure they continue to meet the minimum criteria.
- Networks / Initiatives who have fallen “behind” the minimum criteria will be asked to leave the Race to Resilience campaign.

Any questions, please email: resilience@climatechampions.team