

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO WORLD LEADERS: COP26 must deliver on Loss & Damage Finance**

**To,**

**COP26 President Alok Sharma, Heads of States, Ministers and Heads of Delegations,**

**We, the undersigned, from over 300 organisations from across the world, spanning a broad range of institutions and movements, from humanitarian and development organisations to youth groups, Indigenous Peoples organisations, trade unions and climate justice groups, call on you today to ensure that COP26 delivers finance for loss and damage.**

At just over 1 degree Celsius of warming above pre-industrial levels, climate change is already causing havoc in countries around the world. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres declared the latest IPCC Climate Report a 'Code Red for Humanity', highlighting already overstretched and limited coping capacities.

Loss and Damage - the impacts of climate change that were not averted or minimized through adaptation and mitigation activities - is already a lived reality for people around the world, violating their human rights and displacing more than 30 million people in 2020 alone. Poor and vulnerable countries and communities are least responsible for climate change but are already facing the majority of its negative impacts, in the form of both extreme weather events like hurricanes, and floods and slow onset processes such as sea-level rise.

The projected economic cost of loss and damage by 2030 is estimated to be between 290 and 580 billion USD in developing countries alone. Scaled up finance at a level commensurate with the need is therefore essential for vulnerable countries and communities to recover from the climate impacts they are already facing to rebuild their livelihoods and economies. While finance for averting and minimising Loss and Damage has been mobilised in the form of finance for mitigation and adaptation, finance for addressing Loss and Damage remains lacking, apart from highly insufficient humanitarian aid.

Drawing on the recent research by the Stockholm Environment Institute's research as well as a series of briefing papers published by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung, we demand that the COP26 delivers on Loss and Damage finance by taking the following actions:

- 1.** Decide at COP26 to provide sufficient and needs-based Loss and Damage finance, in addition to the USD 100b per year committed for mitigation and adaptation, on the basis of equity, historical responsibility and global solidarity, applying the polluter pays principle. Loss and Damage finance to be also included in the post-2025 climate finance target.
- 2.** Establish a process to identify the scale of funding needed to address Loss and Damage as well as suitable mechanisms to deliver the finance to developing countries. The outcome must be presented at COP27 to start delivering Loss and Damage finance.
- 3.** Support developing countries in enabling national level systems to distribute Loss and Damage finance to ensure country ownership, gender responsiveness and self-determination over how

finance is used, and so it reaches the populations that are most vulnerable and in need. This could be facilitated by the fully operationalised Santiago Network for Loss and Damage.

**Convening Organisations and Networks:** Loss & Damage Collaboration (L&DC), Loss & Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC) and Climate Action Network (CAN), in partnership with Stamp Out Poverty, ActionAid, Practical Action and Germanwatch, with the scientific input of the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI).

**Briefing papers series on Loss & Damage Finance:**

<https://us.boell.org/en/unpacking-finance-loss-and-damage>

**Watch this powerful 5 minute video explainer on Loss and Damage:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahiVM4FzMyc>

**Sincerely,**

1. 350.org
2. AbibiNsroma Foundation
3. Action Against Hunger
4. ACTION CITOYENNE POUR L'INFORMATION ET L'ÉDUCATION AU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE
5. Action Jeunesse pour le Développement
6. ActionAid International
7. Actions Sans Frontiers Madagaskar
8. ADRA-UK
9. African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access
10. AIDA
11. AidWatch Canada
12. AJOAGO
13. Alianza por la Solidaridad - AA Spain
14. ALTSEAN-Burma
15. Amnesty International
16. ARAYARA
17. Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
18. Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development
19. Associação Alternativa Terrazul
20. Associação de Preservação do Meio Ambiente e da Vida (Apremavi)
21. AwazCDS-Pakistan
22. Aytzim: Ecological Judaism
23. BALAOD Mindanaw
24. Baptist Union of Great Britain
25. Barn Owl Trust
26. Bedfordshire Climate Change Forum
27. Black2Nature
28. Bond
29. British Columbia General Employees' Union
30. Brot für die Welt
31. Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action
32. CAFSO-WRAG for Development
33. Campax
34. Carbon Neutral Cambridge

35. CarbonCare InnoLab
36. Care About Climate
37. CARE International
38. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand
39. Caritas Zambia
40. CCWG
41. CENICA
42. Center for Biological Diversity
43. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
44. Center for Participatory Research and Development-CPRD
45. Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina - Autónoma
46. Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions SAK
47. Centre for Applied Buddhism
48. Centre for Environmental Rights
49. Centro de Trabalho Indigenista – CTI
50. Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental A.C
51. Christian Aid
52. CIDSE
53. Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada
54. Clean Energy Action
55. CLIMACT
56. CLIMALAB
57. Climate 2025
58. Climate Action Network Africa (CAN AFRICA)
59. Climate Action Network Arab World (CANAW)
60. Climate Action Network Australia (CANA)
61. Climate Action Network Canada
62. Climate Action Network Eastern Africa
63. Climate Action Network Eastern Europe, Caucasus & Central Asia (CAN EECCA)
64. Climate Action Network Europe
65. Climate Action Network France (CAN France)
66. Climate Action Network International (CAN-I)
67. Climate Action Network Japan (CAN-Japan)
68. Climate Action Network Latin America (CANLA)
69. Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs)
70. Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)
71. Climate Action Network Tanzania (CANTZ)
72. Climate Action Network Uganda (CANU)
73. Climate Action Network UK (CAN-UK)
74. Climate Action Network West & Central Africa (CANWA)
75. Climate Action Network Zimbabwe
76. Climate Alliance Switzerland
77. Climate Change Policy and Research Association
78. Climate Refugees
79. CNCD-11.11.11
80. COAST Foundation
81. COESUS Coalition No Fracking Brazil, for Climate, Water and Life
82. Comissão Arquidiocesana de Justiça e Paz de Luanda
83. Community Action for Healing Poverty Organization
84. Community Resource Centre Foundation

85. Concern Worldwide UK
86. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
87. Co-ordination Office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for International Development and Mission (KOO)
88. Corporate Accountability
89. Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPPA)
90. CRAAD-OI
91. Croydon Climate Action
92. Croydon Community Energy
93. Dibeem For Environmental Development
94. Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality
95. Dogwood Alliance
96. Earth Action, Inc.
97. Eco Dharma Network
98. Eco-Conservation Initiatives (ECI)
99. EcoEquity
100. EJF
101. Ekumenická akademie (Ecumenical Academy)
102. Empower our Future - Colorado
103. Enda Energie
104. Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)
105. Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)
106. Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia
107. Équiterre
108. ETICAMBIENTE
109. Fairtrade Deutschland e.V.
110. Fairtrade International
111. Faith for the Climate
112. Farmers' Voice (Krisoker Sor)
113. Fédération des travailleurs et des travailleuses u Québec - FTQ
114. Feedback Global
115. Forus
116. Friends of the Earth EWNI
117. Friends of the Earth International
118. Friends of the Earth Malaysia
119. Friends of the Earth U.S.
120. Friends World Committee for Consultation Asia West Pacific Section
121. Fundação SOS Mata Atlântica
122. Fundacion Protestante Hora de Obrar / ACT Alliance
123. Future Generations Afghanistan
124. Gatef organizations
125. Genç Düşünce Enstitüsü
126. Genderccsa
127. Germanwatch
128. Global Network for Disaster Reduction
129. Global Environment Centre
130. Global Focus
131. Grandmothers Advocacy Network
132. Grands-parents pour le climat/Klima-Grosseltern CH
133. Green Christian

134. Green Movement of Sri Lanka Inc.
135. Greendeeve\_Sarl
136. GreenGram
137. Greenpeace (signifying the global organisation)
138. Greentransformation2050
139. Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy
140. Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights
141. Heinrich Boell Stiftung Washington, DC
142. Himalayan Grassroots Women's Natural Resource Management Association  
(HIMAWANTI) Nepal
143. Hindu Climate Action
144. Human Rights Concern - Eritrea (HRCE)
145. iCCCAD
146. ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Water and Heritage
147. IECA/DASEP - Igreja Evangelica Cogregacional em Angola/Departamento de Assistencia  
Social Estudos e Projetos
148. Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
149. Instituto 5 Elementos
150. Instituto de Energia e Meio Ambiente (IEMA)
151. Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil
152. Instituto Sociedade, População e Natureza - ISPN
153. Interfaith Glasgow
154. Interfaith Scotland
155. International Centre for Climate Change and Development
156. International Human Rights Commission-RFT
157. International Institute for Environment and Development
158. International Trade Union Confederation
159. International Voluntary Service GB
160. Jamaa Resource Initiatives
161. Jaringan Ekologi dan Iklim
162. Jubilee Debt Campaign
163. Judith Chikonde Foundation (JCF)
164. Junge Grüne Schweiz
165. Just Planet
166. Justice for Girls
167. Katholische Landjugendbewegung Deutschlands (KLJB)
168. KIRDARC Nepal
169. Klima Action Malaysia - KAMY
170. Klima-Allianz Schweiz
171. La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo
172. La Ruta del Clima
173. Laboratório de Ciências Sociais e Humanidades
174. Lira NGO Forum
175. Lok Shakti Abhiyan
176. London Friends Of The Earth Network
177. Malaysian Youth Delegation
178. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
179. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
180. Mawu Energy
181. Mom Loves Taiwan Association

182. Momentum
183. NAO FRACKING BRASIL
184. National Association of Youth Organizations (NAYO)
185. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
186. National Hawker Federation
187. National Indigenous Women Forum, Nepal
188. Natural Justice
189. Nature Palace Foundation (NPF)
190. Nature Trust Malta
191. New Zealand Climate Action Network (NZCAN)
192. NUS & SOS-UK
193. Observatório do Clima
194. ONG Maqay
195. Operation Noah
196. OPG - Oil and Gas Observatory
197. OPG Mineral Coal Observatory
198. Our Climate
199. OURS
200. Oxfam
201. Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)
202. Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN)
203. Pacto X El Clima
204. Paid To Pollute
205. Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum
206. Pallisa Civil society Organizations' network
207. Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)
208. Parents fo Future
209. Participatory Research Action Network (PRAAN)
210. Peace Boat
211. People's Federation for National Peace and Development (PEFENAP)
212. People's Justice Council/Alabama Interfaith Power and Light
213. Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
214. Planetphilia
215. Plataforma Sul
216. Power Shift Africa
217. Practical Action
218. Practice for Impact
219. Prakriti Resources Centre
220. Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis
221. Projeto Saude e Alegria
222. Public Association "Dignity"
223. Purpose Plastics
224. Quaker Earthcare Witness
225. Quakers in Britain
226. Real Ecosystems Solutions Limited
227. REDE GTA
228. RESAMA - South American Network for Environmental Migrations
229. Rice Mill Plant Cooperative "Saiyo"
230. Rise up movement
231. Rural Development Media and Communication

232. Saint Mary's University, Canada
233. Save the Children International
234. Schweizerische Energie-Stiftung SES
235. Scientists for Global Responsibility
236. Shahidi Wa Maji
237. Shifting the Power Coalition
238. Sindicato dos Metalúrgicos de Alumínio e Mairinque
239. Sisters of Charity Federation
240. Social Economic Development Society [SEDS]
241. Sojourners
242. Songshoptaque
243. South Africa Climate Action Network (SACAN)
244. Southern Africa Climate Action Network (SARCAN)
245. Southern Platform - Angola
246. Spire
247. Sprout Women Empowerment Trust
248. Stop Pollution
249. Sub-Saharan's Youth's Climate Network
250. Success Capital Organisation
251. Sustainability Week Pakistan
252. Sustainable Beekeeping and Human Development (SuBeHuDe)
253. SustainUS
254. Sustentabilidad Sin Fronteras
255. Syracuse University
256. TEMA Foundation Turkey
257. Tewa
258. Texas Impact
259. The Climate Reality Project Canada
260. The Global Sunrise Project
261. The Green Fighter
262. The Methodist Church in Britain
263. The Movements Trust
264. The Zero Carbon Campaign
265. Third World Network
266. Tipping Point UK
267. Transition Edinburgh
268. Transition Exeter
269. Trócaire
270. Tuvalu Climate Action Network (TuCAN)
271. UDYAMA
272. Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development / INFORSE East Africa
273. UGT Spain
274. Uma Gota no Oceano
275. Union of Concerned Scientists
276. UNISC International
277. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
278. United Reformed Church (UK)
279. Uplift
280. US Climate Action Network (USCAN)
281. Vanuatu Climate Action Network

282. VSO
283. Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (WALHI)
284. War on Want
285. Water Governance Institute
286. Water Witness
287. WomanHealth Philippines
288. Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
289. Women in Communities Zimbabwe (WICO)
290. Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)
291. Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
292. Women's Rights Action Group
293. World Accord
294. Worldwide Environmental Education
295. WWF
296. YOUNGO
297. Youth and Environment Europe
298. Youth Enterprise Services (YES) Malawi
299. Za Zemiata, Friends of the Earth Bulgaria
300. ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System, Portugal
301. Zero Carbon Campaign