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### Major upcoming milestones for 2026

Climate Chance is showing up and mobilizing its networks to advance concrete solutions to climate challenges. International advocacy for renewable energy in Africa, active preparation for CIMDC 2026, and participation in the European consultation on adaptation: initiatives are taking shape and gaining momentum.

In this newsletter, discover the latest progress and the next steps ahead.

### The Cotonou Roadmap promoted to decision-makers



Climate Chance shared the **Cotonou Roadmap for the development of renewable energy in Africa with European and African decision-makers and partners**. The roadmap is endorsed by around forty representative organizations and networks.

Adopted at the **Climate Chance Africa 2025 Summit** in Cotonou (with more than 1,000 participants), the roadmap calls for accelerating the deployment of renewable energy across the continent: joint mobilization of public and private financing, a key role for local authorities, strengthening economic ecosystems, and integrating social justice into the transition.

Against a backdrop of rapidly growing energy needs in Africa, this outreach aims to establish renewables as a strategic pillar of development, energy sovereignty, and climate adaptation. The document will be promoted throughout 2026 at major milestones on the international agenda.

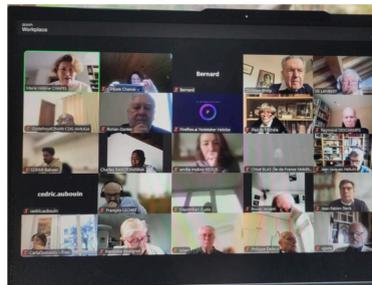
👉 [View the Cotonou Roadmap](#)

### On the road to the International Conference on Sustainable Mobility and Climate #CIMDC2026



#### CIMDC 2026: website launch

The official website of CIMDC 2026 has been launched. Organized in Abidjan on October 20–21, 2026 (with activities from October 19–22), the conference is led by [Climate Chance](#), [Codatu](#), and [AMUGA](#) – Urban Mobility Authority of Greater Abidjan, and will serve as the 7th Africa Summit of Climate Chance.



#### A first mobilizing COS

CIMDC 2026 reached a new milestone with its first Strategic Steering Committee (COS), bringing together 80 participants from Mali, Benin, Madagascar, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, France, and other partner countries.



#### A program taking shape

A new step in the preparation: a working meeting was held on February 24 in Lyon, at the Codatu offices, bringing together the program committee of the three co-organizers: Codatu, AMUGA, and Climate Chance.

The online platform now brings together the first information on the program, themes, partners, and participation details. CIMDC 2026 aims to gather 1,500 participants from over 40 countries around strategic issues of sustainable mobility, climate, and South–South cooperation.

👉 [Explore the website and follow the upcoming announcements!](#)

In the presence of **Romain Kouakou**, **Ronan Dantec**, and **François Durovray**, this key meeting affirmed the conference’s ambition: rethinking sustainable mobility in the context of global warming exceeding +3°C. Infrastructure adaptation, the central role of local authorities, nature-based solutions, innovative financing... the strategic foundations are laid.

The program is now underway, with a clear objective: positioning CIMDC as a showcase hub for sustainable mobility and climate commitments, leveraging the contributions of the COS and the partners they can mobilize.

Since the end of 2025, four working groups structured around the main themes of the conference have proposed topics for the 35 workshops: mobility–urban planning integration, governance and sustainable financing, mobility and climate, and technological and social innovations.

The objective of this session was to align the workshops across the different themes, refine the draft program, and build a coherent and structured vision for the conference. Content development is accelerating, with the program scheduled to be submitted to the COS in March.

## The Adaptation Europe in Action Program



On February 4, 2026, Climate Chance brought together over 60 members and partners for the first online event of the **International Adaptation Europe Coalition**, focused on reviewing the 2026 European adaptation strategy. This online session marks a key step in mobilizing the network, as the European Union prepares its new strategy and negotiates the future Multiannual Financial Framework (2028–2034).

Led by **Ronan Dantec** (President of Climate Chance), **Vaia Tuuhia** (Executive Director), and **Yotam Yagour** (Program and Advocacy Officer), the session identified concrete recommendations to be submitted to the European Commission during the public consultation open until the end of February 2026. The network’s contribution is structured around three pillars: integrating the “adaptation reflex” (resilience by design) into all European policies, defining a common trajectory for +4°C, and applying the “Build Back Better” principle to rebuild while sustainably strengthening resilience.

The discussions also reinforced several strategic priorities: preserving local financing and the target of 35% of the European budget dedicated to climate, structuring public-private partnerships, accelerating the deployment of nature-based solutions, and fully integrating social justice and territorial realities into the future strategy.

This first meeting launches the 2026 momentum of the coalition, with the next Europe Summit focused on climate change adaptation scheduled for June!

## Climate Chance contributes to the European public consultation

Following the online session on February 4, **Climate Chance officially submitted its contribution to the European Commission’s public consultation on the 2026 adaptation strategy**. Drawing from the work of the Europe–Africa Summit in Marseille (1,500 participants) and enriched through consultations with over 60 members and network leaders, this contribution presents an ambitious and actionable vision for adaptation in Europe.

The contribution is structured around nine major priorities:

- Adopt a European reference climate trajectory (TRACC)
- Fully integrate the “adaptation reflex” and the Build Back Better principle into all public policies
- Secure and redirect European funding toward resilience
- Adapt infrastructures and territories
- Strengthen energy, water, and agricultural security
- Place social justice at the heart of the strategy
- Develop monitoring and innovation tools
- Consolidate Europe–Africa cooperation
- Mobilize European society



👉 [View our contribution to the European adaptation strategy.](#)

Our message is clear: adaptation cannot be a secondary component. It must become a strategic pillar of the European Union, serving the continent’s sovereignty, territorial cohesion, and sustainable prosperity.

## Coming up

On March 26, 2026, during an active session of the **Climate Academy**, **Climate Chance** will collaborate with the **Council of European Municipalities and Regions** to host a dialogue on the theme: **“Shaping the new European adaptation strategy: How can territories and civil society contribute to the future European strategy for climate resilience and risk management?”** This is particularly in view of the upcoming European adaptation strategy and the next framework proposed by the European Commission on these issues.

This event is part of the activities of the International Adaptation Europe Coalition and offers Climate Chance the opportunity to revisit the content of its contribution submitted to the European Commission during the public

consultation on the next European adaptation strategy (see below). The webinar will be hosted and presented by

**Ronan Dantec**, climate spokesperson for the CCRE and President of Climate Chance.

 March 26, 2026

 12:00–13:15

 [Registration link for the online session](#)

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