
Relevant statements for addressing the climate crisis

Even when everything would seem to indicate that the future of the planet's climate is in the hands of a group of clowns, the possibility always exists of recovering common sense, that is to say, the sense of ordinary people.

And it is precisely from there, from the grass roots, the social organizations, NGOs and from sensible people that the drive and the force will stem to propose, denounce and scatter the word that will shake world society and make it demand that those responsible for public policies act in accordance with the seriousness of climate change.

- [La Via Campesina: Small farmers cool down the earth!](#)

Small farmers – women and men - from around the world will gather in Copenhagen in December to defend their proposal for solving the climate crisis. Sustainable farming and local food production are actually cooling down the earth. Peasant agriculture allows carbon to be sequestered in soils and uses less fossil fuel-based machines and chemical inputs.

(http://www.viacampesina.org/main_en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=811&Itemid=75/)

- [RECOMA: Do something serious for the climate and stop monoculture tree plantations!](#)

It is now 17 years since the international community agreed that the climate crisis was serious and that something had to be done. The two simple measures that needed to be taken were to halt the extraction of fossil fuels and to halt deforestation. Year after year the problem becomes more serious.

(<http://www.wrm.org.uy/COP15/RECOMA.pdf>)

- [Asian Women's Quilt on Climate Change: Climate Talks for People's Needs, Not Corporate Greed!](#)

We, women, environmental, indigenous people's and women's rights organizations from Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other Asian countries today unite by unfurling a giant collaborative quilt on the impacts of global warming on Asian communities and the people's responses to these problems in front of the United Nations ESCAP building for the ongoing United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change intersessional meeting.

(<http://www.climatechangeaction.net/blog/asian-womens-quilt-climate-change-climate-talks-peoples-needs-not-corporate-greed>)

- [Declaration of Women in Asia on Climate Change](#)

We, the indigenous, peasant, fisher, labour, rural and urban women, face the bulk of negative impacts of climate change and the false solutions offered to us. We produce and provide food; work inside and outside homes to augment our family income and are often the principal income earners; and through our productive and reproductive labour, ensure the welfare of our families and communities.

(http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Bilder/UNFCCC_conferences/Road_to_Copenhagen/Asian_Women_Declaration_on_Climate_Change.pdf)

- [Climate Justice Now!: False Climate Solutions in Barcelona, November 2009](#)

The international civil society network Climate Justice Now! deplores the downplaying of expectations for the Copenhagen Climate Summit in Barcelona by industrialized countries, UNFCCC officials and the host of the Copenhagen Summit.

(<http://www.twinside.org.sg/title2/climate/info.service/2009/climate.change.20091103.htm>)

- [Declaration of the Climate Vulnerable Forum](#), comprising the 11 countries considered most vulnerable to climate change: Maldives, Kiribati, Bangladesh, Nepal, Vietnam, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Barbados and Bhutan

We, Heads of State, Ministers and representatives of Government from Africa, Asia, Caribbean and the Pacific, representing some of the countries most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.

(<http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/11/10/fresh-demands-from-front-line-states-in-climate-fight/>)

- [Quito Declaration: Resistance, Good Living \(Buen Vivir\), Good Shared Living](#)

Mujeres y hombres de diversas organizaciones y redes (nos reunimos) para escuchar, conversar y debatir acerca de la estrecha relación que hay entre los proyectos de energía, la deuda externa y ecológica, el cambio climático, el despojo de los territorios, la represión y la resistencia.

(<http://www.deudaecologica.org/Noticias/DECLARACION-DE-QUITO>

[-Resistencia-Buen-Vivir-Buen-Convivir-ASAMBLEA-INTER-REDES.html](#))

- [Memorandum to the Government of India by Indian Social Organisations](#)

We, the undersigned people's organisations, social movements, trade unions and concerned citizens, submit this memorandum to the Government to draw your attention to the several urgent and so far unaddressed concerns about the climate crisis and the Indian Government's response to them, especially in light of the upcoming 15th Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Copenhagen from 7-18 December 2009.

(<http://www.wrm.org.uy/COP15/MEMORANDUM.pdf>)

- Further climate-related actions worldwide: From the UNFCCC international COP14 held in Poznan, Poland, in 2008, to next COP 15 to be held in December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark, there has been a trail of actions from people around the world. All of them stress policy makers the urgency to take true actions to really deal with climate change.

(<http://www.wrm.org.uy/COP15/cop15.html#ontheroad>)