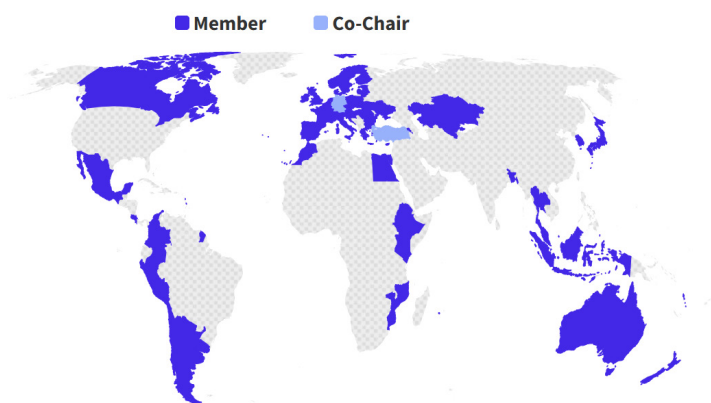


Climate Club: an inclusive forum for industry

What is the Climate Club?

The Climate Club is an intergovernmental forum that promotes cooperation and collective action to accelerate industry decarbonisation. Since its launch at COP28, the Climate Club has grown to include 50 members. With its membership comprising both emerging and developing economies (EMDEs) and industrialised countries, the initiative is committed to an inclusive approach, guided by the view that clean industry will only take off if supported by multilateral collaboration.

Until December 2027 the initiative is co-chaired by Germany and Türkiye. Together with the rest of the Steering Group (Australia, Canada, Egypt, the European Union, Indonesia, South Korea and the United Kingdom), they help guide the Climate Club's strategic direction.



The work of the Climate Club is coordinated by the Secretariat- co-hosted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA).

What has the Climate Club achieved so far?

Following over two years of dedicated work on industrial decarbonisation, the Climate Club has achieved several notable milestones:

- The operationalisation of the Climate Club's Global Matchmaking Platform (GMP), designed to fast-track the decarbonisation of heavy-emitting industries and accelerate low-emission industrial development in EMDEs.
- The joint affirmation of the IEA principles for definitions of low- and near-zero steel and cement, as well as recognition of convergence towards threshold values.
- The launch of the joint voluntary principles for action to address carbon leakage and other spillovers, led by Türkiye and the United Kingdom.

- The launch of the COP30 Climate Club Pledge to grow near-zero and low-emissions steel and cement markets.
- The launch of "Industry on the road to 2050: A report prepared for the Climate Club" at COP30 in Belém, bringing together independent expert views on key considerations for industrial decarbonisation policies and opportunities for international co-operation.

What is the Climate Club currently working on?

In 2026, the Climate Club will continue to facilitate political discussions among its members to encourage the development of diversified approaches to promoting clean industries. The strategic priorities for the upcoming year are:

- Promoting interoperability of carbon accounting approaches in the context of carbon pricing and related measures.
- Encouraging policy commitments to kick-start lead markets for clean industrial products.
- Increasing opportunities for capacity building and policy advice among Climate Club members, especially EMDEs.
- Enhancing coordination with other initiatives working on industrial decarbonisation.

What are the benefits of being part of the Climate Club?

The Climate Club represents a space for governments to discuss the advancement of industrial decarbonisation, ensuring:

- An inclusive and cooperative dialogue that reflects the diverse realities, priorities, and capacities of all members;
- Meaningful collaboration through knowledge-sharing, and partnerships that accelerate a just and effective industrial transition.

How often does the Climate Club convene?

Every year, the Climate Club holds:

- At least two Body of Members meetings (at the senior-official level), which include Strategic Dialogues on dedicated topics of the Work Programme.

- A series of technical meetings, roundtables and workshops to discuss progress on analytical work. These meetings bring in experts at the technical level from member governments, and may also include external stakeholders such as other international initiatives, financial institutions and experts from the academia, among others.

In addition to these member-only commitments, the Climate Club holds events at various international conferences focusing on industrial transformation, green industrialisation and industrial decarbonisation.

What are the requirements to join?

The Climate Club is inclusive in nature and open to climate-ambitious countries. Membership in the Climate Club indicates a commitment to:

1. The full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, the decisions thereunder, and accelerating their climate ambition and resolving to pursue efforts to limiting the temperature increase to 1.5°C;
2. Accelerating the transition to net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by or around mid-century and reflecting this in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Paris-aligned long-term transformation pathways;
3. Accelerating their sectoral decarbonisation, particularly in the industry sector;
4. Actively working together to advance the Climate Club's objectives and promoting them in other fora.

How does a country become a member?

The formal procedure for joining the Climate Club is straightforward:

- Interested parties must submit a formal letter of interest from the relevant ministry, identifying at least two designated focal points (one at senior-official level and one at working level), to secretariat@climate-club.org.
- The Co-Chairs then conduct a non-objection procedure to formally confirm the new member.
- Members may involve the ministry or ministries within their government that are responsible for industrial decarbonisation-related policies and initiatives. This may include, for example, ministries responsible for industry, energy, climate, environment, economic affairs, trade, infrastructure, innovation, or sustainable development.

How are agreements reached in the Climate Club?

Members are expected to contribute to the development of political commitments and joint statements. These procedures usually involve negotiations during senior-official level meetings, written feedback rounds which build towards consensus, followed by final approval through non-objection procedures. To ensure that all members' perspectives are adequately represented in these processes, the Secretariat proposes bilateral discussions with members to address possible inputs and concerns in depth.

Meeting density: example of 2026

