



COP26






TIME

TO ACT!






Summary for Policy Makers

Decisions are more urgent than ever as global temperature levels reach dangerous levels already today. But it is not too late if large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will be made possible by political will and action immediately. **We demand that signatories of the Paris Agreement respect their commitments and prevent global warming beyond 1.5 °C for a climate-just future.** Our overarching goal is a climate-just world that does not only include drastic emission reduction and financial support for the affected countries but also a far-reaching restructuring of wealth and resources, the end of neo-colonial exploitation, suppression, and unequal power relations. **There is no climate justice without social justice, intergenerational equity, and gender justice.** The time to act is now, COP26 is the place to deliver! Our proposals in full-length can be found in the complete version or in the summary of our demands. Our core demands in short are:

No More Empty Targets

-  We demand from all Parties a conclusive and transparent definition of 'net zero', including the scope of emission reductions and rationals of fairness and equity.
-  We call upon Parties to outline concrete steps and pathways to **achieve net zero** and to agree on a singular 5-year common timeframe for NDC implementation.
-  We urge those countries, who are failing to meet the 1.5 °C limit, to make fundamental changes towards climate actions.
-  We demand **new and updated NDCs¹** that are comprehensive, consistent with the 1.5 °C limit, and in line with the historic and current responsibility of each country.
-  We call upon the EU to raise its ambitions to comply with the principle of climate justice.

No Climate Justice without Social Justice



-  The Global North has the prior responsibility to curb emissions, according to the principles of **solidarity, CDRRC² and polluters pay.**
-  **Intergenerational and social injustices** across countries and within countries must be thoroughly taken into consideration in the decision-making process.
-  The needs and demands of **MAPA³** by the climate crisis and by structural exploitation must have priority in climate-related decisions.
-  **Gender Justice:** Climate policy measures of any kind must take into account the gender perspective and always check the effects for their gender sensitivity.
-  **Representation of BIPoC⁴:** The rights and demands of BIPoC must be prioritized in negotiations and international decision-making processes.

¹Nationally Determined Contributions




²Common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities

³Most Affected People and Areas



⁴Black, Indigenous, People of Colour

-  **Youth representation:** Youth should be empowered at all levels and funding must be provided to avoid allowing only the most privileged to participate.
-  The COP26 and future COPs must facilitate **inclusivity and accessibility**, especially for people affected by structural and intersectional discrimination⁵, through measures aimed at proportional and fair representation.



Gender Justice Now

-  Gender equality should be considered as a cross-cutting element in all climate policies, data collections and discussions about measures to mitigate and adapt to the climate crisis, as well as to address losses and damage.
-  We demand to ensure inclusion and engagement of gender experts in all relevant processes, including women and gender-related groups.
-  We urge Parties to deliver a strong decision on pushing forward progress under the Lima Work Programmes' Gender Action Plan.



Inclusion of Local Communities and Indigenous People

-  We need to recognize the contributions of indigenous and local communities and ensure their active participation on international platforms.
-  We demand that indigenous and local knowledge is consulted in all decision-making processes and that the results of the recent meetings of the LCIPP⁶ are being recognized and welcomed by the COP.

Support for the Least Developed Countries

-  We urge Parties to provide more resources for the LDC Fund and to agree on additional seats for LDCs in the LEG⁷.
-  We call for an extension of the mandate and funding for the LEG and the provision of additional platforms for LDC representatives.


Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

-  We ask Parties at COP26 to agree on an enhanced work program for ACE, following an 8-year timeframe with a mid-term review.
-  We demand ACE to be a cross-cutting priority in climate policy and action, facilitated by national mechanisms and institutional coordination.

⁵such as FLINTA persons (women/female, lesbians, inter, trans, agender) as well as the LGBTQIA+ community, BIPOC, people with disabilities and otherwise disadvantaged groups, youth and future generations.

⁶Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform





⁷Least Developed Countries Expert Group

-  We call upon the EU to harmonize its programs with national and international programs and to engage with sub-national ACE actors, especially those from vulnerable and marginalized communities.



Increased and Fair Climate Finance

-  We urge Parties to finally meet and exceed the US\$ 100 billion for climate finance.
-  We request the German Government to increase their public climate finance to their fair share of \$8 billion per year.
-  We demand that the industrialized countries increase and ensure reliability and predictability of financing provided.
-  We call upon the industrialized countries to increase climate finance after the expiration of the current goals in 2005, based on realistic estimates of costs for both mitigation and adaptation costs as well as loss and damage.
-  We call for an immediate end of public and private investments or subsidies in fossil fuels.
-  We demand that climate finance must promote human rights and climate justice by reducing inequality on a global scale and empowering disadvantaged populations.



Locally Led Adaptation

-  We demand for adaptation actions to be gender-transformative, locally led, human-rights based and people-centered, especially taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable populations.
-  We request Parties to establish a monitoring and evaluation process which is participatory, locally led, people-centered and with larger variety of quantitative and qualitative methods.
-  We demand that inclusivity, accessibility and transparency must be imperative both to the preparation and conduction of the stocktake of the NWP⁸ at COP26.
-  We urge Parties to acknowledge human mobility as a necessary adaptation strategy.





Compensation for Loss and Damage (L&D)

-  We call upon the countries from the Global North to meet their responsibility as the main polluters to adequately compensate affected countries for economic and non-economic loss and damage.
-  We demand that Youth plays a vital role in all discussions on L&D, e.g. via a climate reparations task force.




⁸The Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) strives to assist all and particularly developing countries (esp. LDC, SIDS) to improve their understanding of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, and to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions.

-  We urge the parties to fully operationalize the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage and to strengthen the mandate of the WIM.
-  We demand that non-financial losses⁹ have to become a core component in the political discussions.

Article 6

-  We request that the mechanisms established in Article 6 effectively contribute to a reduction of overall emissions by preventing double counting and a 50% cancellation rate of past traded emissions certificates.
-  We demand that all projects under Article 6 contribute to environmental integrity and the promotion of human rights.
-  We demand that at least 10% of the proceeds from carbon credits issued, as well as the surpluses from administrative expenditures, be channelled into adaptation finance.
-  We demand that non-market mechanisms should contribute to additional climate finance.

Post-2021

-  We call upon all Parties to rapidly translate all commitments made in the Paris Rulebook into national and regional regulations.
-  We urge Parties to increase youth participation into post-2021 policy making processes at a regional, national and international level.
-  We urge Parties to renew their commitments through concrete pledges and initiatives, to identify and close potential gaps in the Rulebook, to put an increased focus on pressing and overlooked issues, create time and space to foster cooperation.

⁹e.g. loss of culture and knowledge, human death and suffering, as well as migration

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