

Open letter to the delegates of UNFCCC Parties:

Paris, 27 November 2015

Dear delegate,

Climate change poses the greatest threat to our continued way of life on this planet. **Together, 121 civil society networks and organisations, from 55 countries call on you to show bold political leadership and do everything in your power to agree on an ambitious, legally binding climate Treaty that will limit global warming below 1,5°C.**

While the Kyoto Protocol has been a positive first step to set binding mitigation targets to developed countries, it focused on short term mitigation goals and its environmental integrity has been severely undermined by flawed rules for carbon markets.

The Paris Treaty must be a robust, just and fair agreement and must not end up in last minute compromises and back room trade-offs. We, the undersigned organisation, call you to:

- **Be ambitious and adopt 5-year commitment periods for mitigation** to regularly revise the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions in order to avoid a lock-in of low ambition until 2030. These periods must be complemented with **clear ratcheting requirements** that will compel countries to increase ambition levels.
- Agree on an **ambitious long term goal and pledge to achieve decarbonisation by 2050**, setting the path to a just transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.
- Adopt a **human rights-based approach to climate policies** inter alia to prevent potential negative impacts of projects implemented through the financial mechanisms established under the UNFCCC.
- **Dismiss the concept of international carbon offsets in the new Paris agreement** post-2020. Industrialised countries have to contribute to the fight against climate change via domestic climate measures.
- **Ensure climate resilience of all by adopting an adaptation goal, by recognising Loss & Damage as a core element**, as well as by **providing sufficient, predictable and adequate financial support to help poorer countries take climate action** that promotes a low carbon transition.
- Establish **strict eligibility rules to use market mechanisms** as well as key principles to ensure environmental integrity of carbon markets, i.e. no double counting and supplementarity.
- Ensure **effective integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into climate action** including mandatory requirements for monitoring, reporting, and verification of sustainability benefits and excluding project types that support technologies or practices associated with high environmental and social costs (e.g. fossil fuels use, nuclear power, large hydroelectric dams).

Sincerely,

List of organisations supporting, by continent.

## **Africa**

### **Benin:**

- Centre de Recherche et d'Expertise pour le Développement Local -CREDEL-

### **Burkina Faso:**

- Association Faso Enviprotek -AFEP-BURKINA-

### **Burundi:**

- Action Volontaire pour la Lutte contre les changements et effets négatifs du soufre du diesel -AVOCHACLISD-

### **Cameroon:**

- Cercle des chrétiens pour la promotion des louanges, l'adoration, le réveil, l'intercession, le témoignage, l'évangélisation et les actions humanitaires - Mission CLARITE
- Green Horizon

### **Côte d'Ivoire:**

- Actions en Faveur de l'Homme et de la Nature Côte d'Ivoire - AFHON COTE D'IVOIRE-

### **Democratic Republic of Congo:**

- Actions communautaires pour le développement intégral

### **Djibouti:**

- Ecologie du Village - EVA

### **Republic of the Congo:**

- Association Congolaise pour le Développement Agricole –ACDA-

### **Ghana:**

- Abibimman Foundation-Tema
- VIMA'S WASH

### **Guinée:**

- Carbone Guinée

### **Mauritius:**

- Mauritius Council for Development, Environmental Studies and Conservation

### **Mali:**

- Réseau de développement et de communication des femmes maliennes – MUSONET-

### **Niger:**

- Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement Niger –JVE NIGER-
- Plateforme de la société civile nigérienne sur le changement climatique et le développement durable –PSCN/CC/DD-

### **Nigeria:**

- African Foundation for Environment and Climate Change –AFECC-
- Climate Change Network Naigeria
- Water Safety Initiative Foundation

### **Senegal:**

- ENDA Tiers-Monde

**Tanzania:**

- CAN Tanzania

**Tchad:**

- Lead Tchad

**Togo:**

- Association des Scientifiques Environnementalistes pour un Développement Intégré –ASEDI-
- Organisation pour l'Environnement et le Développement durable – OPED TOGO-
- Yilagence Afrique

**Tunisie:**

- Association Entraide Universitaire

**Uganda:**

- Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
- Uganda Environmental Education Foundation (UEEF)

## **Americas**

**Argentina:**

- Red Nuestras Ciudades –RNC-

**Bolivia:**

- Bolivian Platform on Climate Change

**Brasil:**

- Coletivo Bahia 21
- EcolinkBrasil

**Canada:**

- Canadian Youth Delegation
- Ecology Action Centre
- Planetary Association for Clean Energy –PACE-

**Colombia:**

- Movimiento Social en Defensa del Río Sogamoso

**Dominican Republic:**

- Programa de acción comunitaria por el medio ambiente –PACMA-

**Ecuador:**

- Acción ecológica redlar Ecuador

**Guatemala:**

- Centro Mesoamericano sobre Tecnología Apropriada -CEMAT-
- Colectivo Madre Selva
- Consejo de Pueblos de Tezulutlan Manuel Tot
- Mesa Nacional de Cambio Climatico

**Honduras:**

- Asociación Nacional para el Fomento de la Agricultura Ecológica -ANAFAE-

**Mexico:**

- Comité pro defensa de arcediano ac

- Entornos educativos a.c.
- Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense -AIDA-
- Laboratorio de Investigación en Desarrollo Comunitario y Sustentabilidad

**Panama:**

- Asociación Ambientalista de Chiriquí
- Alianza para la Conservación y el Desarrollo –ACD-

**Peru:**

- Iniciativa Construyendo Puentes

**USA:**

- 350Brooklyn
- 350CVA
- 350Kishwaukee
- 350 Louisiana - New Orleans
- 350 Plattsburgh
- Center for International Environmental Law
- Community Organizing Center
- Earth Day Network
- Environmental Education Fund
- First Here, Then Everywhere
- Glacier Climate Action
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- NYC Friends of Clearwater
- SLO350
- United for Action

**Australia and Oceania**

**Australia:**

- Beyond Zero Emission
- Sustainable Population Australia

**New Zealand:**

- New Zealand Youth Delegation

**Papua New Guinea:**

- Forests for Certain; Forests for Life! -FORCERT-

**Asia**

**Bangladesh:**

- Noakhali Rural Development Society –NRDS-

**India:**

- Evangelical Fellowship of India
- Gujarat Forum On CDM
- North East Dialogue Forum
- ParyavaranMitra

- Paryavarniya Vikas Kendra
- The Indian Network for Ethics and Climate Change
- The Timbaktu Collective
- VIKALP
- Zomi Human Rights Foundation

**Iraq:**

- Al-Hakim Foundation

**Nepal:**

- Digo Bikas Institute
- Global South Initiative
- Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environment Nepal -JVE NEPAL-

**Taiwan:**

- Taiwan Environmental Protection Union
- Taiwan Youth Climate Coalition

**Europe**

**Austria:**

- Nature Code

**Belgium:**

- 11.11.11 - Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement
- ACT ALLIANCE European Union
- Carbon Market Watch
- Climate Express
- European Association of Geographers –EUROGEO-
- Monde Volontaire au Développement
- Wemove.eu

**Czech Republic:**

- Glopolis

**Denmark:**

- Climate Movement of Denmark

**France:**

- Alofa Tuvalu
- CliMates
- HELIO International

**Germany:**

- Climate Concept Foundation
- OroVerde - Tropical Forest Foundation

**Italy:**

- Associazione Foreste per Sempre

**Netherlands:**

- Concerned Citizens against Climate Change

**Norway:**

- Grandparents Climate Campaign Norway (Besteforeldrenes klimaaksjon)

- Norway Social Forum

**Portugal:**

- Quercus –ANCN-

**Sweden:**

- Klimataktion (Climate Action Sweden)
- The Swedish Anti-nuclear Movement

**Switzerland:**

- Noé21
- Rights of Mother Earth

**Turkey:**

- Ekoloji Kolektifi
- The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats –TEMA-

**UK:**

- Foundation for GAIA
- Plymouth Climate Council
- Plymouth Energy Community
- Rame Peninsula Beach Care
- Rame Renewable Energy
- SDGP green Party
- Transition Plymouth
- Transition Town Totnes