

## **Alliances for Climate Action initiative for non-state actors readies itself for growth and accelerated implementation**

**(30 May 2022)** - WWF's flagship programme for non-state actors, Alliances for Climate Action (ACAs), is readying itself for growth and accelerated implementation, says new global lead, WWF-Chile CEO Ricardo Bosshard.

*"ACAs, launched as a global initiative in 2018, have proven to be an important catalyst for collaboration for climate action among all participating institutions, as well as between them and their respective national governments, with more than six thousand institutions involved in nine countries that, together, are responsible for more than 23% of global emissions,"* Bosshard said.

Under Bosshard's guidance, the ACA will seek to accelerate climate action in the 9 countries where an ACA exists, and increasing the number of countries in which it operates, as well as strengthening the collaboration and partnership with the UNFCCC Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. ACAs are already included in its Work Programme for 2022 as one of the key partners.

Bosshard said: *"We will continue to deepen our work, connecting the various actors who, from outside governments and from the local level, are willing to speed up their climate actions to help limit global temperature rise to avoid the worst impacts of climate change."*

Bosshard's appointment to the global leadership of ACAs coincides with the confirmation of a new global partner, The Stanley Center for Peace and Security. They join existing global partners C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, CDP, the Climate Action Network, Fundación AVINA, The Climate Group, and the We Mean Business Alliance.

**Gonzalo Muñoz, High Level Champion of the COP25** said: *"ACAs are a key part of the regionalization strategy of the Marrakech Partnership and the work of the UNFCCC Climate Action Champions. We will work hand in hand so that the ACAs increasingly contribute to global climate action. We need to promote the loop of climate ambition, in which subnational and non-state actors contribute with their actions so that national governments can bet on more ambitious policies, which in turn make it easier for the rest of society to reduce their emissions and climate vulnerability."*

**WWF Global Climate and Energy Lead Manuel Pulgar-Vidal** said: *"This is the decade of implementation, in which the whole of society must be part of the solution. The ACAs represent a key instrument in this task, as spaces for convening,*

*collaboration in action and generation of proactive inputs for the development of public policies at the national level, with great potential for regional and global collaboration.”*

**Notes to Editors:**

1. ACA is a network of national alliances in nine countries, dedicated to driving ambitious climate action, increasing public support for addressing the climate crisis, and engaging national governments to decarbonize faster. What makes these national alliances unique are the diversity of voices representing leaders from nearly every sector of society—state, local, and regional governments; companies and investors; academic and cultural institutions; tribal organizations and faith communities; healthcare institutions, and civil society.
2. ACAs are operating in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Viet Nam and the “America Is All In’ alliance in the US.
3. ACAs have three objectives: (i) promote the adoption of individual and collaborative measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and climate vulnerability; (ii) contribute to the processes of elaboration of public policies and national climate commitments; and (iii) promote a dialogue with citizens on the urgency and opportunities of dealing with climate change in their respective countries.