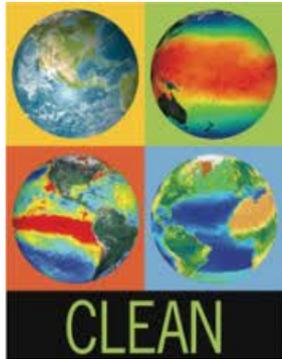




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Action for Climate Empowerment Strategic Plan for the United States

Phase 2. Planning
Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programs
Listening sessions

CLEAN Network Zoom Weekly Meeting
Tuesday March 24th, 2020

Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programs Panel

Sarah Goodspeed, Climate Generation, Youth and Policy Manager, Minnesota



Yoca Arditi-Rocha, Executive Director, Cleo Institute, Florida



Reb Anderson, Alliance for Climate Education, Director of Education

Jen Kretser, The Wild Center, Director of Climate Initiatives, New York



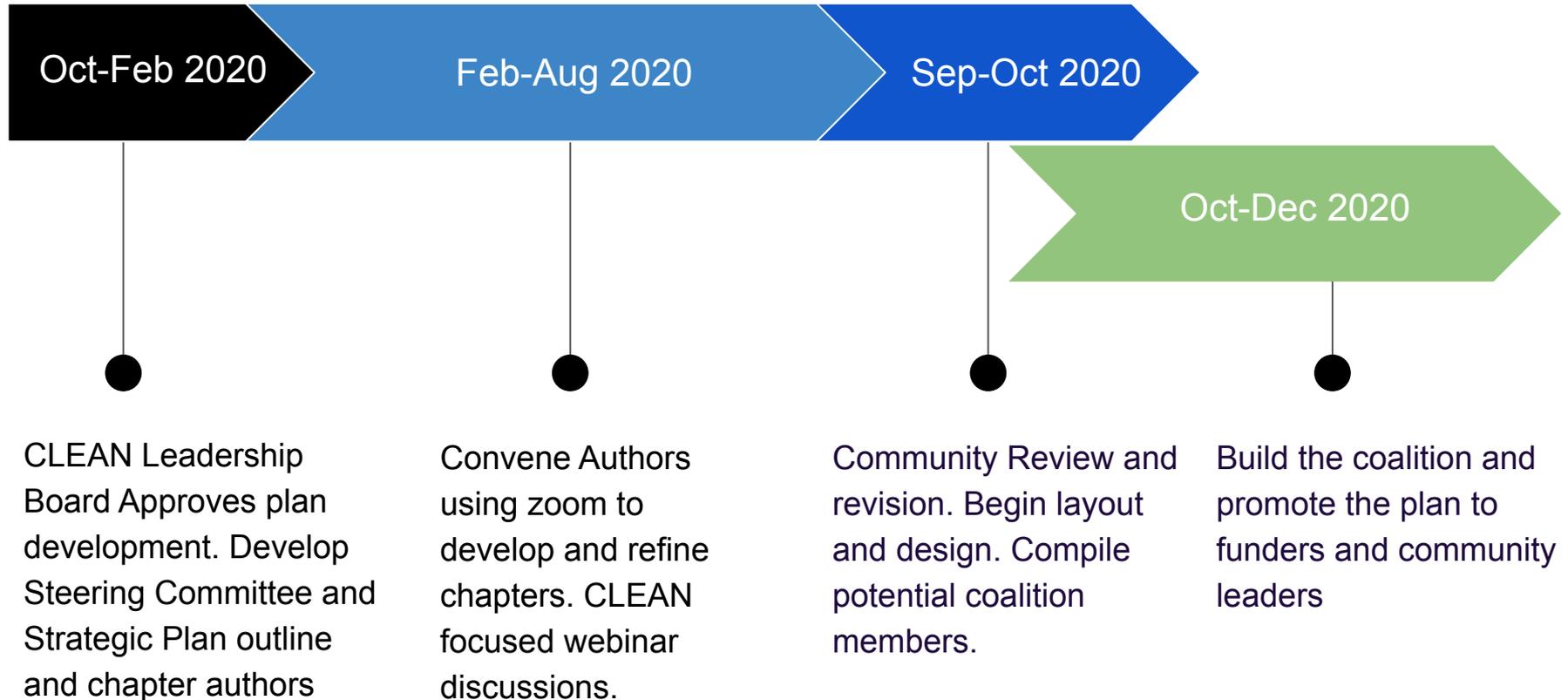
Erin Griffin, The Wild Center, Climate & Communities Coordinator

Justice, Inclusion, Respect

Throughout the ACE strategic planning process and implementation, we will uphold justice, inclusion and respect as shared values.

- Justice: We will work to address the causes of inequity.
- Inclusion: All interested groups and individuals have the right to participate.
- Respect: We are grateful for all groups' and individuals' ideas and contributions

Proposed Timeline

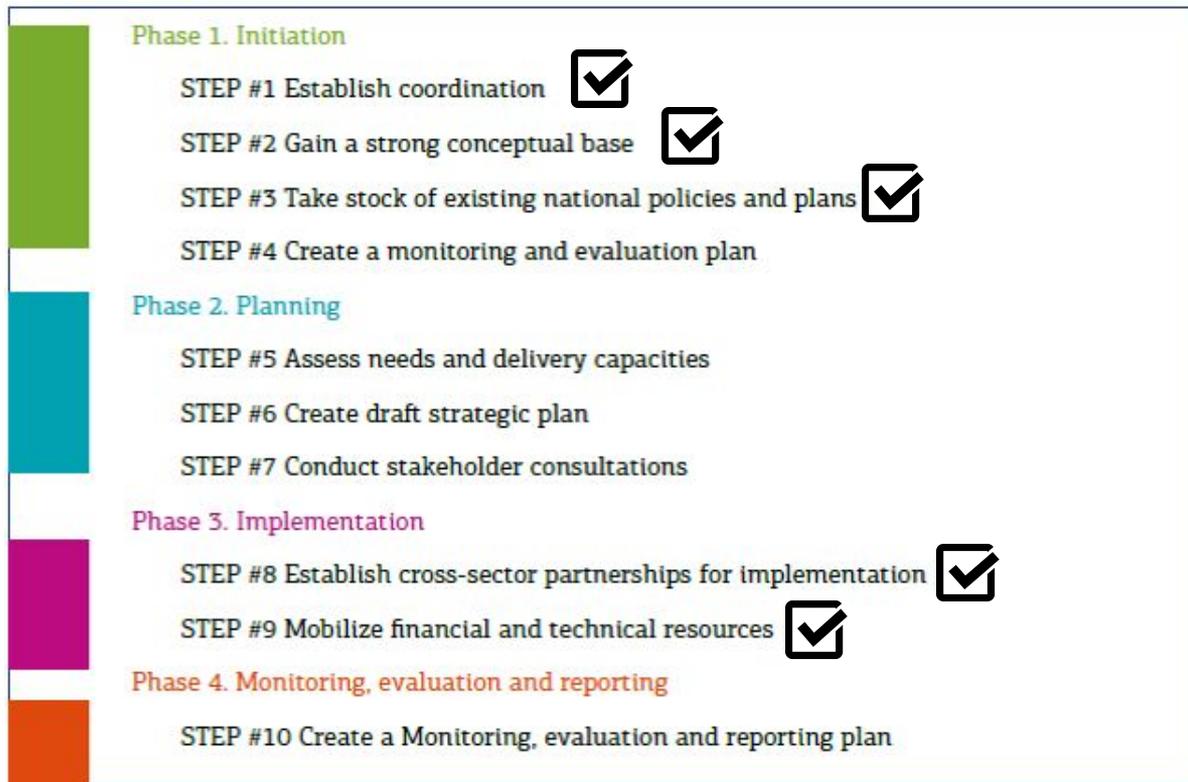


Steps of developing a National ACE strategy

Based on the analysis of the ACE Guidelines, the climate change related education, training, public awareness, public access to information, and public participation efforts in the United States have advance part of the ACE defined states.

Additionally, numerous initiatives and partnerships internationally have enhanced cooperation on these matters.

Using the ACE Guidelines, we can develop an initial strategy within a year.

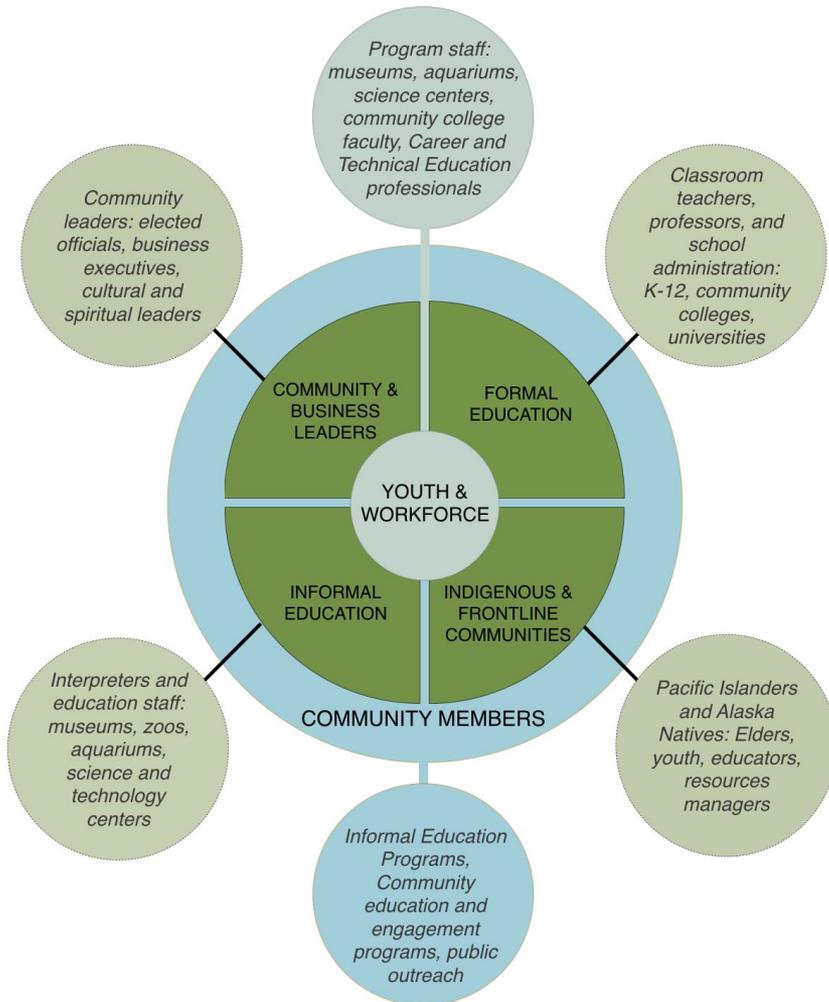


Priority Audiences for Climate Change Education

The Climate Change Education community recognizes that achieving its vision requires engaging a diverse range of communities including all groups listed here.

To ensure the success of an ACE strategic plan, the following are Priority Focus Areas:

- Public Access to Information
- Public Participation
- Funding
- Communication
- Measurement and Evaluation



Format for listening sessions

During each listening session, panelists who are experts in and members of Priority Audiences or experts in Priority Focus Areas will present for their group while keeping focus questions in mind.

Timing

- Introductions (10 min)
- Panel Discussion (40 min) (Add your thoughts [here](#).)
- Questions (10 min)

Roles

- Facilitator: Ensure presentations maintain focus and each panelist has equal time
- Panelist: Present on their area of expertise
- Listeners: Hold ACE questions in mind, listen and record feedback in writing to be asked and submitted after the panel presentation



Why are youth key for
climate actions?

How can **youth centered** climate change education, engagement, and empowerment better support the development of inclusive and equitable climate solutions in communities?

How can we better engage a diversity of local leaders and partners **through youth focused programs**: what are their needs?

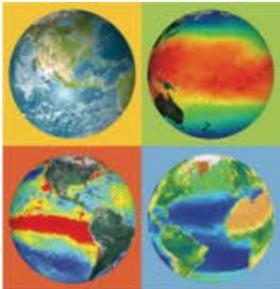
What is needed for local organizations, levels of government (e.g. federal vs. state vs. local), NGOs/non profits, education groups, etc. to provide coordinated support for climate education and empowerment across the nation?

Funding is a critically important issue, but how best should increased funds be focused to maximize the power and potential of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) **programs focused on youth?**

What have we not talked about that should be considered and explored?



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We've developed an email listserv for the purposes of communication about the US ACE National Strategy for the United States project and encourage you and others interested to join.

The email for the listserve is
clean_ace@serc.carleton.edu

You can access the subscription page here:
https://serc.carleton.edu/mailman/listinfo/clean_ace

Broader Questions for ACE:

- What existing youth engagement and empowerment activities, gaps and prioritize actions, targets and milestones, and key indicators of success should we use to track and measure progress?
- Any thoughts on national initiatives policies, and measures to ensure an integrated, coherent approach to implementing ACE focusing on youth engagement and empowerment?
- What would improves policy coherence and facilitates cross-sectoral collaboration for ACE action (the national level provides the overall guiding policy framework within sectoral and local government operate)?
- What avenues for financing due to ACE activities are duly aligned with national policy, including annual/multi-year budgets and planning?