

Multi-level Governance Coordination Guide

Introduction

The **Multi-level Governance Coordination Guide** is a critical tool within the *Climate & Energy Governance Implementation Framework*, designed to facilitate effective coordination across global, regional, and national governance levels to achieve the Framework's goals: net-zero emissions by 2050, universal clean energy access, and climate resilience for vulnerable communities. This guide supports policymakers, regional authorities, and National Implementation Units in aligning policies, resources, and actions across the Framework's governance structures—Global Oversight Body, Regional Climate & Energy Governance Hubs, and National Implementation Units—while integrating the four pillars: Climate Mitigation, Climate Adaptation, Energy Transition, and Innovation & Technology.

The guide emphasizes cooperation, adaptability, and science-based decision-making, ensuring that multi-level governance is cohesive, inclusive, and responsive to local and global needs. It provides practical strategies, templates, and metrics to streamline communication, resolve conflicts, and share resources, fostering accountability and synergy across governance levels.

Objectives

- Align policies and actions across global, regional, and national governance levels.
- Facilitate resource sharing (e.g., climate finance, technical expertise) to support Framework implementation.
- Ensure inclusive stakeholder participation in multi-level coordination processes.
- Resolve conflicts and leverage synergies between governance levels.
- Monitor and evaluate coordination outcomes to ensure accountability and continuous improvement.

Target Audience

- National and regional policymakers
- National Implementation Units
- Regional authorities and governance bodies

- Global Oversight Body representatives
- Civil society organizations (CSOs) advocating for governance coherence
- Businesses engaged in cross-border climate initiatives

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1. Governance Levels and Roles

Understand the roles and responsibilities of each governance level within the Framework to ensure effective coordination.

Governance Level	Role	Key Responsibilities
Global Oversight Body	Sets global targets and coordinates compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop global carbon budgets (e.g., 400 GtCO2 for 1.5°C)- Allocate climate finance- Monitor compliance via ICMS
Regional Climate & Energy Governance Hubs	Translate global targets into regional strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop regional climate plans (e.g., 60% renewable energy by 2035)- Facilitate cross-border projects- Provide technical and financial support
National Implementation Units	Implement domestic policies aligned with Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Draft national legislation (e.g., net-zero by 2050)- Monitor and report emissions- Implement just transition programs

Instructions:

- Map your organization’s role within these levels (e.g., National Implementation Unit coordinating with a Regional Hub).
- Identify points of interaction (e.g., reporting to Global Oversight Body, collaborating with Regional Hubs).

Example: Country X’s National Implementation Unit submits annual emissions reports to the Global Oversight Body and collaborates with the Regional Hub for Southeast Asia to access climate finance for renewable energy projects.

2. Coordination Mapping

Map key actors and their coordination roles to establish clear communication and collaboration pathways.

Governance Level	Actor/Organization	Coordination Role	Contact Point
Global	E.g., Global Oversight Body	Set targets, monitor compliance	oversight@globalgovernanceframework.org
Regional	E.g., Southeast Asia Regional Hub	Coordinate regional renewable energy plans	regionalhub@globalgovernanceframework.org
National	E.g., Country X National Implementation Unit	Implement carbon pricing, report progress	climateunit@gov.x
Stakeholder	E.g., CSO Coalition	Advocate for just transition policies	advocacy@csso.org

Instructions:

- List actors relevant to your context, including stakeholders (e.g., businesses, CSOs) engaged via the [Stakeholder Engagement Protocol](#).
- Define their coordination roles (e.g., policy alignment, resource sharing).
- Include contact points to facilitate communication.

Example: The Southeast Asia Regional Hub coordinates a shared renewable energy grid plan, liaising with Country X's National Implementation Unit and a CSO coalition advocating for equitable energy access.

3. Coordination Mechanisms

Implement mechanisms to foster communication, collaboration, and conflict resolution across governance levels.

Mechanism	Description	Use Case	Resources Needed
Joint Policy Forums	Regular meetings to align policies across levels	E.g., Annual forum to harmonize carbon pricing	Facilitators, virtual platforms
Data Sharing Platforms	Centralized systems for emissions and policy data	E.g., Integrate national data with Data Commons	IT infrastructure, ICMS access
Cross-Border Projects	Collaborative initiatives (e.g., regional grids)	E.g., Regional solar grid connecting 3 countries	Funding, technical experts
Conflict Resolution Panels	Neutral bodies to address disputes	E.g., Resolve national-regional target conflicts	Mediators, legal advisors
Capacity Building Workshops	Training to enhance coordination skills	E.g., Workshop on ICMS reporting	Trainers, Framework tools

Instructions:

- Select mechanisms based on your coordination needs (e.g., data sharing for reporting, forums for policy alignment).
- Ensure stakeholder inclusion via the [Stakeholder Engagement Protocol](#).
- Use the [Climate Finance Access Navigator](#) to fund initiatives.

Example: Country X hosts a joint policy forum with the Southeast Asia Regional Hub to align carbon pricing (\$135/tCO2e by 2030), integrating national data into the Data Commons for transparency.

4. Coordination Action Plan

Develop a plan to implement coordination mechanisms, aligning with Framework milestones.

Action	Governance Levels Involved	Timeline	Responsible Party	Expected Outcome
E.g., Establish joint policy forum	National, Regional	Q2 2026	National Implementation Unit	Harmonized carbon pricing policies
E.g., Integrate data with Data Commons	National, Global	Q4 2026	Climate Ministry	Transparent emissions reporting
E.g., Launch regional solar grid project	Regional, National	2027-2030	Regional Hub	20% increase in renewable energy share
E.g., Train staff on ICMS reporting	National	Q3 2026	Technical Team	100% compliance with reporting standards

Instructions:

- Define actions to operationalize coordination mechanisms from Section 3.
- Align with Framework milestones (e.g., 60% renewable energy by 2035, 50% emissions reduction by 2035).
- Assign responsibilities and timelines, ensuring stakeholder input via the [Stakeholder Engagement Protocol](#).

Example: By Q4 2026, Country X’s National Implementation Unit will integrate emissions data into the Data Commons, ensuring compliance with Global Oversight Body reporting standards, with CSO input on equity metrics.

5. Metrics for Success

Establish indicators to evaluate coordination effectiveness, aligned with the Framework’s Integrated Climate Metrics System (ICMS).

Indicator	Target	Measurement Method	Frequency
Policy Alignment Rate	80% of policies aligned across levels by 2035	Analysis of policy documents vs. Framework targets	Biennial

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Data Sharing Compliance	100% of national units reporting to Data Commons by 2030	Audit of ICMS submissions	Annual
Cross-Border Project Success	50% of regional projects operational by 2035	Number of completed projects (e.g., grids)	Biennial
Conflict Resolution Rate	100% of disputes resolved within 6 months by 2030	Review of conflict resolution outcomes	Annual
Stakeholder Satisfaction	80% of stakeholders report effective coordination by 2035	Surveys or feedback forms	Annual

Instructions:

- Integrate metrics into ICMS for standardized reporting.
- Use surveys or audits to assess alignment, compliance, and satisfaction.
- Report progress via the [Climate Policy Dashboard](#).

Example: Track policy alignment biennially (target: 80% by 2035) and audit ICMS submissions annually to ensure 100% national reporting compliance by 2030.

Next Steps

1. **Review Results:** Share your coordination plan and outcomes with key stakeholders to validate findings and build consensus on priorities.
2. **Develop a Strategy:** Use the action plan and metrics to integrate multi-level coordination into your broader climate and energy governance roadmap.
3. **Connect to Regional Resources:**
 - Explore the Regional Hub concept at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/hubs to understand how regional coordination can support your governance initiatives.
 - Identify existing regional organizations in your area that may provide similar functions to the conceptual Regional Hubs.
4. **Access Support:**

- Email globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com for technical assistance and to discuss potential regional collaboration opportunities.
- Inquire about pilot projects or implementation partnerships related to the Regional Hub concept.

5. **Monitor Progress:** Reassess coordination effectiveness annually to track improvements and adjust strategies based on metrics and stakeholder feedback.

6. **Share Insights:** Contribute lessons learned to the Framework's knowledge repository to support global learning and inform Regional Hub concept development.

Contact and Further Information

For additional support:

- **Online Resources:** Access tools and guides at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/tools/energy.
- **Technical Assistance:** Email globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com.
- **Regional Governance Concepts:** Learn more about the Regional Hub framework at globalgovernanceframework.org/framework/hubs.
- **Implementation Partnerships:** Inquire about opportunities to pilot Regional Hub functions in your region through globalgovernanceframework@gmail.com.

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