

MCAP Three-Year Action Agenda | 2024 – 2026

The Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) is a global alliance of subnational governments with mediterranean climates, working together to adapt to the increasing climate threats of drought, wildfire, and heat. MCAP launched in 2023 at COP28 in Dubai, with 15 inaugural members representing regions in Africa, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. As MCAP Secretariat, Resilient Cities Catalyst, provides core support for MCAP by fostering collaboration that drives collective action, providing technical expertise, and facilitating an actionable learning network.

Regions with mediterranean climates cover over four million sq. km (more than 2% of total land area) on five continents. More than 600 million people live in the mediterranean regions represented by MCAP members. These regions are critical to the global economy and trade, with highly developed tourism and agriculture industries, and include five of the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots. Mediterranean climates are characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters, leaving them vulnerable to a range of climate change impacts. Mediterranean regions not only face similar climate risks but also shared experiences on the toll these impacts have on human health, communities, ecosystems, and economies. These regions also experience warming at a faster rate than the global average – resulting in historic wildfires, prolonged drought, and extreme heat.

MCAP GOALS

Recognizing the shared impacts, and social, economic, and environmental conditions experienced by mediterranean regions, the Partnership advances a common agenda and collective action to deploy the most effective and leading-edge climate policy and solutions at a pace and scale commensurate with the climate crisis. Importantly, this sharing of solutions is intended to drive outcomes that measurably build resilience of social and natural systems in each of the MCAP member regions.

To deliver on these ambitious outcomes, MCAP members commit to advancing five core **goals**:

1. Expand public awareness of climate impacts and solutions in our regions and around the world, with innovative communications amplified through a common voice.
2. Learn from each other and build capacity around what does and does not work to confront shared climate threats through member convenings, study tours, and expert exchanges.

3. Exchange approaches on policies, programs and governance, investment and economic development strategies, and foster research collaboration that advances shared knowledge on trends and impacts.
4. Accelerate concrete actions in mediterranean regions to protect our communities from climate change impacts, while reducing greenhouse gas pollution, conserving ecosystems, halting biodiversity loss, implementing nature- based climate solutions, increasing nature restoration, and accelerating the clean energy transition.
5. Track and report progress to the global community in appropriate settings.

MCAP OUTCOMES

To position MCAP and its members to build climate resilience through leading-edge climate policy and practice, foster collaboration and network building, and raise global awareness of the shared fate of mediterranean regions, the Partnership will work to advance the following **outcomes**:

1. **Advance Learning:** Regions readily share information, including through technical, policy, or implementation exchanges, site visits, and research and analysis to build climate resilience and adapt to climate impacts.
2. **Accelerate Action and Policy:** Regions work together to implement on-the-ground solutions and aligned efforts that build climate resilience within and across all MCAP communities, ecosystems, and economies.
3. **Elevate Awareness:** Partners communicate the climate risks faced by mediterranean regions to vulnerable populations, funders, practitioners, and decision-makers – including other mediterranean regions and international audiences – to mobilize resources for adaptation solutions.

Transparency and accountability will drive the work of MCAP, including building a structure for governance and collaboration that enables each MCAP member to fully and effectively participate in the Partnership to accelerate and strengthen individual and collective climate action. The Partnership will track and report on progress toward MCAP goals and outcomes in local, national, and international settings.

2024-2026 ACTION AGENDA: WORKSTREAMS

Advance Learning

MCAP advances learning by facilitating a platform for strategic alignment, coordination, and knowledge exchange around a shared climate adaptation and resilience agenda. The Partnership will deepen collaboration by building a durable member-driven governance structure, facilitating learning around strategic subnational governance challenges, and host in

person annual convenings and site visits, as well as virtual learning and knowledge exchange activities.

- **Build a Durable MCAP Governance Model:** Sustain a transparent and accountable MCAP governance structure that serves members and delivers strategic priorities and financial stability.
- **Support Regional Governance and Decision-Making:** Help build MCAP member capacity around climate governance, share best practices and develop guidance around policy and funding alignment across and through all scales of government.
 - o Share information and best practices on subnational resilience planning efforts, strategic policy development, and monitoring and evaluation; support efforts to operationalize climate into subnational decision making, including public and private financing and funding mechanisms.
- **Foster a Learning Network through Knowledge Exchange:** Convene subnational leaders, staff, and subject matter experts from across the Partnership to share best practices and lessons learned, execute strategic MCAP priorities, and facilitate information sharing to support decision making.
 - o Host an annual in-person convening that brings Partners together and provides on-the-ground knowledge exchange opportunities, site visits, and trainings.
 - o Facilitate ad-hoc member-to-member networking, convenings, and knowledge exchange activities around long-term resilience building needs and emergency response and recovery practices during and after climate-driven events.

Accelerate Action and Policy

MCAP drives collective action by implementing adaptation solutions that address drought, wildfire, and extreme heat impacts both within and across mediterranean regions. MCAP prioritizes climate adaptation solutions that are catalytic, foster multisector partnerships, benefit climate-vulnerable communities, and drive market changes both within and among member regions. This includes identifying member-driven solutions that have proven success in delivering climate resilience and adaptation benefit, and then replicating implementation in other member regions. The Partnership also delivers pilot projects that address shared climate threats and scale collective action among Mediterranean regions.

- **Scale Collective Impact:** Convene impact-specific technical workgroups to bring together technical experts from across member regions for each of the MCAP Climate Risk Priorities (drought, wildfire, and extreme heat). Workgroups will deliver tangible and actionable knowledge products, support on-the-ground project implementation, and scale collective action. Workgroups will deliver on two related tracks:
 - o Identify leading edge climate adaptation and resilience solutions from across the Partnership. Develop actionable decision-support tools and resources to support

implementation, including: regional playbooks and toolkits, model policies, and member-specific pilot projects that are responsive to near and long-term Partner needs.

- o Design and implement collaborative projects that benefit multiple regions, including: leveraging the purchasing power across MCAP member economies, executing resource-sharing agreements, and implement leading-edge policies that catalyze global action beyond the MCAP Partnership.

Elevate Awareness

Given mediterranean regions' shared fate, the Partnership will build and share a collective message on the global stage – one that articulates the common needs and challenges across mediterranean regions, mobilizes international funding and investment to support implementation of MCAP member priorities, and showcases the leadership of MCAP members to catalyze international climate action, including at the UN Conference of Parties, and other global climate convenings.

- **Catalyze International Action:** Leverage global events, convenings, and international negotiations to elevate and position MCAP priorities and actions on the global stage.
 - o Develop a cohesive messaging campaign that spotlights how MCAP member climate leadership and action delivers tangible benefits and solutions and can serve as a model to catalyze international climate action.
- **Build Public Awareness and Support:** Support MCAP by providing communication guidance and support through targeted press, digital media, and stakeholder campaigns and engagement.
 - o Help members build public awareness and support by amplifying a collective message around shared impacts, vulnerabilities, and risks, and successful stories and examples of climate adaptation leadership from across mediterranean regions.

2024-2026 MCAP ACTION AGENDA | 3-year runway and outcomes

WORKSTREAMS		3-YEAR RUNWAY		OUTCOMES: DEFINING SUCCESS
	2024: Building a Collective Voice	2025: Strengthening the Network and Regional Action	2026: Accelerating Collective Action	
1 Advance Learning	Building the Partnership and Fostering a Learning Network: MCAP advances learning by facilitating a platform for strategic alignment, coordination, and knowledge exchange around a shared climate adaptation and resilience agenda. The Partnership will deepen collaboration by building a durable member-driven governance structure, facilitating learning around strategic subnational governance challenges, and host in person annual convenings and site visits, as well as virtual learning and knowledge exchange activities.			Regions readily share information, including through technical, policy, implementation exchanges, site visits, and research and analysis to build climate resilience and adapt to climate impacts.
MCAP Governance	Establish Governance Structure and Charter, Sustainable Finance Plan, and Member Recruitment Strategy	Revisit governance structure (18 months) to adjust and mature governance structure, focus on expanding Member Recruitment efforts	Scope Partnership needs and priorities beyond 2026	
Regional Governance	Understand member needs and challenges	Implement solutions	Accelerate collective implementation	
Learning Network and Knowledge Exchange	Annual Convenings and ad-hoc and member-to-member engagements			
2 Accelerate Action and Policy	Scaling Collective Impact: MCAP drives collective action by implementing adaptation solutions that address drought, wildfire, and extreme heat impacts both within and across mediterranean regions. MCAP prioritizes climate adaptation solutions that are catalytic, foster multisector partnerships, benefit climate-vulnerable communities, and drive market changes both within and among member regions. This includes identifying member-driven solutions that have proven success in delivering climate resilience and adaptation benefit, and then replicating implementation in other member regions. The Partnership also delivers pilot projects that address shared climate threats and scale collective action among mediterranean regions.			Regions work together to implement on-the-ground solutions and align efforts that build climate resilience within and across all MCAP communities, ecosystems, and economies.

<i>Working Groups</i>	<i>Identify MCAP priorities and replicate existing solutions</i>	<i>Identify and test new and innovative solutions</i>	<i>Scale solutions to drive collective action</i>	
<i>Pilot Project Implementation</i>	<i>Scope priority pilots and secure implementation funding</i>	<i>Implement</i>	<i>Evaluate and replicate</i>	
3 Elevate Awareness	Communications and Engagement Agenda: Given mediterranean regions' shared fate, the Partnership will build and share a collective message on the global stage – one that articulates the common needs and challenges across mediterranean regions, mobilizes international funding and investment to support implementation of MCAP member priorities, and showcases the leadership of MCAP members to catalyze international climate action, including at the UN Conference of Parties, and other global climate convenings.			Partners communicate the climate risks faced by mediterranean regions to vulnerable populations, funders, practitioners, and decision-makers including other mediterranean regions and international audience to mobilize resources for adaptation solutions.
<i>Catalyze International Action</i>	<i>Build MCAP brand value and deliver unified message at needs and challenges of MCAP members at COP29</i>	<i>Deliver unified MCAP voice on subnational contributions at COP30</i>	<i>Deliver a unified message around mobilizing international investment in MCAP driven solutions at COP31</i>	
<i>Build Public Awareness and Support</i>	<i>Scope and define target audiences for strategic public awareness campaigns and elevate the MCAP brand value within member regions</i>	<i>Deliver targeted awareness campaigns that support MCAP member priorities</i>		

MCAP 2024 Workplan | Building a Collective Voice

MCAP Workstreams

1 Advance Learning

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2026: Regions readily share information, including through technical, policy, or implementation exchanges, site visits, and research and analysis to build climate resilience and adapt to climate impacts.

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Outcomes

MCAP Governance

*Leadership
Council*

Develop Charter
through Ad-hoc
Governance Work
Group

Leadership Council
Kick-off Meeting and
Adoption

Quarterly Leadership
Council Meeting
*In-person at
Annual Convening
(Catalonia)*

Quarterly
Leadership
Council Meeting
Virtual

Quarterly Leadership Council
Meeting
Virtual or in-person at COP

*Sustainable
Finance
Strategy*

Develop and Adopt MCAP Sustainable
Finance Strategy

Fundraising to support core operating costs
for MCAP Secretariat and Annual Convening

Launch strategic fundraising campaigns to
implement MCAP 2024-2026 Action Agenda
(core operating costs, special initiatives, pilot
projects, etc)

2024: All MCAP members actively engage and support the Partnership with the development and implementation of foundational policies and a sustainable finance model.

<i>MCAP Governance Policies</i>	Develop and adopt fundraising conflict of interest policy, leadership election protocol, and member recruitment strategy			Year-2 Leadership Election Nominations	
Regional Governance and Decision-Making					2024: MCAP members have shared capacity around subnational governance and decision-making on climate adaptation and resilience.
<i>Subnational Resilience Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation</i>		Scope member needs and priorities at the Annual MCAP Convening <i>Working session</i>	Design knowledge exchange tools and research deliverables	Facilitate knowledge exchange opportunities (webinars, bilateral learning opportunities, etc)	
Learning Networks and Knowledge Exchange					2024: MCAP members have built strong and trusting relationships to facilitate durable learning networks and knowledge exchange opportunities around MCAP priorities. The Secretariat has prototyped a range of clear and established protocols that remove communication barriers and facilitate rapid knowledge exchange with buy-in and accountability from across the membership. Example outputs include convening learning opportunities, supporting a network database, hosting
<i>In-person convening</i>	Planning and fundraising	In-Person Convening <i>Catalonia, Spain</i>	Release convening impact report and collateral <i>Multi-media and impact brief</i>	Nomination and selection of the convening location for 2025	
<i>Ad-hoc and bilateral member engagements</i>		Establish means for members to connect on both long-term and emergency response needs through formal and informal network structures, processes and protocols, ensuring clear communication feedback loops within broader MCAP structure			

				webinars, biweekly office hours, etc.)
2 Accelerate Action and Policy	Scaling Collective Impact: MCAP drives collective action by implementing adaptation solutions that address drought, wildfire, and extreme heat impacts both within and across mediterranean regions. MCAP prioritizes climate adaptation solutions that are catalytic, foster multisector partnerships, benefit climate-vulnerable communities, and drive market changes both within and among member regions. This includes identifying member-driven solutions that have proven success in delivering climate resilience and adaptation benefit, and then replicating implementation in other member regions. The Partnership also delivers pilot projects that address shared climate threats and scale collective action among mediterranean regions.			2026: Regions work together to implement on-the-ground solutions and aligned efforts that build climate resilience within and across all MCAP communities, ecosystems, and economies.
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Scale Collective Impact				2024: Technical experts and leads from across all member regions are actively collaborating to build and implement adaptation solutions that advance member priorities and build durable network relationships to facilitate scaling solutions beyond 2024. Example outputs include, publication of a regional playbook on drought management, piloting a wildfire early warning and detection system, development of an extreme heat early and warning and communication toolkit and model policies to protect vulnerable populations.
<i>Identify and implement leading edge solutions</i>	Convene climate impact specific working groups (Drought, Wildfire, Heat) to identify member priorities, problems, and needs; Develop proposed menu of “action” types: - Knowledge elevation and sharing - Research - Demonstration pilot - Policy MCAP Leadership Council approval of top MCAP priority actions <i>Annual MCAP Convening</i>			Workgroups scope and deliver on MCAP priority actions Secretariat leads on fundraising (see fundraising campaign under “Governance Workstream”)

3 Elevate Awareness

Communications and Engagement Agenda: Given mediterranean regions' shared fate, the Partnership will build and share a collective message on the global stage – one that articulates the common needs and challenges across mediterranean regions, mobilizes international funding and investment to support implementation of MCAP member priorities, and showcases the leadership of MCAP members to catalyze international climate action, including at the UN Conference of Parties, and other global climate convenings.

2026: Partners communicate the climate risks faced by mediterranean regions to vulnerable populations, funders, practitioners, and decision-makers – including other mediterranean regions and international audiences – to mobilize resources for adaptation solutions.

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Outcomes

Catalyze International Action

Build Brand Value for MCAP (external and member targeted)

Develop member profiles and MCAP communications toolkit

Deliver member-targeted communications for alignment at Catalonia Convening

Deliver a unified MCAP message for COP, ensure the needs of MCAP members are understood and prioritized by international community; position Partners to advocate for a joint position on the role of subnationals in the UN context

2024: MCAP is seen and positioned on the international stage as a leading voice for subnational climate action and philanthropy is signaling commitment to investing in adaptation efforts in mediterranean regions.

Building Public Awareness and Support

Set public awareness priorities and define communication strategies

Develop messaging on shared funding needs to engage philanthropy and other funding opportunities

Fundraising to support Public Awareness campaign(s) in 2025

2024: MCAP members garner public support for continued engagement in the Partnership by communicating the value and benefit of being a part of a larger movement.

