

Pledges to build climate capable governments

By pledging to make climate training more accessible to public servants, governments can rapidly build their capacity to deliver urgent action on climate change during this critical decade.

See which governments have already pledged below.



United Arab Emirates

Recognising that climate capable governments, with informed and skillful public servants, are essential if we are to deliver on our global commitments to reach net zero emissions, we will:

- Make foundational climate training available, on an ongoing basis, for all federal government employees to rapidly elevate the UAE government's climate capability.
- Make training on specialist climate topics widely available to public sector leaders, relevant Ministries and across different levels of government in 2024.
- Invite other governments within the region and beyond to join the 'Green Capabilities Global Alliance', which will support a widespread and rapid upskilling in climate across governments.

African Capacity Building Foundation

We will:

- Provide municipalities and other decentralised government branches with the requisite skills to assess their climate vulnerabilities and secure the necessary support and funding to address them.
- Provide civil servants from relevant ministries, departments and administrations in African governments with the required climate and nature skills to develop bankable and impactful projects that can attract international funding to implement the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Develop states' capacity for climate-friendly energy and agricultural sector reform and regulation. using Our African School of Regulation (ASR) which is part of our African Capacity Building Academy (ACB-Academy), Knowledge Hub and Institutional Accelerator will support this".

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil

Recognising the importance of skilful, government-wide climate and environment action in this decade, we will:

- Aim to provide basic and advanced training to thousands of public servants through a multilevel and multisectorial approach involving a robust partnership between Brazil's National School of Public Administration/ Escola Nacional de Administração Pública (ENAP), our Virtual School of Government EV.G and Apolitical's Government Climate Campus.

Environment and Climate Change Canada

To ensure Canadians can rely on climate-informed considerations in government decision-making, Canada's federal public service will:

- Provide, promote and participate in climate literacy training. This will target all levels, including a special focus on the executive cadre, with the aim of 30,000 federal public servants having completed climate literacy training in advance of COP29.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK

We will:

- Increase the number of formally accredited staff at expert level in climate & environment, under the process run by the FCDO's Head of Profession for Climate and Environment.
- Work to ensure all +/- 17,000 staff working for the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) globally will have access to a full foundation level curriculum in energy, climate & environment by 2024 and that we will work in partnership with the UK's Civil Service Climate and Environment Network to professionalise the cadre across government in the coming years.
- We have over 110 staff formally accredited by the Head of Profession for Climate & Environment as Climate & Environment Advisers across our network, those with deep expertise across a number of ECE disciplines. They are the core of our expertise. I am pleased to pledge that we are continuing to raise the levels of expertise amongst other staff working in this discipline and that this number will increase.

City of Columbia, Missouri

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening climate action, the City of Columbia Missouri will:

- Make our Climate Foundations course part of every new employee's orientation, so that all City employees receive the training.
- Support the development of training opportunities for staff in their specific areas of work in order to facilitate creative, climate positive innovations in operations, project design and implementation.

Government of the Western Cape, South Africa

Recognising the urgent importance of skillful, government-wide and evidence-based climate and environment action, we will:

- Aim to mainstream these skills in the induction and professional growth path of every Western Cape Government staff member.

Sharjah, UAE

We will:

- Equip Sharjah Government employees with skills and comprehensive knowledge in sustainability, encompassing vital topics such as climate change, the circular economy, and achieving net zero.
- We commit to provide continuous learning opportunities aligned with the UAE government's net zero strategy. Through our certification and training programmes we will enable Sharjah Government employees to spearhead sustainable initiatives and drive positive change within their organizations.

Halifax, Canada

To drive the implementation of HalifACT, our ambitious climate mitigation and adaptation plan, we will:

- Deliver mandatory new training in 2024 to empower staff to take climate and environment action in their daily lives and in their work, and partner with a non-profit organization on the development of a climate course for residents taught by community leaders.
- Continue capacity building internally and externally, taking a collective impact approach.
- Implement a governance model to drive climate action across the organization with sponsorship from the city's senior-most leader, interdepartmental working groups focused on accelerating climate initiatives, and a staff network to foster climate commitment with Halifax's more than 4000 employees.

City of Tshwane, South Africa

To drive the implementation of our new climate budget initiative, we will:

- Ensure all our city officials have the skills and knowledge to introduce climate into our capital planning systems. We will train all our teams to embed climate considerations into every possible policy, strategy, plan and project.