fast as possible is not only a societal obligation, but crucially a commercial expectation *and* the only future path to growth.

Alok Sharma, COP26 President-Designate, said: "In just over a year, the Race to Zero has become the gold standard for ambitious climate action and I am proud to be joining the UNGC and world leaders to mark this anniversary. We all need to work together to make the necessary changes and we know action from companies encourages bold commitments from countries. This clear display of support for ambitious climate action across the global economy is critical to delivering a successful COP26 and to limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5C."

Healthcare

Even despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, over 3,000 hospitals in 37 healthcare institutions are racing to halve emissions by 2030. The <u>Hospital Clinica Biblica</u> in Costa Rica is undertaking a major installation of solar panels on its journey to slash emissions by using renewable energy. As healers, these hospitals know that prevention and

projects across the globe, Amazon is the orld's largesucorporate been of rene able energy. These projects have the capacity to generate over 8,500 megawatts (MW) and

company, city, region, financial institution and individual to seize the achievement of the goal for net-zero emissions in a timely and appropriate fashion. In this decisive decade, the collective force of the growing Race to Zero community is the hope we need."

Accelerating the transition ahead of COP26

Race to Zero is not an end in itself: the campaign aims to bring together these leading Partner initiatives in order to amplify their voice and activate an ambition loop with national governments to help countries both ratchet and deliver their NDCs.

As the campaign looks to work with the whole climate community and the broader public to

change we are already feeling, and help reduce them, especially for the most vulnerable. In recognition of this, the <u>Race to Resilience</u> was launched in January 2021 to place adaptation and resilience on equal footing to mitigation, catalysing a step-change in global ambition and action on resilience from non-state actors.

As in the Race to Zero, the non-state actor community is stepping up in this crucial year of climate action to drive more resources to climate resilience and adaptation. Twenty-one non-state actor-led initiatives are now part of the Race to Resilience, with over 1,500 members, operating in over 80 countries across five regions.

Emma Howard Boyd, Global Ambassador for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience, and Chair of the UK Environment Agency, said: "Ahead of COP 26, we need to ensure that the race to net zero runs hand in hand with the race to resilience. Climate shocks like droughts, crop failures and storms affect people's health, drive inequality and disrupt economies. Preparing for these can provide skills, jobs and opportunities for nature recovery, but resilience to these shocks is still too reliant on the public purse. Unless we change this, the economic recovery we so badly need could melt in a heatwave or wash away in a flood."

Find out more about all the Race to Zero Partners here, and about the Race to Resilience