

Global Coalition for Energy Planning Agenda for Action 2025-2026

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I. Current Status

Following extensive consultations that began during the Brazilian G20 Presidency in 2024, the Global Coalition for Energy Planning (GCEP) was officially launched at the 1st Energy Planning Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June 2025. The Summit and its preparatory dialogues generated strong political interest and mobilized a broad community of prospective Members and Partners. The priorities expressed by countries and stakeholders during this process form the foundation of the present Agenda for Action, ensuring that the Coalition's first cycle responds directly to the needs identified by its participants.

II. Key Challenges

The Coalition enters its first cycle with strong political momentum and high expectations from countries and partners. To translate this momentum into tangible results, the GCEP will focus on addressing several immediate challenges:

- **Operational clarity:** The member-led workstream model is at the core of the Coalition's approach. To operate effectively, it requires clear coordination between the workstream leads, champions, and the Secretariat to ensure alignment and accountability, as well as swift operationalization of the membership and partnership processes.
- **Meeting high expectations with early wins:** Members and partners are looking to the GCEP for visible results at political milestones such as COP30 and COP31. The Coalition will respond by delivering a set of early, achievable outputs that demonstrate immediate value, while building the foundations for more ambitious results in future cycles.
- **Resource mobilization:** The Coalition is currently operating on a voluntary basis. Securing a predictable resource base to support the Secretariat and the workstreams will be essential to sustain momentum and enable delivery of the Agenda for Action.
- **Engagement and inclusivity:** Turning expressions of support into active participation will be critical. The Coalition must ensure that Members and Partners are meaningfully engaged, with balanced representation across regions, including Africa, SIDS, and other vulnerable developing countries.
- **Synergy with existing initiatives:** The international landscape already includes many initiatives that support energy planning. To avoid duplication and maximize impact, the GCEP will position itself as a coordination hub that connects and amplifies existing efforts, ensuring coherence for countries and partners alike.

III. Purpose the Agenda for Action

This document provides a clear, chronological roadmap for the GCEP's activities from June 2025 to December 2026. Its purpose is to guide the Secretariat and the Chair in transforming the strategic vision outlined in the **GCEP Concept Note** into concrete actions. The Agenda for Action focuses on formalizing the Coalition's structure and membership, launching the initial workstream activities, developing a robust resource mobilization strategy, and delivering meaningful results to maintain political momentum and demonstrate the GCEP's value to its members.

IV. Thematic priorities for the Coalition

Consultations with countries and a broad set of stakeholders underscored the following thematic priority areas as central to the Coalition's substantive work. These priorities align with, and operationalize, the strategic agenda set out in the GCEP workstreams

1. **Finance and investment mobilization.** Linking planning to finance through investment pipelines, concessional capital, and innovative instruments (e.g. blended finance, climate markets). This is the core of the GCEP's mission and serves as the main forum for political dialogue among governments, financial institutions, and the private sector. Key topics to cover include:
 - De-risking investment through policy innovation: Facilitate dialogues and share best practices in risk allocation, bankable contracts, and policies to manage uncertainty.
 - Turning plans into investable pipelines: Translate national strategies into structured project pipelines, including support for project preparation and feasibility studies.
 - Investment-grade planning standards: Define high-quality energy investment planning with financiers and develop guidance to help countries achieve it.
 - Institutional governance for implementation: Strengthen governance frameworks that connect planning with financing and delivery.
2. **Data, modelling and scenarios.** Expanding access to harmonized data, enhancing modelling tools, and integrating flexibility, resilience, and reliability into long-term planning. Key topics to cover include:
 - Data, modelling, and digitalization: Improve quality, accessibility, and policy relevance of energy data and modelling tools, reducing market information gaps and strengthening investor confidence.
 - Energy access and transition planning: Position access (electricity, clean cooking, sustainable cooling) as a platform for development, supported through South-South knowledge exchanges and a "basket of solutions."

- Institutional governance for implementation: sharing experiences and good practices to use data and tools effectively in policy, regulation, and transition planning.
3. **Institutions and governance** (Transversal to all priorities). Strengthening planning authorities, improving cross-ministerial coordination, and clarifying governance structures. Key topics to cover include:
- Building durable national planning institutions and ensuring continuity across political cycles.
 - Facilitating whole-of-government coordination between energy, finance, climate, and regulatory bodies.
 - Promoting independent agencies, regulators, and cross-party accountability structures to enhance credibility and investor confidence.
4. **Infrastructure and system resilience.** Scaling transmission, storage, and regional interconnections while addressing supply chain risks and critical materials. Facilitating regionally focused dialogues, recognizing that resilience challenges vary by geography and market structure. Key topics to cover:
- Resilient and efficient energy systems: Planning for high shares of variable renewables, grid flexibility, efficiency, and climate resilience in infrastructure design.
 - Developing innovative policy and cost-allocation mechanisms to make resilience investments bankable.
5. **Just transition and inclusion.** Ensuring equity, jobs, and social acceptance, with tailored support for SIDS and vulnerable economies. Supporting peer-to-peer learning and South-South cooperation, particularly for SIDS and smaller economies. Priorities include:
- Integrating social dimensions (jobs, inclusion, equity) into transition planning.
 - Linking energy access to broader development goals by promoting productive uses of energy and local value chains.
6. **Climate alignment.** Embedding energy planning into NDCs, net-zero pathways, and COP processes to strengthen the Means of Implementation. This priority includes the following topic:
- Positioning robust national plans as tools to deliver on international commitments.
 - Ensuring plans are framed as bankable investment frameworks that align with COP cycles and global stocktake goals.
 - Promoting a common language between planners, policymakers, and financiers to make NDCs investment-ready.

7. **Supply chains and geopolitical resilience.** Addressing critical minerals, manufacturing capacity, and trade dependencies to build diversified, resilient supply chains. Key topics to cover include:

- Assessing vulnerabilities in supply chains for renewables, grids, and storage technologies.
- Developing policies to manage critical mineral dependencies and ensure resilient sourcing.

These thematic priorities will be taken forward through the two workstreams defined for this first cycle, details in [Annex 1](#).

V. Activities (June 2025 to December 2026)

The first cycle of the Agenda for Action (June 2025–December 2026) will consolidate the Coalition’s structure, anchor its political visibility, and initiate the first workstream activities. The timeline below highlights the main milestones.

2025/Q3 (July – September): Consolidation and Outreach. This phase focuses on formalizing the Coalition’s structures and presenting it to the international community.

- **Secretariat formalization (July - August):** Establish the Secretariat at IRENA, define roles and responsibilities, and finalize operational arrangements with the Chair.
- **Clean Energy Ministerial side event (Busan, August 2025):** Brazil, as GCEP Chair, will introduce the Coalition to the CEM community through a dedicated side event. The focus will be on positioning GCEP as a mechanism to align planning with finance, and on exploring synergies with CEM initiatives.
- **Stakeholder Debriefings (September 2025):**
 - Targeted webinar for mobilized stakeholders from the Summit to present the final Concept Note and Agenda for Action and open the call for membership.
 - Open public webinars to present the Coalition’s framework, highlight opportunities for engagement, and expand outreach.
- **UNFCCC Climate Week 2 (Addis Ababa, September 2025):** Position the GCEP in the African region by engaging governments, financiers, and development partners. A dedicated session will highlight how robust planning can support just energy transition pathways and mobilize finance for African priorities.

2025/Q4 (October – December): Membership drive and COP30. This phase will build the Coalition’s founding membership and anchor it politically at COP30.

- **Formal membership and partnership drive (October - November 2025):** Deploy the *Membership Engagement Package* and conduct targeted outreach to secure a diverse group of founding Members and Partners.
- **Development and implementation of resource mobilization plan/strategy (October – December 2025)**
- **IRENA Africa Investment Forum (Sierra Leone, October 2025):** Showcase the GCEP as a regional platform for connecting planning and investment, with a focus on Africa’s transition priorities and synergies with APRA stakeholders.
- **COP30 (Belém, November 2025):** Formally present the GCEP to the global climate community through a high-level side event co-organized by Brazil and IRENA. The event will position the Coalition as a practical platform to support the Means of Implementation of the Paris Agreement by linking planning to finance.

2026/Q1 (January – March): Operational launch at IRENA Assembly. This phase marks the start of substantive activities under the Coalition’s workstreams.

- **High-Level GCEP Members' Meeting (January 2026):** Convened at the margins of the IRENA Assembly to endorse workstream leads, finalize initial deliverables, and review the Agenda for Action.
- **Launch of workstream activities (February – March 2026):** Lead/Co-lead/Champion organization convenes its first meeting with interested Members and Partners. Early deliverables will include mapping exercises, surveys, and case studies on planning-finance linkages, governance frameworks, and data access.

2026/Q2 (April – June): Deepening substantive work. This phase focuses on strengthening workstream outputs and sustaining political momentum.

- **Review of initial workstream deliverables (April – May 2026):** Workstream leads, with Secretariat coordination, review progress and refine 2026 outputs.
- **Champion-Led Groups (May 2026):** Convene first Champion-led groups to advance thematic priorities (e.g., data, governance, resilience).
- **High-Level Dialogue on Finance and Planning (June 2026):** Convene ministers of energy and finance, alongside MDBs and partners, to discuss aligning long-term planning with investment pathways.

2026/Q3 (July – September): Consolidation and regional outreach

- **Preparations for COP31 (August–September):** Shape Coalition contributions and potential deliverables for COP31.

2026/Q4 (October – December): Showcasing and transition

- **COP31 (November 2026):** Present first progress report, showcase thematic outputs (e.g., investment pipeline frameworks, governance guidance, data harmonization initiatives), and highlight progress by workstreams.
- **General Meeting and Chair Transition (December 2026):** Convene a virtual plenary meeting to review results of the first biennial cycle, adopt the progress report, and pass the Chair to the incoming country, ensuring a smooth leadership transition.

VI. Annex 1: Mapping of thematic priorities to workstreams

The following table maps the thematic priorities to the two workstreams established for the Coalition's first cycle, providing clarity on how these priorities will be translated into action.

First Cycle Workstreams:

- Workstream 1: From Planning to Investment
- Workstream 2: Enhancing technical and implementation capacity

Thematic Priority	Main Workstream	Notes/Cross-links
1. Finance and investment mobilization	Workstream 1	Core mandate of Workstream 1; high-level political/finance track.
2. Data, modelling and scenarios	Workstream 2	Technical backbone; includes digitalization and data-driven investment confidence.
3. Institutions and governance	Workstream 2	Focus on institutional strengthening; also interfaces with Workstream 1 for finance/governance linkages.
4. Infrastructure and system resilience	Workstream 2	Strong technical anchor (grids, storage, resilience); linked to Workstream 1 for investment standards.
5. Just transition and inclusion	Workstream 2	Embedded in access, equity, and socio-economic planning; cross-cutting with Workstream 1's political dialogue.
6. Climate alignment	Workstream 2	Ensures NDCs and COP processes integrate planning; outcome feeds into Workstream 1's political visibility.
7. Supply chains and geopolitical resilience	Workstream 2	Technical entry point (materials, manufacturing, trade); implications for Workstream 1's finance and risk dialogues.