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« Adaptation: Taking action »

CLIMATE CHANGE EUROPE AFRICA 2025 SUMMIT
March 31st and April 1st, Marseille (Palais du Pharo)



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Climate Chance and the City of Marseille are co-organising the Climate Chance Europe Africa 2025 Summit on the theme “Adaptation: Taking action”, on March 31st and April 1st at the Palais du Pharo in Marseille.

We are at a turning point.

The impacts of climate change in Europe are becoming increasingly tangible: heatwaves, droughts, floods, and wildfires are multiplying, putting a strain on infrastructure, ecosystems, and populations. These phenomena are increasing in intensity and frequency, requiring rapid adaptation to strengthen resilient infrastructure and prepare for climate risks, while better protecting citizens and economies. Beyond the disasters that have multiplied in recent months and are impacting public opinion, it is the deeper transformation of our economies and lifestyles, the evolution of regulatory frameworks, and the distribution of efforts among various economic and institutional actors that are at stake.

In 2025, the European Green Deal will reach its first five-year review. This will be a unique opportunity to assess the progress made towards the goal of climate neutrality by 2050 and to strengthen adaptation measures alongside emission reduction efforts. Adopted in 2021, the EU's climate adaptation strategy will be revised in 2025, allowing for the integration of lessons learned from the first years of implementation and adjustments to priorities.

Climate change adaptation is also a national issue with the upcoming release of the third National Climate Change Adaptation Plan (PNACC-3) in France, which will be based on a Climate Change Adaptation Reference Pathway (Tracc), raised to 4°C by 2100.

Two main issues will be at the heart of the Climate Chance Europe-Africa Summit in Marseille on March 31st and April 1st: adaptation to climate change at local level in Europe—through the strengthening of dialogue frameworks with all European actors—and cooperation on adaptation between Europe and Africa. Following the success of the first European summit dedicated to adaptation, organised by Climate Chance and Wallonia in 2024, the Climate Chance Europe Africa 2025 Summit, co-organised by Climate Chance and the City of Marseille, will bring together 2,000 participants: representatives from European institutions, major international, European, and national networks of local authorities, businesses, trade unions, associations, scientists, and citizens, all mobilising for this major event on the 2025 agenda for adaptation

Many organisations and networks will be associated with the Climate Chance Europe Africa 2025 Summit, particularly at the international level: ACR+, AFD, AIMF, UCLG Africa, IDDRI, IRD, OECD,

Regions4, IUCN, World Benchmarking Alliance...; at the European level: Climate Alliance, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, CCRE / Platforma, Committee of the Regions (CoR), Eurocities, ICLEI Europe...; at the national level: Ademe, AFCCRE, Citépa, FNAU, MEDEF, Météo France, OFB, PFVT... etc.

This summit is set to be, with the quality and number of its participants, the largest event ever organised in Europe specifically focused on adaptation issues

Programme

The 2-day event will offer a rich programme: 7 plenary sessions, nearly 40 workshops, a pitch corner and animations. 300 high-level experts and grassroots actors are expected to contribute.

The Summit will also provide an opportunity to unveil the results of the 1st synthesis report of adaptation actions in Europe by the Climate Chance Observatory. The Observatory's sectoral analyses will serve as an introduction to the discussions in several workshops.

4 key themes will be at the heart of the discussions

- Deepening our knowledge to enhance the effectiveness of adaptation to climate change
- Transforming the economy and public action to provide sustainable responses to climate challenges
- Strengthening and developing local adaptation solutions
- Cooperation between Europe and Africa for effective adaptation to climate change

Advocacy outcomes

The "Marseille Declaration": an advocacy document to strengthen Europe / Africa cooperation on adaptation to climate change, with an international vocation. It includes key messages and operational proposals from non-state actors for European and African political decision-makers.

The "Marseille Action Plan: 50 actions to be developed for adaptation in Europe": for the adaptation of European territories, with key messages and operational proposals from non-state actors for European political decision-makers, following on from the collective work initiated at the Climate Chance Europe Wallonia Summit held in Liège in February 2024. These priority actions will be at the heart of discussions in the various workshops of the summit, organised with the most representative international networks of non-state actors.

The documents produced in Marseille will be carried throughout 2025 during the upcoming major events on the international agenda:

- The Marseille Declaration: on the way to COP30 in Belém (November 10-21), as well as the Climate Chance Africa Summit (end of September) and Africities (December 1-5)...
- The Marseille Action Plan: advocacy campaign targeting European institutions and policymakers, presented at a specific event in June in Paris. They will be addressed to all key European actors (Commission, governments, parliamentarians...), and the consideration of the summit's proposals will be monitored by the Climate Chance Observatory.

The Marseille summit will thus be a key moment for strengthening dialogue and exchange between non-state actors (local authorities, businesses, NGOs) and European institutions on adaptation issues.

Information and registration for the Climate Chance Europe Africa 2025 Summit on our website [HERE](#).



About Climate Chance

Since its creation in 2015, Climate Chance brings together all of the actors involved in the implementation of the objectives of the international Agendas on Climate, Biodiversity and Desertification, in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals. It is the only international association seeking to connect all non-state actors from Europe and Africa, working on the acceleration of local action : from local governments, businesses, and civil society organisations, to the media, researchers and citizens

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