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## ADVANCING CAPACITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (ACE)

ACE is a global USAID program that facilitates the Agency's ambitious work to fight climate change, conserve biodiversity and manage natural resources, improve land governance, and expand access to secure, modern energy and resilient infrastructure. The program strengthens capacities for technical leadership and effective programming through integrated support in four areas: communications, knowledge management, training, and organizational development.

The intensity and complexity of today's environmental challenges – from climate change and ocean plastic pollution to natural resource degradation and biodiversity loss – threaten to reverse decades of progress in global development. To sustain improvements in human welfare, USAID is taking bold action to address these challenges through investments that cut across all technical sectors.

This requires a shift in Agency programming toward greater integration and collaboration, as well as enhanced policy guidance and thought leadership. ACE is designed to meet these needs through technical assistance to USAID's Washington offices and field Missions to sustain and grow their capacities for communication, learning, and knowledge sharing.

By enhancing USAID effectiveness, the ACE program contributes to positive, sustainable development outcomes globally with a focus on Agency programs in the environment, energy, and infrastructure sectors.

### Programmatic areas ACE supports

- Air Quality
- Biodiversity
- Climate and Cross Cutting Strategies
- Energy
- Green Cities
- Infrastructure
- Land and Resource Governance
- Natural Climate Solutions
- Ocean Plastic Pollution

## APPROACH

ACE employs an integrated framework to drive synergies and build linkages across the program’s main task areas through:

- **Generating** new information and knowledge by drawing on the growing evidence base for more effective, equitable environmental and climate change programming.
- **Capturing** this information in user-friendly ways—through the USAID Links websites, communities of practice, and lessons from USAID’s programs to ensure that this evidence can inform future work.
- **Sharing** best practices in environmental programming through innovative communications that reach global audiences to improve development outcomes.
- **Applying** knowledge through state-of-the-art training, facilitation, and organizational development to help USAID staff and partners build the skills to become agents for integrated climate and environment action.

**ACE in Action**  
Examples of Support and Services

- Creating communications campaigns for USAID’s Save our Seas Initiative, to advance policy objectives in marine protection.
- Designing and delivering the cutting edge Practical, InnoVative, On-the-Job Technical Support (PIVOT) change management program to advance private sector engagement (PSE) in climate change action.
- Support for rolling out the Agency’s new Climate Strategy globally.

## SERVICES AND SUPPORT

ACE provides flexible, whole-of-team expertise to build and sustain effective USAID staff, teams, processes, and programs. Examples of ACE services include:

<i>Communications</i>	<i>Knowledge Management</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Organizational Development</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic communications</li> <li>• Social media management/analysis</li> <li>• Event planning and management</li> <li>• Digital and print design; data visualization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge management strategy</li> <li>• Management of online knowledge-sharing platforms</li> <li>• Tools for integration of local knowledge</li> <li>• Webinars, blogs, learning bites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical training development, delivery, and evaluation</li> <li>• Competency-based learning</li> <li>• Operationalization of strategic guidance and processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic planning</li> <li>• Change management</li> <li>• Leadership development</li> <li>• Team building</li> <li>• Collaboration/ stakeholder engagement</li> </ul>

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