



GLOBAL GREENS COP26 DEMANDS

Global Greens COP26 Working Group

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This decade must be the decade of radical change.

There can be no delay.

We, Global Greens, call upon all countries to forge consensus and act immediately with unprecedented urgency to tackle all elements of the climate crisis. Nothing short of exceptional will suffice. Our lives, livelihoods, cultures and futures are at stake.

We demand that the COP26 be this turning point.

The climate crisis is complex, multifaceted, interrelated and leaves nobody unharmed and unaffected. But climate change significantly impacts those least responsible for causing it first, they are both impacted first and worst.

This injustice is happening now.

We call upon all Parties: governments, relevant institutions and the private sector, to show true leadership, unite, and move with clarity and urgency of purpose and action. The time for commitments is over, the time for action is now. This high benchmark must be set by the UK government, as COP26 hosts.

The foundations were laid in Paris; the future must be built in Glasgow.

We demand Climate Justice, a Well-Being Economy, ecological restoration, equitable climate finance, and a Just Transition that spans the globe and leaves nobody behind. All fossil fuel exploration and expansion must stop immediately, and existing fossil fuel use should be rapidly phased out. We have all the solutions we need to solve this crisis, what's required is the political will and immediate action. This is now your responsibility.

We demand an equitable world in which people in their full diversity, including women, young people, people of colour, indigenous communities and Global South, are actively represented and involved in decision-making, front and centre.

COP26 is your time to do this. There is no other choice. There is no other time.

Act with urgency. This is an emergency. Our house is on fire.

1. Climate Justice

We demand that climate justice be front and centre of the COP26 conference and that people from the Global South and Indigenous Peoples be at the heart of negotiations. To ensure complete equity of participation and representation of voices, COP26, and all future COPs, must have representation of people in their full diversity, including gender balance and representation in all parts of the climate negotiations.

Climate Justice and Social Justice are inextricably interlinked; we cannot address one without addressing the other. The people least responsible for causing the climate crisis are disproportionately suffering from its impacts and are on the frontline of the battle to save our climate.

There must be an unprecedented injection of finance for loss, damage and reparations which acknowledges that present issues are built upon historical injustices, and that present inaction creates future injustices. The actions for a decarbonised, sustainable world must compensate for these injustices and create pathways to ensure this injustice is eradicated.

We call upon governments to act and protect those endangered by actions threatening the genocide or future survival of Indigenous Peoples and bring to justice those committing crimes against people protecting the environment.

2. Climate Ambition

We demand that COP26 fully honours the Paris Agreement and call on countries to urgently strengthen their Nationally Determined Contributions to achieve real-zero emissions and guarantee a 1.5 degree pathway.

As of December of 2020, current NDC ambitions are not enough to limit global temperature rise to 1.5C, or even well below 2C. According to the 2018 IPCC report global net emission reductions should be at -45% by 2030 compared to 2010, yet current commitments fall far short of this target. We call on governments to dramatically increase their commitments, in line with the Paris Agreement and to honour the ambition for a 1.5 degree pathway.

While the mechanism of Nationally Determined Contributions has brought about progress, we need these targets to be translated into urgent action to achieve real-zero carbon emissions. These plans must include decisive, immediate action consistent with a 1.5 degree pathway, and a paradigm shift away from all fossil fuel consumption and exploration, accounting for all sectors of society, including the military.

Paris and other previous COPs have failed to lead to governments taking meaningful action to tackle the power of the fossil fuel industry. We demand the immediate cessation of all subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, as well as the immediate removal of all fossil fuel lobbyists from COP. We also call for the endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

3. Just Transition and Well-Being economy

We demand the COVID recovery be aligned with the 1.5 degree pathway for a sustainable, equitable, real-zero emission global society.

The climate transition of the economy demands structural economic changes that ensure the global economy is swiftly decarbonised and focused on well-being rather than growth. All targets, policy and action must balance the needs of people and planet and protect those on the frontline of the climate emergency.

We demand that all Parties coordinate a multi-sectoral Global Green New Deal that ensures the COVID recovery, poverty eradication and urgent climate action go hand in hand. An equitable world can only be achieved through aligned policies.

Greens support a Just Transition that ensures citizens and communities are fully supported in the transition, through training and basic income. A Just Transition must be designed to prevent future inequalities and ensure the Well-Being Economy serves all, fairly.

A carbon tax is a powerful lever to shift the global economy away from fossil fuel dependency. When combined with a dividend paid to all global citizens it will also ensure greater global equality and a Just Transition. The Fossil Fuel industry has known about the devastating impact of their sector and actively suppressed this; a carbon tax will ensure this industry pays the cost of their negligence.

4. Climate Finance

We demand that all climate finance commitments be honoured and increased, and that Climate Justice and the Loss and Damage agenda be central to the distribution of finance.

Climate finance must serve all people and our natural environment, not the wealthy few. We demand that all international institutions put climate justice at the heart of their activities, and this includes financial institutions.

Finance invested in any country must benefit local communities, and must not exacerbate poverty, exploitation or inequalities, either within or between countries. Climate finance investments should not cause negative spillover effects on environments. Financing climate repairs must not provide a profit-making opportunity for the wealthy of the very countries and companies that have created the climate crisis.

We demand richer countries at COP26 honour and increase all previous financial commitments to fund the repair of loss and damage, as well as adaptation and mitigation measures and that there be an expansion of financial compensation to poorer countries that accurately reflects the scale of the transitions, and injustices. This must be transparent and accountable, with



direct participation of representatives from vulnerable groups and centering the polluter pays principle.

Financial and trade institutions must be part of the solution and not the problem. Unless the power imbalance of these institutions is addressed through a restructuring, any advances elsewhere will be severely undermined. As part of the green transformation process, there must be an attendant restructuring of the global financial institutions.

5. Biodiversity and nature-based solutions

We demand that COP26 prioritise ambition, commitment and action for swift and massive ecological restoration, focussing on nature-based solutions that enhance and protect biodiversity.

Our pursuit of growth and development has destroyed the natural world on which we rely. The climate crisis is a product of this, and human activity now impacts all parts of the global ecosystem. There must be radical and immediate action to reforest, rewild, restore and rebuild our natural environment, with full recognition of the intrinsic value of nature and biodiversity, and the value of ecosystem services.

We must recognise that our existence is fully reliant on the health of the natural world, and thus comes with a responsibility to care for it. Our urban environments should include and enhance nature that will mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as ensure nature is a part of our day to day lives. All people deserve access to and understanding of the natural world, and climate literacy and nature education must be acknowledged as a human right. We demand that Earth Rights and Ecocide must be made law and that, given the scale of the challenge, nature-based solutions and natural capital must be prioritised over untested technology.

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