

Climate Club

Governance Arrangements

As adopted on October 13th, 2023

Members of the Climate Club adopt the following Governance Arrangements of the Climate Club:

1. Membership

Membership in the Climate Club indicates its members' commitment to the following:

- a) the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, the decisions thereunder, accelerating their climate ambition and resolving to pursue efforts to limiting the temperature increase to 1.5°C;
- b) accelerating the transition to net zero GHG emissions by or around mid-century and reflecting this in Nationally Determined Contributions and Paris-aligned long-term transformation pathways;
- c) accelerating their sectoral decarbonisation, particularly in the industry sector; and
- d) actively working together to advance the objectives of this Club and promoting them in other fora.

Countries expressing their interest in joining the Climate Club may be invited by the Co-Chairs to become a Climate Club member, in consultation with members.

2. Body of members

Members of the Climate Club are automatically members of the Body of members. The Body of members is the main body of the Climate Club. It steers the Climate Club and may discuss and decide any matter within the scope of the Climate Club, approve the work programme and budget and any amendments to these Governance Arrangements.

Meetings

The Body of members is expected to meet at least once a year. Participation by members is at senior official level. Every other year the Body of members will meet at high level.

Thematic working groups

The Body of members can, if appropriate and necessary, form thematic working groups for defined periods of time to discuss matters of or make recommendations on the Climate Club. Discussions in or recommendations made by thematic working groups do not bind the Body of members.

Highest Level Dialogue

Meetings at highest level may be convened by the Co-Chairs as appropriate for strategic dialogue and to discuss other relevant topics.

3. Co-Chairs

Two Co-Chairs are elected by and from among the Body of members for two-year terms with a view to ensuring participation of members from different geographical regions and different levels of development.

The Co-Chairs chair the meetings of the Body of members and of the Steering Group and generally provide leadership to the Climate Club. Germany and Chile are the initial Co-Chairs, starting their term upon adoption of these Governance Arrangements and continuing through December 31, 2025.

4. Steering Group

A Steering Group will be formed to support the Body of members in steering the Climate Club when it reaches 40 members or more, unless the Body of members decides otherwise.

Membership

The Steering Group is led by the Co-Chairs and consists of the Co-Chairs and seven other members appointed by the Body of members. Its size can be extended by Body of members decision if the Climate Club membership grows. The seven other members are expected to serve two-year, renewable terms with staggered rotation (meaning that only three or four of them turn over in any single year). They are appointed with a view to ensuring participation

from different geographical regions and different levels of development. A process for the appointment of Steering Group members will be decided by the Body of members.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Steering Group will provide strategic and operational guidance between the Body of members meetings and contribute to the preparation of the Body of members meetings. In carrying out this function, the Steering Group should be assisted by and provide strategic direction to the Secretariat.

Meetings

The Steering Group is expected to meet as necessary, including before Body of members meetings. Participation is expected to be at senior official level with as much continuity as possible.

5. Secretariat

Agile and efficient secretariat support is provided by a Secretariat. The Secretariat's core tasks are to propose and implement the work programme, including resource planning as approved by the Body of members, supporting Body of members, Steering Group, and thematic working group meetings, organising highest-level dialogues as well as outreach activities, liaising with other relevant stakeholders, international organisations and initiatives and facilitating exchanges among Climate Club members. The Secretariat is overseen in fulfilling these functions by the Co-Chairs, with support of the Steering Group.

Until the Secretariat is formally established, this support is provided by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) as a joint interim Secretariat. The Co-Chairs will make proposals for approval by the Body of members regarding the transition from an interim Secretariat to a permanent Secretariat.

6. Other Participants

International organisations and other relevant stakeholders, including from the private sector, may participate in Climate Club meetings as temporary guests at the invitation of the Co-Chairs. The Body of members may decide to invite non-member countries to participate in Climate Club meetings as observers.

7. Decision-Making

Decision-making at meetings is by consensus. Between meetings, decisions can also be made by written procedures. Consensus decisions do not need to reflect unanimity, meaning that members may abstain or state non-blocking dissents on the record.

8. Financial Support

Funding for the activities of the Climate Club and the Secretariat will be provided by members of the Climate Club on a voluntary basis. A work programme and budget proposed by the Secretariat will be adopted by the Body of members at regular intervals.