



**Mediators  
Beyond Borders**  
INTERNATIONAL

## Climate Change Policy Project (CCPP)

### Goals Document

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CCPP is a project of Mediators  
Beyond Borders International.

**MBBI Vision**

Building a more peace “able”  
world.

**MBBI Mission**

MBBI builds local skills for peace  
and promotes mediation  
worldwide.

*(from [mediatorsbeyondborders.org](http://mediatorsbeyondborders.org))*

### Purpose and use of this document:

This document articulates the goals of the MBBI Climate Change Policy Project (CCPP). While this text may be modified for other uses, the primary audience of this document is current and prospective members of the CCPP.

CCPP will review Sections 1 – 6 annually to ensure they remain relevant and are known to all members. The appendices, which are compiled separately, are living documents, shared in the CCPP online archive and will change over time, as we take action.

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## 1. CCPP Vision

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A world in which people, communities and nations are able to effectively engage with each other, manage conflict and resolve disputes related to climate change.

## 2. CCPP Underlying Concepts

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### **Difference and change are “normal”**

Difference is a healthy and inevitable part of human development and society.

Humans, whether as individuals or in groups, have different perspectives, priorities and values.

Change also is essential for growth and development. Change creates difference, from within and between individuals through to the global level.

Acknowledgement of and respect for difference is fundamental to peaceful co-existence.

### **Climate change and climate action can create conflict**

Climate change and action to mitigate or adapt to climate change can highlight difference and increase the potential for conflict.

Such difference can help rather than hinder collaborative problem solving when it is expressed, heard, understood and then used to develop a way forward that acknowledges all needs.

### **Conflict management and collaboration skills are essential for climate change planning**

Conflict management is key to successful climate change action.

Mediation and related collaborative approaches channel differences into mutual understanding; they empower people in conflict to choose mutually beneficial next steps in a timely, fair and cost-effective manner that is inclusive, transparent and effective.

## 3. CCPP Mission

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To strengthen human capacity to build peace and constructively manage and transform conflict at all levels, local to global, related to the climate crisis.

## 4. Theory of Change Statement

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By persuading United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders about the benefits of skilled, neutral, third party facilitation and inclusive, participatory processes (like peace-building, mediation and other forms of collaborative problem-solving and participatory governance), we expect ...

- 1) Parties will increasingly include these approaches in their domestic and international response to climate change;
- 2) Non-Party Stakeholders will advocate with Parties for these approaches; and,
- 3) Non-Party Stakeholders will include such approaches within their own climate change work.

The use of these approaches by Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders will result in more peaceful and constructive responses to conflicts related to the climate crisis. Peaceful and constructive dialogue will reduce the exacerbating impact of conflict on climate change and accelerate progress towards the adoption of the mitigation and adaptation measures that are required to address the challenges of climate change.

Similarly, by successfully advocating for and providing skilled, neutral facilitation and other participatory processes, we expect that at subnational levels people will use these approaches and the resulting more peaceful and constructive dialogue will accelerate progress toward addressing climate change.

## 5. Interactions

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To carry out our mission, CCPP members interact with the following entities:

- **UNFCCC bodies, parties and groups** E.g. Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI); Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA); Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB); UNFCCC Secretariat; Research and Independent Non-Governmental Organizations (RINGOs)
- **Other UN bodies, intergovernmental organizations and events** E.g. High-Level Political Forum, UN Secretary General's Climate Summit
- **National and sub-national governments** Political or civil service representatives of national governments, regional or local government leaders
- **Non-state actors** Civil Society Organizations, citizen groups, youth, business and other stakeholders particularly relevant to climate change

## 6. Strategy to achieve our Mission

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### 1) Advocate for collaborative problem-solving, the management of conflict and the resolution of disputes to strengthen the response to climate change

#### a) At every level (local, regional, national, international)

- i) Advocate for the use of inclusive, peace-building processes in responding to the climate crisis e.g. promote mediation, facilitation and indigenous traditional approaches, other inclusive collaborative informal problem-solving and consensus-building approaches in response to climate-related conflict
- ii) Educate about when and how conflicts involving or caused by climate change can benefit from mediation values, skillsets and approaches
- iii) Encourage capacity-building in relation to inclusive, productive response to conflict as part of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions

#### b) In global governance

- i) Advocate for conflict prevention and management to be included in UNFCCC agendas, work plans, action plans and agreements
- ii) Encourage Parties to use conflict management/problem-solving language in their Nationally Determined Contributions, Adaptation Communications and other climate action policies
- iii) Make the case when considering [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), for the linkage of SDG 16 (Peace Justice and Strong Institutions) to the other SDGs, particularly SDG 13 (Climate Action)

### 2) Contribute MBBI's collaboration expertise

- a) Provide facilitation and mediation expertise to the UNFCCC Secretariat, Parties and Non-Party stakeholders to improve formal and informal communication, negotiation and decision-making processes.
- b) Assist in the design, development and implementation of mediation, participatory governance and peacebuilding processes related to climate change
- c) Provide MBBI expertise – advice, conflict assessment, coaching, facilitation, mediation etc. – in specific climate-related conflicts