

Session Title: Race to Resilience from Pledges to Implementation - Launch of the 2025 Progress Report

Date: 13th November 2025

Time: 1700 hrs- 1800hrs

Location: Resilience Hub Pavillion, Blue Zone of COP30

For the first time, the Race to Resilience 2025 progress report presents cumulative results on actual implementation, closing a full reporting cycle and showcasing resilience in practice beyond pledges and plans. The report demonstrates what resilience looks like on the ground: farmers accessing loans to adapt to shifting seasons, communities receiving early warnings before heavy rains, homes strengthened against typhoons, and enterprises restoring reefs that protect coastlines. Five years into the Decade of Delivery, this progress comes at a critical moment as climate impacts intensify globally, threatening lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems.

Resilience has moved from the margins to the center of global climate action. No longer just a technical concept, it is now understood as essential for survival, stability, and shared prosperity. The Race to Resilience, aligned with the COP30 Action Agenda and the Global Goal on Adaptation, connects non-Party stakeholders—including civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples, youth, subnational governments, and the private sector—to deliver tangible adaptation outcomes. The campaign is halfway to 2030 and to its goal of strengthening the resilience of 4 billion people. So far, nearly half a billion people live with greater resilience, 18 million hectares of land and ecosystems are protected, restored, or under improved management, and billions of dollars have been mobilized for local action.

The wins of this journey are thanks to our [Race to Resilience partners](#), whose leadership and radical collaboration have shaped the campaign, turning pledges into implementation while reporting consistently on progress.

The upcoming event will highlight this transformative progress and the collective leadership driving it, particularly locally led adaptation efforts that ensure solutions reflect local knowledge, priorities, and needs. The event will also explore pathways to accelerate implementation, scale successful approaches, and strengthen trust through transparent measurement and reporting. It embodies the spirit of the Mutirão: harnessing collective ambition, acting with urgency, and delivering tangible results.

This event provides a critical platform to celebrate progress, share lessons, and inspire faster, more inclusive, and transformative resilience action worldwide.

Key Objectives/Outputs:

1. **Showcase Implementation Success:** Launch and present collective results from the **Race to Resilience 2025 progress report**, highlighting real-world impacts on people, communities, and ecosystems, moving beyond pledges to measurable action.
2. **Launch of Regions4 [Just Resilience Action Platform \(JRAP\)](#)**, providing subnational governments with finance, technical support, and tools to turn adaptation projects from ideas into impact. JRAP accelerates resilience at scale by facilitating peer-to-peer learning, strengthening planning and monitoring, and amplifying regional leadership in global climate and biodiversity initiatives.
3. **Accelerate People-Centred Resilience:** Highlight the contributions of Race to Resilience partners in driving impactful resilience action across diverse solutions and enabling conditions—from subnational leadership and infrastructure to nature-based solutions and climate finance to knowledge sharing and partnerships.
4. **Strengthen Global Collaboration and Accountability:** Demonstrate how transparent tracking, shared metrics, and multi-stakeholder partnerships can enhance trust, improve decision-making, and mobilize resources to expand resilience at scale.

The event will begin with a brief welcome and opening remarks, followed by a presentation on the Race to Resilience Metrics Framework, showcasing how progress and impact are measured. Two dialogue sessions will explore the transition from pledges to implementation, highlighting partners' experiences, lessons learned, and successful resilience actions. Announcing new regions joining the campaign.

Proposed Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item & Speaker (name, role org)
17:00 17:05	Welcome & Opening Maria Alejandra Aguilar, Race to Resilience Campaign Manager
17:05 17:10	Opening Remarks: Gonzalo Muñoz, Climate High-Level Champion for COP25
17:10 17:30	Dialogue 1: From Pledges to Implementation Partners Driving Resilience Moderated by: Laura Ramajo, Project Manager and Resilience Research Lead, RtR Technical Secretariat, Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesper Hornberg, CEO Global Resilience Partnership • Dr Kate Strachan, Race to Resilience Culture (ICLEI Africa) • Albert Salamanca, Lead Adaptation Research Alliance • Emily Landis, Climate Adaptation & Resilience Director at The Nature Conservancy & Member of Steering Committee, Global Mangrove Alliance
17:30 17:50	<p>Dialogue 2: From Pledges to Implementation Partners Driving Resilience</p> <p>Moderated by: Marco Billi, Lead RtR Technical Secretariat, CR2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melisa Cran, Program Manager at Regions4 • Savina Carluccio, CEO International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure • Chris Armitage, CEO Global Evergreening Alliance
17:50 17:55	<p>Announcement: New Regions Joining the Race to Resilience: Gauteng & ABEMA Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juliana Reis, Coordinator for Climate Change – SEAMA/ES
17:55 - 18:00	<p>Johan Rockström, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research & Race to Resilience Global Ambassador</p>
18:00 19:00	<p>Reception</p>

- Race to Resilience 2025 Progress Report: The Race to Resilience delivers for the first time cumulative results on implementation:
 - **437 million people made more resilient** across 134 countries
 - **18.4 million hectares of Nature are more resilient, ecosystems protected, restored, and conserved**, including mangroves, forests, coral reefs, and degraded lands.
 - **4.2 billion USD in finance was deployed** toward adaptation and resilience action.
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- **Announcement of new regions joining the campaign**