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# **Why is the Climate Important for IFLA (and Libraries)?**

Libraries for a Greener Future:  
Innovative Responses to Climate Change  
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**Everyone must  
understand and  
participate in the  
transition to a low-  
emission, climate-  
resilient world.**



Libraries respond  
to community  
needs, priorities  
and interests.





**Within the library field**



**Beyond the Library field**



# How IFLA works

- Research, surveys
- Tools, workshops
- Partnerships: UNESCO  
Greening Education, Climate  
Heritage Network
- Observer status at UNFCCC
- Libraries at COP



# Objectives

1. Encourage use of a shared vocabulary
2. Connect local action to national/regional/international goals
3. Solidify libraries as essential actors in climate action
4. Build relationships at all levels that lead to increased activity and support
5. Advocate for supportive policy & implementation strategy



**A C E**  
ACTION FOR CLIMATE  
EMPOWERMENT

**Education**

**Public Awareness**

**Training**

**Public Participation**

**Public Access to Information**

**International Cooperation**



# Why does ACE Matter for Libraries?

- Lifelong learning – inside and outside formal education
- Openness and access to information
- Research support and sharing
- Awareness-raising, discussion, and action
- Information, research, and policy literacy
- Platforms for connection

# Global Goal on Adaptation

- Build capacity to adapt communities
- Strengthen resilience to climate change
- Reduce vulnerability
- Cultural practices, knowledge, sites
- Must include education, traditional knowledge and public participation



Sea Level Rise in Jakarta, December 2024. Photo by [Iqro Rinaldi](#) on [Unsplash](#)

# Climate Transparency

- Clear and robust climate info and data
- Builds trust, credibility and accountability
- Parties submit biennial transparency reports (BTR)
- Includes chapters on research, systematic observation, education, training and public awareness



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# What happens at COP?

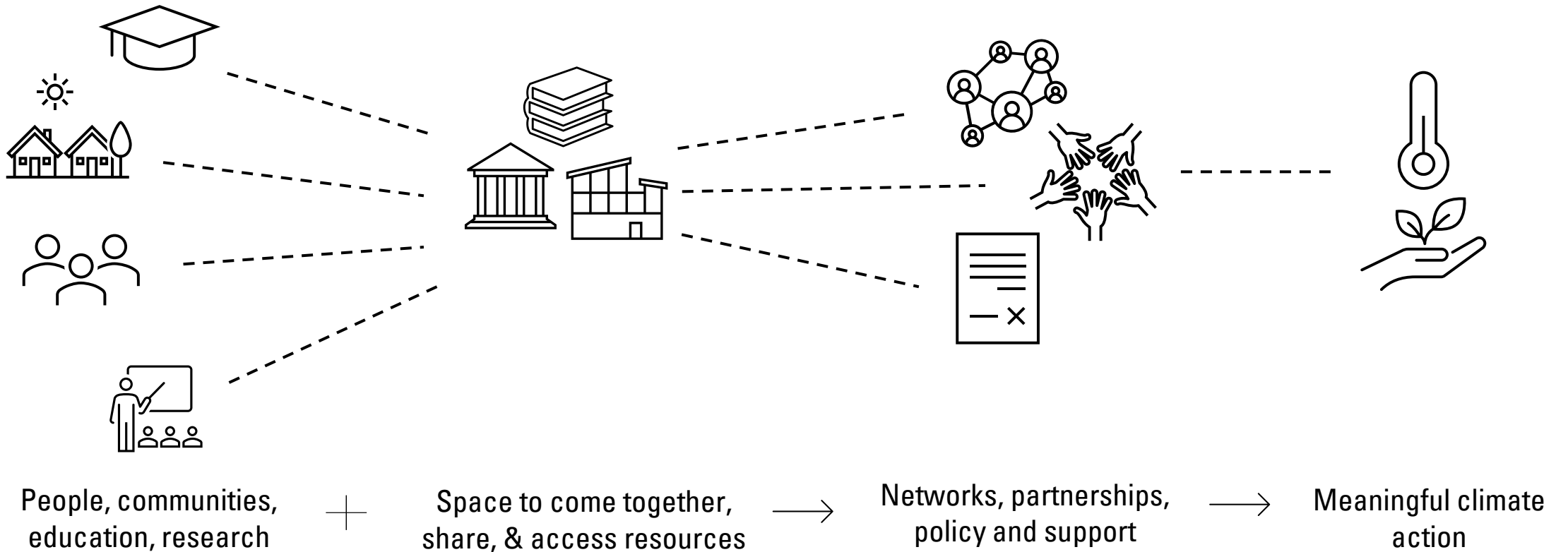


# Topics to explore

1. Open science / access to climate research
2. Citizen science in public/school libraries
3. (Academic & Research) Libraries for climate transparency
4. Adaptation & just transition



# Why is climate important to us?





# THANK YOU

and be in touch!





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