



Commitment and Motion to Action on Climate and Environment

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Today's climate and environmental crises threaten the **survival of humanity**.

We are **determined to act**.

Addressing the climate and environment crises is a **top priority for ICVA** as adopted in the ICVA 2030 strategy¹.

We send a clear signal that humanitarian organisations have a **key role to play** in addressing the crises.

The ICVA Commitment and Motion to Action are an **initial step to reinforce developing joint solutions** and taking individual organisational actions to address climate change as in the 2022-2024 Strategic Priorities.

This approach allows for **flexible, phased implementation at the organisational level**, taking local context and operational realities into consideration.

The Commitment on Climate and Environment taken by ICVA members

We² commit :

1. **to be guided by the leadership and experience of local** actors and communities at risk;
2. **to be a part of the solution** and help people adapt to a changing climate and environment, while we increase our own environmental sustainability;
3. **to reduce the impacts** of the crises through our own action;
4. **to mobilise and advocate others to narrow the gap** between concerns and effective action;
5. **to strengthen collaboration** within and beyond the humanitarian sector to tackle the crises together.

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¹ ICVA 2030 Strategy adopted at the GA

² « We » is the General Assembly for its members



Motion to action

ICVA, as a network, signs the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations³³. In this way, as a network, we adopt a clear vision and principles to guide humanitarian action in the face of the crises.

ICVA members will consider signing the Charter individually and indicate when they will realistically be able to measure their implementation of the Charter.

Organisations adopting the Charter act to address the climate and environment crises, both in the programs they implement and the way they work.

A number of ICVA members and partners have been developing tools and guidance that will be valuable for implementing the Charter's commitments. Organisations are encouraged to **share widely existing tools and address potential gaps**.

To keep up with the rate of change needed and continue to advance this agenda, ICVA will **review the Motion to Action** at latest at the next ICVA General Assembly in 2024.

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The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations intends to provide a clear vision and principles to guide humanitarian action in the face growing recognition of the key role humanitarian organisations will play to address the climate and environment crises facing our planet.

The [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations](#) is now opened for signature by all humanitarian organizations, following its adoption in May 2021 by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

³³ With effect after formal decision of ICRC and IFRC to open for sign on 21st May 2021.