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## **Session 1E Future Pathways for Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)**

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# Future Pathways for Action for Climate Empowerment

How to direct future efforts relating to ACE to effectively contribute to the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC



# What is ACE?

- Article 6 UNFCCC
- Article 12 Paris agreement



# Project Creation

- ACE implementation facilitated through UNFCCC work programs
- Doha Work Program terminates in 2020
- Project commissioned by sustainable development practitioners



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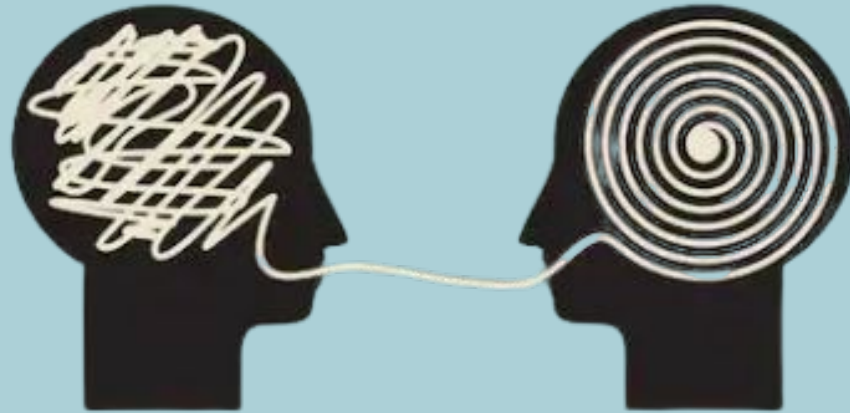
# Project goals

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- Conceptualization
  - Evaluation
  - Developing Strategy  
&  
Recommendations

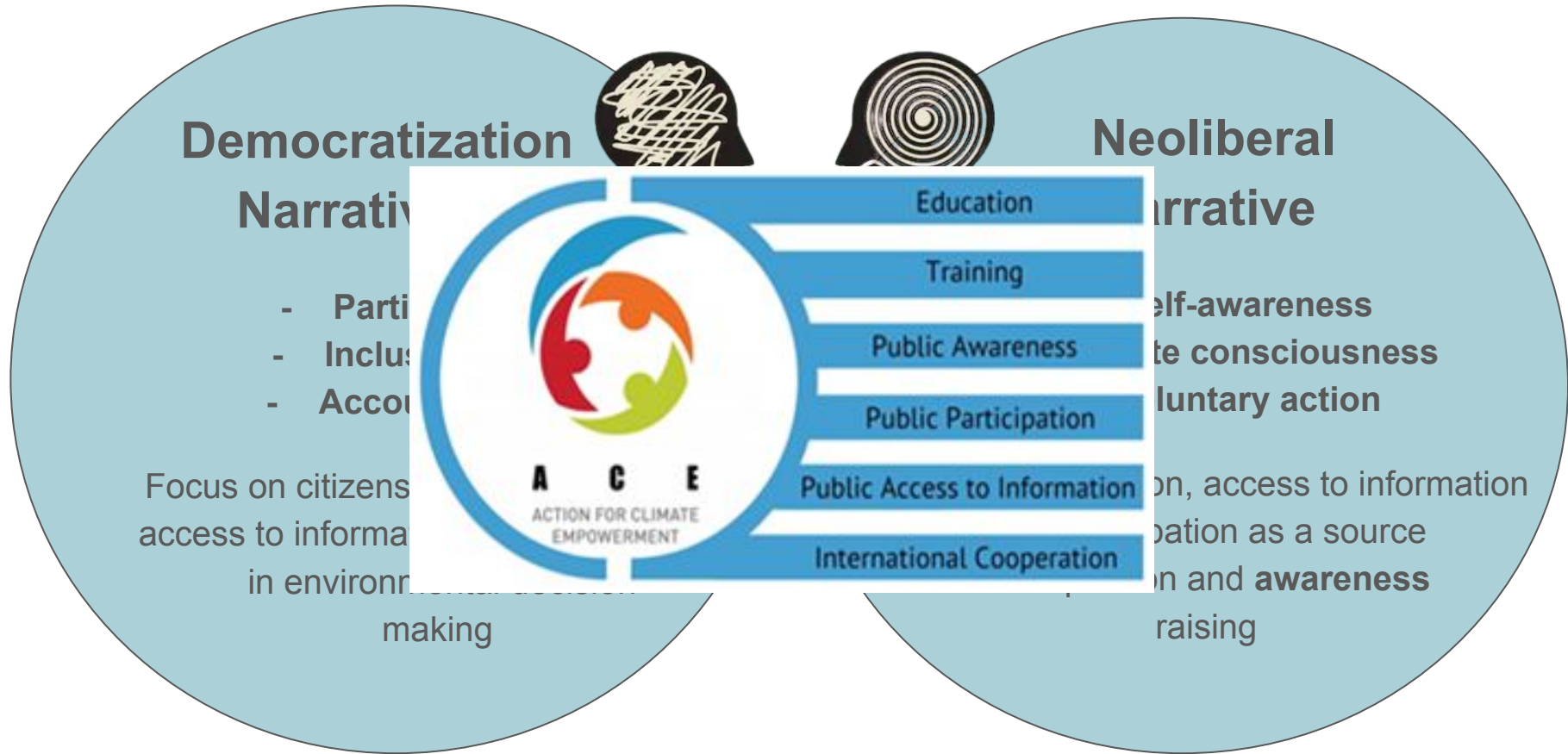
*"A ship in harbor is safe,  
but that is not what ships are built for"*

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# Competing Narratives in Climate Governance



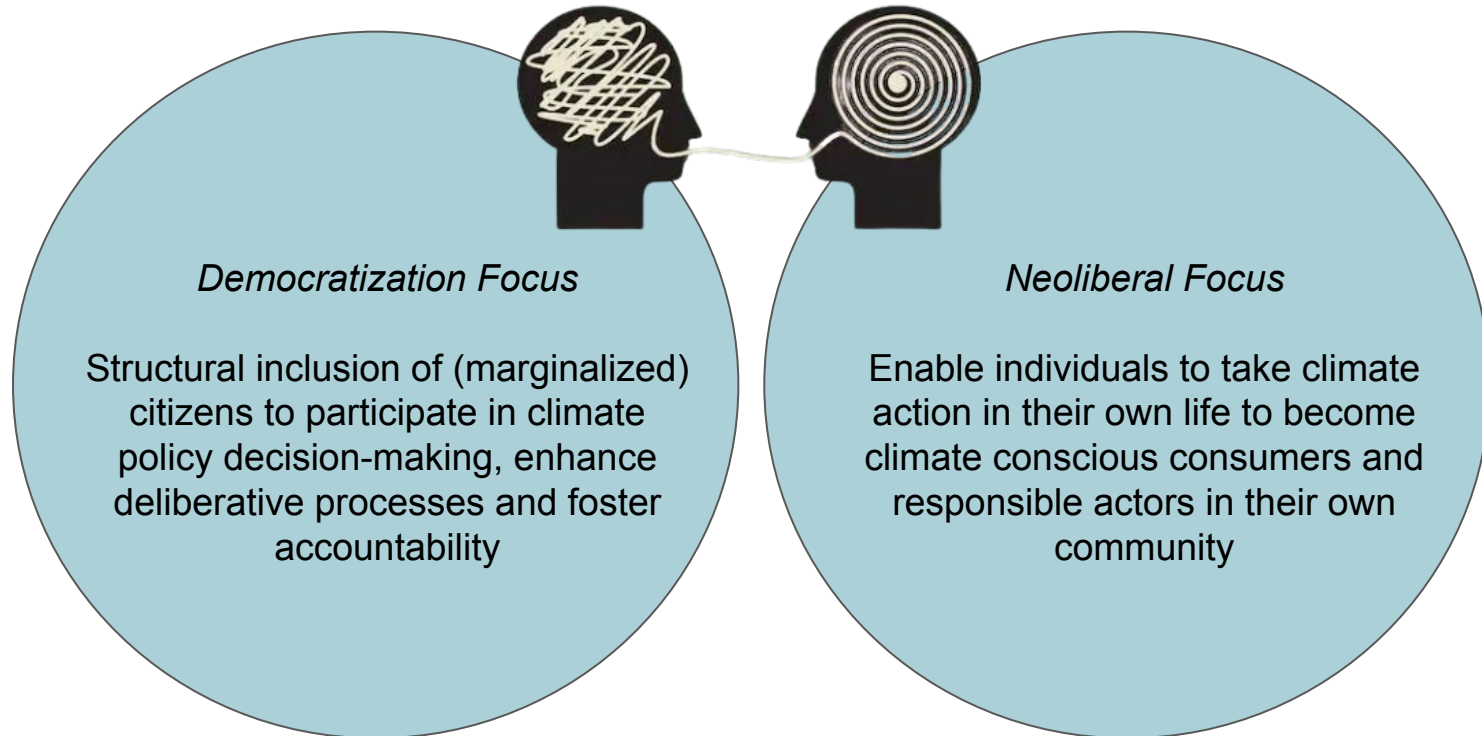
# Competing narratives in climate governance





# Narrative-based meaning of key concepts of ACE

## Empowerment



# Examples of Unbalanced ACE Implementation

## Main focus on education:

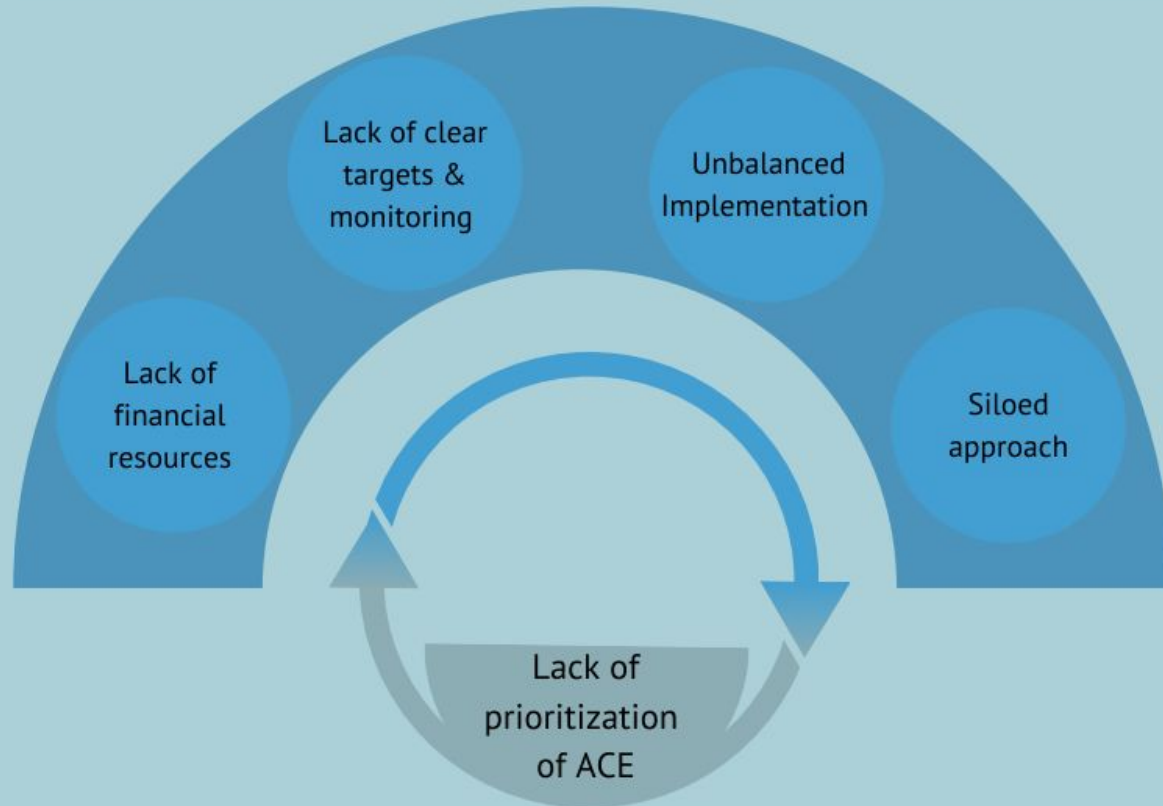
Country Submission by Gabon on behalf of African Group of Negotiators:

“ACE is fundamental for the long term transformation to a **carbon neutral lifestyle**, requiring everyone to get on board with solutions and take climate action on the ground”



*Why do these countries promote a change towards carbon neutral lifestyles, while they have some of the lowest per capita emissions?*

## Key Challenges ACE



# Future Roles & Pathways ACE



## Monitor

Specify goals, targets and indicators



### Key Strategies

Clarification of objectives & Concretization of targets



### Key Strength

Possible to measure progress and adjust programs where needed.



### Key Challenge

Politically difficult to reach consensus & reduced flexibility and adaptability



## Accelerator

Promote and facilitate bottom-up action



### Key Strategies

Clarification of objectives & Crosscutting approach



### Key Strength

Participation by a wide range of stakeholders & flexibility



### Key Challenge

Broad scope complicates monitoring progress



## Networker

Foster connections between stakeholders



### Key Strategies

Crosscutting approach



### Key Strength

Coordination between actors involved with ACE, leveraging existing structures



### Key Challenge

Difficult to ensure action materializes on the ground

# Follow through



YOUNGO ACE working  
group

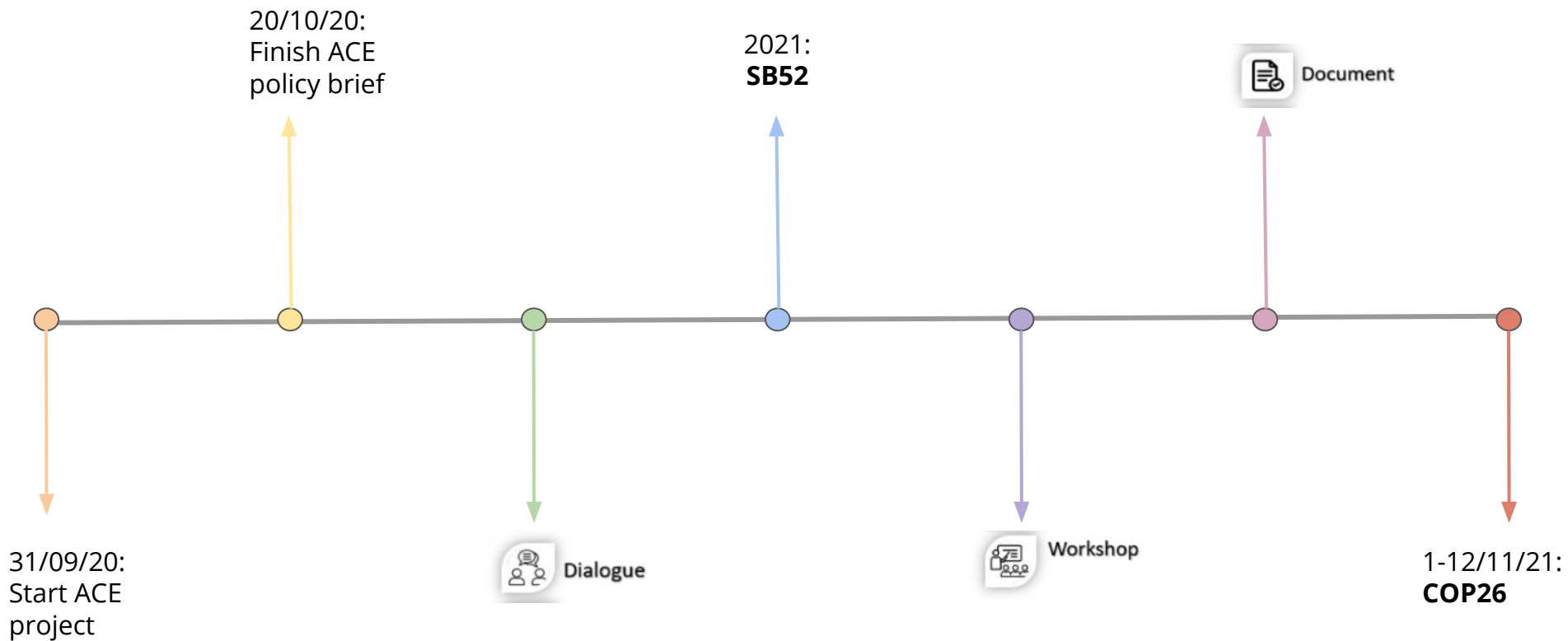


EU ACE group of  
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# Impact & Roadmap



Questions?

