The unprecedented momentum of non-state action helped to deliver Paris. The groundswell of actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation from cities, states, regions, businesses, and civil society helped to pave the way for national governments to finally commit to the landmark accord.

Recognizing this, Christiana Figueres consulted various stakeholders, including California Governor Jerry Brown and Special Envoy Michael Bloomberg in 2016, proposing that non-state actors take stock and redouble their ambition in 2018 in advance of COP 24.

In July 2017 at the Global Citizen Festival in Germany, Governor Brown supported by Mission 2020 called upon the world—artists, scientists, mathematicians, students, and everyone in between — to join forces to combat climate change.

With this, the Global Climate Action Summit was born.
2018 is a consequential year.
At COP 24 in Poland this December, countries will “take stock” of their collective climate progress. The results will inform the next round of national pledges (Nationally Determined Contributions, or NDCs) in 2020.

Countries can do more.
The Summit underscored the wealth of actions states and regions, cities, businesses and citizens are taking, demonstrating that together we can do more and call on countries to make more ambitious commitments.

The Summit’s momentum will carry through to the UN General Assembly and COP24 in Poland in 2018, and to the UN Secretary General’s Climate Summit in 2019, all with the goal of getting countries to redouble their climate ambition by 2020.

The world cannot wait. It’s time to step up.
We need all sectors of society, including national governments, to live up to the collaborative, ambitious spirit we saw in Paris.

The Summit underlined the risks but also the inordinate opportunities from acting on climate change; it showcased the enormous momentum from states and regions, cities, businesses and civil society; and it called on governments to seize the moment.
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THE NUMBERS

5000+ DELEGATES
25+ SESSIONS
325+ AFFILIATE EVENTS
500+ MAJOR CLIMATE COMMITMENTS
1. Healthy Energy Systems
A global shift toward clean and equitable energy and mobility systems advances climate progress and enable healthy people and places

2. Inclusive Economic Growth
Climate leadership, and the clean technology and energy transition generate good jobs, broad-based economic opportunity, and inclusive, resilient growth

3. Sustainable Communities
Sustainable buildings, cities, communities, and infrastructure are clean, healthy and livable and improve quality of life for all

4. Land & Ocean Stewardship
Forests, food, lands and other ecosystems play a critical role in mitigating climate change and making our world more resilient, while also ensuring sufficient food supplies for a growing population

5. Transformative Climate Investments
Investments are mobilized on the scale needed to achieve the Paris Agreement, spur innovation and accelerate a clean and resilient economy
An alliance of more than 60 state/regional, city governments and multinational businesses are now committed to a 100% zero emission targets through the ZEV Challenge.

- 12 regions – including Catalonia, Lombardy, Scotland, and Washington State, representing over 80 million people and over 5 percent of global GDP will have 100 percent zero emission public fleets by 2030.
- 26 cities with 140 million people are committed to buy only zero emission buses starting in 2025 and creating zero emission areas in their cities starting in 2030.

Business is stepping-forward with 23 multinational companies in EV100, with revenue of over $470 billion, committed to taking fleets zero emission.

- IKEA Group will transition to EV in Amsterdam, Los Angeles, New York, Paris, and Shanghai by 2020 – to reach 100% zero emissions for last mile home delivery.
- More than 3.5 million additional zero emission vehicle charging points will be installed by 2025, and a goal for transport hydrogen to be zero-emissions by 2030 was launched

Almost 400 global companies along with health care providers, cities, states and regions now have 100% renewable energy targets.

- This includes nearly 150 major global companies such as Tata Motors and Sony who have joined the RE100 initiative: collective annual revenues of these companies total well over US $2.75 trillion and their annual electricity demand is higher than that of Poland.
- Over 30 energy intensive industry and property players have set smart energy and net zero carbon buildings targets through EP100.
488 companies from 38 countries have adopted emission reduction pathways in line with the science of the Paris Agreement—up nearly 40 per cent from last year.

- Nearly a fifth of Fortune Global 500 companies have now committed to set science-based emissions reduction targets including big emitters like India’s Dalmia Cement
- As one example, Levi Strauss & Co. has an approved Science Based Target for a 90 per cent reduction in emissions in all owned-and-operated facilities and 40 per cent reduction in its supply chain by 2025.
- Collectively these more than 480 companies represent $10 trillion of the global economy, equivalent to the value of the NASDAQ stock exchange.

At the Summit, 21 companies announced the **Step Up Declaration**, a new alliance dedicated to harnessing the power of emerging technologies and the fourth industrial revolution to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all economic sectors and ensure a climate turning point by 2020.

- Companies Autodesk, Safaricom and Unilever became the first to join a new [Pledge for a Just Transition to Decent Jobs](https://www.c40.org/policies/pledge). They pledged to only buy from renewable energy providers that uphold fundamental workers’ rights including social protections and wage guarantees.
Over 70 big cities, home to some 425 million citizens, are now committed to carbon neutrality by 2050, including Accra, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Mexico City.

- These actions alone will lead to a 2.5 percent cut of annual global greenhouse gas emissions and the avoidance of 12 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2050.

A further 9,100 cities representing 800 million citizens are now committed to city-wide climate action plans. This could lead to reductions of more than 60 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent between now and 2050.

- Mayors of over 70 of the world’s key cities reaffirmed their commitment to delivering on the highest ambitions of the Paris Agreement, namely to keep a global temperature rise to below 1.5°C.

Cities are getting the job done, with other new city commitments that have put key cities on the path towards zero waste, to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings; and to deliver inclusive climate action that benefits all citizens equitably.

- During the maiden voyage of the San Francisco Bay Area’s first plug-in hybrid electric ferry, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed a comprehensive package of bills aimed at dramatically reducing carbon emissions by boosting the number of zero-emission vehicles and charging stations in California and getting dirty cars and trucks off the road.
- Meanwhile Starbucks, as one example, announced that by 2025 the company will have 10,000 Greener Stores globally, encompassing existing stores and new stores and renovations.
A powerful Leaders Group and a new alliance linking over 100 NGOs, businesses, state and local governments, indigenous groups and local communities was launched to fire up action across the forest, food and land agendas.

- Over 100 global supply chain actors including supermarket chain Tesco and investors—managing over US $5.6 trillion—pledged to work with a variety of organizations to halt deforestation and native vegetation loss in the Cerrado, Brazil.
- Walmart announced a new platform to identify high-risk jurisdictions and source palm oil and paper and pulp from jurisdictions with no deforestation. As an example, Unilever – an anchor partner and supplier to Walmart – will support farmer certification as well as restoration in the Sugut, Kinabatangan and Tawau river basins in Sabah, Malaysia.
- Through the Pacific Coast Collaborative, states and cities on the United States’ West Coast committed to reduce food loss and waste by 50% by 2030, a commitment with the potential to reduce 25 million tons of GHG emissions per year from the often-overlooked food sector.
- The Global Environment Facility announced $500 million in funding to drive improved land use and forest conservation.
- Nine of the world’s leading philanthropic foundations announced their intent to commit at least $459 million through 2022 to the protection, restoration and expansion of forests and lands worldwide—the announcement underlined indigenous peoples’ and traditional communities’ collective land rights and resource management.
- Coral Vita announced it would be collaborating with Mote Marine Lab and Gates Coral Lab to commercialize innovative, resiliency-driven, and super-fast growing methods of ‘coral farming’ to replace dead and dying ones in the Caribbean. The pilot will be in Grand Bahama and then extended to other countries in the region and the world.
- An initial $1 million public-private partnership between the office of US Senator Brian Shatz of Hawaii and NOAA, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Marc and Lynne Benioff was announced to support monitoring and research at the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.
The Investor Agenda was formally launched bringing together nearly 400 investors managing US $32 trillion of assets including CalPERS, the largest US pension fund; La Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CPDQ), Danish pension fund PKA, and Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management.

It means that investors with assets more than a third larger than the economy of the United States are now firmly focused on accelerating and scaling-up financial flows into climate action and building a more sustainable, low-carbon, global economy.

- CDPQ, Canada’s second largest pension fund has, for example, committed to increase its low-carbon investments by 50% by 2020, representing more than US$6.2 billion in new investment, and pledged to reduce the carbon intensity of its portfolio by 25% by 2025.
- PKA, Denmark’s labor market pension fund manager, announced it plans to increase its investments in low-carbon climate solutions to 10 percent of its assets.
- APG, the Dutch pension fund manager, announced it would no longer be investing in any coal related infrastructure going forward.
- New York City announced it would be doubling its investments in clean energy and climate solutions to $4 billion over the next three years.

296 investors have now joined Climate Action 100+ which is working with some of the highest emitting companies to assist them in lowering emissions, getting on track with clean energy and the goals of the Paris Agreement.

- The Green Bond Pledge announced founding signatories including the City of Mexico, Luxembourg Green Exchange and SFPUC who join the state treasurers of California, New Mexico and Rhode Island; some major cities including the City of San Francisco; Australian pension fund LGS and two financial firms —which together should spur the goal of seeing US $1 trillion-worth of green bonds issued by end 2020.
- A Global Green Bond Partnership, (GGBP) backed by the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, Amundi and major climate finance and sustainability groups was launched with the aim of supporting and assisting sub-national and corporate green bond issuance.
- 42 financial institutions gathered under the mainstreaming Climate Action in Financial Institutions initiative, representing over $13 trillion in assets, announced a commitment to helping cities, states, and regions finance climate action, including Multilateral Development Banks, members of the International Development Finance Club as well as leading private financial institutions from developing and developed countries.

OUTCOMES: TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE INVESTMENTS
CALL TO GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

We, the people gathered at the Global Climate Action Summit, and communities around the world calling for climate action, commit to a climate-safe future for all.

The climate crisis calls for urgent action. We have seen the human impact on health, disease, famine, conflict, refugee crises, and livelihoods. We have seen thousands of people die each year from worsening storms and floods, heat waves, droughts, and wildfires. These impacts disproportionately affect the poor, disadvantaged, and vulnerable.

Read the full text here.
• More than 300 affiliate events took place across San Francisco, California, and the world.

• Issue areas included health, youth, agriculture, business, science, arts & culture, cities, clean energy, etc.

• Examples of announcements made:
  a. **California Partnership on Technical Assistance for Climate Smart Agriculture.** California Department of Food and Agriculture and University of California Cooperative Extension announced a $1.1 million partnership for technical assistance to support growers to implement climate smart agriculture practices.
  b. **Hospitals and health centers commit to going 100% RE.** 16 institutions representing the interests of over 1,200 hospitals and health centers in 9 countries made the commitment to 100% renewable electricity.
  c. **Carbon Smart Building Declaration.** Commitment to a set of actions that will drastically reduce the carbon emissions produced by the building sector.
ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

- Diverse and experienced Advisory Committee
- Coordination between stakeholder groups and platforms
- Homogenization of targets
- Participation of a multitude of stakeholders from the start
BUSINESSES, THE FINANCE SECTOR, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, UNIONS, THE HEALTH SECTOR, INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND MANY OTHER ACTORS ARE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR URGENT CLIMATE ACTION AND THERE IS A LOT OF WILL TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS.

COORDINATION IS THE KEY TO AGGREGATION.

BUILDING COMMITMENTS BOTTOM UP HAS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

THERE IS A CLEAR LINK THAT WE MUST MAKE BETWEEN NSA ACTION AND NATIONAL POLICIES, ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS, NDC IMPLEMENTATION AND NDC REVISION, TOWARDS GREATER AMBITION.
ONWARD TO 2020

- Accelerating momentum in the real economy
- Conserving and building upon coordination groups
- Making the link between NSA and national level NDC implementation and revision
- UN Secretary-General’s 2019 Summit
- The 2020 moment