

Youth Declaration on Climate Action

We have arisen, we have awakened and we're not stopping till the goal is reached. Today, on the 31st January 2020, we the youth of Planet Earth are united in finding collective and viable solutions to address Climate Change whilst considering that the impacts of this issue is not limited to just our species. We commit ourselves to strengthen global discourse set forth by the Sustainable Development agenda and we call upon Heads of States to acknowledge and act in accordance with priorities that will strengthen Climate Action for an equitable and sustainable growth of all fellow beings of Planet Earth.

In our working groups spread across priorities related to both Adaptation and Mitigation measures, we have concluded the following:

Mitigation Action:

- Calls upon the countries of the world to:
 - a. Hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degree C above pre industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degree C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that, this would significantly reduce the risk and impacts of climate change.
 - b. Fulfill their pre 2020 commitments under the Kyoto Protocol
 - c. Develop a technology framework with focus on technology innovation, development and transfer including but not limited to carbon capture and storage in order to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- We request countries to take the following measures in line with the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR – RC):
 - a. To prioritize the transition from non-renewable energy sources to renewable energy sources in a phased manner.
 - b. To encourage and promote civil society organizations activity and start-ups to implement a ground level network.
 - c. To encourage sustainable and green transport system such as electrification and use of public transport and adopt the culture of eco-tourism.
 - d. Request the developed nations to stand by their commitments on finance, technology and capacity building and adopt a liberal Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime in order to facilitate adoption of Green Technology by developing countries.
 - e. Developed countries to fulfill the goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion per year by 2020 and further scale up provision of financial support to developing countries.
- We pledge as the global youth to contribute by:
 - a. Adopting a sustainable lifestyle to move towards a low carbon economy.
 - b. Stressing the need for the mobilization of youth awareness, education, capacity building and outreach.
 - c. Promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and R&D as a part of the solution to the problem of climate change.

As regards Adaptation:

- Urge countries of the world to help each other to:
 - a. Enhance resilience to climate change in vulnerable regions such as coastal regions and sectors such as agriculture.

- b. Establish Disaster and Adaptation Banks for the allocation of finances dedicated to extreme weather events with accountability and transparency with focus on most vulnerable regions.
 - c. Decentralize adaptation policies at regional level and create institutions for long term adaptation action plans,
 - d. Foster technological partnerships between nations and strengthen meteorological institutions to keep a uniform track of climate events around the globe.
- In case of extreme weather events, countries should support each other by
 - a. Cooperation in setting up early warning systems to ensure preparedness and prevent damage to life due to climatic disasters.
 - b. Providing rehabilitation and aid to people displaced due to climate change
 - c. Establishing an international disaster response team.
 - We:
 - a. Pledge to volunteer for rehabilitation and development initiatives and civil society organizations in areas adapting to climate change, as well as places receiving people displaced by impacts of climate change,
 - b. Pledge to gain and share comprehensive knowledge about causes, repercussions and potential solutions in the face of adversity in order to build comprehensive mechanisms for disaster management,
 - c. Call upon all Parties to prioritize the allocation of disaster management funds

We, the collective voice of global youth, today on 31 January 2020, speak from the platform of World Sustainable Development Summit 2020, being organised at New Delhi, India, as one for the wellbeing of all.

We stand firm in our resolve towards addressing the Climate Change crisis and believe that global collective action problems like climate change are beyond the power of any single entity to tackle. We stress upon partnerships and networks to resonate in all parts of the world to create and facilitate lasting change. We will continue to work together and undertake sustainable actions that can benefit entire humanity; we will continue to work towards peace and prosperity of all life forms on our planet Earth.

“What we do to the nature,

Determines what the nature does to us

And that determines what we do to ourselves”