

Climate Jobs Now!

Stop Emissions - campaign for a Just Transition from carbon-based production



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We are living in a world of deepening climate catastrophe and must act now to change all production away from use of fossil fuels and carbon-based materials - coal, gas and oil. The COP26 climate conference last month failed to take the decisions required to prevent climate chaos. This newsletter details the key decisions of COP26 and what needs to be done. It is a call to action - we have to build the strength of organisation and critical mass of activists required to challenge the power of the fossil-fuel Corporations and the Politicians that fail to legislate against their emissions and pollution. This is a global emergency!

COP26=2.7C+

There were more carbon fuels delegates than representatives from the global south...



The 26th United Nations Conference of Parties in November 2021 failed to produce binding targets for all nations to cut emissions. Even if all pledges are met we face a temperature rise of 2.4-7C minimum, catastrophic to human society as well as the Ecology. This failure was despite the scientific evidence from the IPCC 6th Report requiring global reductions of at least 8% a year from now if we are to avoid total climate collapse by the 2080. Emissions will continue to rise globally, at least until 2050, even if governments and corporations meet their voluntary pledges now. And that is very unlikely - they have never met pledges made over the past 30 years.

Actions Needed:

Inform – learn and educate about the scale and depth of the Crisis:

- * **Explain** the cause of extreme weather events - floods, fires, famine
- * **Predict** the outcomes from accelerating extreme weather patterns
- * **State** actions needed to slow and stop extreme weather – end fossil fuels!
- * **Promote** the benefits of a fossil-free economy – clean air, cheap electricity, good affordable housing, healthy mobility
- * **Use the Science** – Expose all Greenwash (Carbon Capture & Storage, Biofuels, Carbon Trading, New Nuclear)

Unity Moments and Unity Mobilisations:

- * **A Joint & Several Approach** - everyone do what you feel able to do
- * **Build the strikes** - industrial action for **Just Transition to Green Economy**
- * **Offer Solidarity support** and defend direct action - Stop the Jailings, Stop the Police & Crime Bill

Generalise & contextualise Climate issues:

- * **Campaign on Local issues** – transport, housing; health & welfare;
- * **Pressurise local politicians** – expose inaction and demand action
- * **Challenge Climate Injustice:** Refugees are Welcome Here! No militarised borders, No to racist immigration policies.

Global Climate Justice:

- * **Reparations** to the Global South
- * **Proportionate emissions reductions**

Maintain the Network

- * Collaborate and network to maximise effective campaigning and action
- * keep the Hubs as International Climate Network:

What was "agreed":

- 21 **Nationally Determined Contributions** – Voluntary not legally required.
- 22 **Methane** reductions identified for the first time, but too little, too far into the future and not compulsory.
- 23 **Coal extraction and use to be phased-down** to 2070, and no mention of gas or oil reductions or bans.
- 24 **End deforestation by 2030 agreed by** only 100 of 197 countries - not signed-up to by the big forest logging countries
- 25 **Net-Zero by 2045-2070** – no timely transformation, no carbon-zero, assertion of the lie of "net-Zero as meaningful emissions reduction
- 26 **Negative Emissions Technologies** protecting the profitable fossil-future:
 - Sales of only Zero-emissions cars and vans by 2040 globally (not heavy goods)
 - Carbon-Capture-&-Storage (unproven)
 - Carbon credits (allows emissions)
 - Bio-fuels (burns trees and crops)
 - Hydrogen Power (reliant on fossil fuel)
 - Nuclear (toxic, expensive, emitting)
- 27 **No Global Justice**
 - no pay-back of historic emissions to Global South / no acknowledgment of ecological crisis and impending collapse
 - no help for climate refugees / enhanced border security
 - Just Transition mentioned (copied from Paris 2015) but no protection for Labour Rights or investment in Green Jobs.
- 28 **\$100billion global investment from 2023** – inadequate, not compulsory (previously pledged and unpaid since 2009)
Please note: Global Oil GDP is \$3trillion per year - so \$100bn is equal to 1/3,000th or 1.25 days of oil revenue a year.

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