

Submission to the Climate High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership

A Five-Year Vision for a Human-Centered, Emotionally Resilient Global Climate Action Agenda (2025–2030)

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Executive Summary

This submission offers a strategic vision for the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) 2025–2030 from the perspective of health, well-being, and emotional resilience. As climate change accelerates and disproportionately affects underrepresented and vulnerable populations, the integration of **eco-psychosocial dynamics**, **planetary mental health**, and **complexity-informed public health** must become central to global climate policy. This document draws upon empirical research, global mental health frameworks, and field experience across Brazil and Latin America.

I. What Should Success Look Like for the GCAA in the Next Five Years?

A. Key Dimensions of Success

- **Transversal incorporation of human health and well-being** — particularly mental health — in the design, execution, and monitoring of climate actions.
- Establishment of an **Eco-Wellbeing Monitoring Framework (EWMF)** within the GCAA, incorporating indicators such as:
 - Emotional distress linked to environmental degradation (e.g., solastalgia, eco-anxiety)
 - Community-level resilience and social cohesion
 - Psychological adaptation capacity to climate events

B. Proposed Metrics

- Inclusion of mental health indicators in national reports (e.g., NDCs, NAPs)
- Tracking of well-being outcomes through UNFCCC platforms such as the **Global Climate Action Portal** and the **Yearbook of Global Climate Action**
- Development of a **Global Environmental Distress Index (GEDI)** modeled after the HDI, with contributions from academic and civil society actors

II. How Can the GCAA Facilitate Direct and Impactful Engagement Between Parties and NPS?

A. Interfacing Science, Policy, and Communities

- Creation of **regional knowledge ecosystems** co-led by academic institutions, grassroots organizations, and policymakers
- Use of **citizen science and digital participatory methods** (e.g., mobile chatbots, community mapping, wearable data integration) to capture real-time social and affective climate impacts

B. Action Proposals

- Formal partnerships with **academic labs from the Global South** to translate evidence into national adaptation plans
- Establishment of a **GCAA Human Impact Observatory**, documenting stories, symptoms, and psychosocial consequences of climate change globally
- Yearly **Climate & Mental Health Policy Dialogue**, held in collaboration with COP Presidencies

III. How Can the GCAA Promote Inclusive and Equitable Engagement?

A. Strategic Inclusion

- Systematic representation of **Indigenous Peoples, youth, Black and Brown populations, LGBTQIA+ groups**, and persons with disabilities in GCAA governance structures and consultations
- Development of **culturally grounded well-being frameworks** to inform NDCs and adaptation strategies

B. Mechanisms for Inclusion

- Climate finance mechanisms to support community-led mental health initiatives in vulnerable territories
- Establishment of a **Global Fund for Eco-Wellbeing and Climate Resilience**
- Development of multilingual toolkits for climate-related mental health literacy and advocacy

IV. What Improvements Are Needed in Transparency, Reporting, and Follow-Up?

A. Transparency in Human Outcomes

- Expand the **Global Climate Action Portal (NAZCA)** to include:
 - Tagging and filtering of climate-health initiatives

- Reporting metrics related to psychosocial adaptation and well-being

B. Yearbook Recommendations

- Annual **State of Planetary Mental Health Report**, to be featured as a dedicated section in the Yearbook of Global Climate Action
- Clear disaggregation of data by population group and geographical vulnerability

C. Use of AI and Open Data

- Encourage AI-powered platforms to analyze sentiment, distress markers, and emotional narratives from climate-exposed populations
- Require open-access publication of all human impact data, anonymized and in compliance with ethical standards

Closing Remarks

The GCAA's next five years present a singular opportunity to elevate the **emotional, cognitive, and social consequences of climate change** to the center of climate action. As researchers committed to complexity science, global mental health, and environmental resilience, we urge the Climate High-Level Champions to embed **eco-wellbeing** into the foundations of this agenda.

Only by embracing the full human experience of climate change — not just emissions or infrastructure — can we fulfill the promise of the Paris Agreement. We are ready to collaborate, co-develop, and co-imagine this future with you.

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