Letter to the Heads of Delegation:
Deliver Urgent Mitigation Ambition and Climate Finance

Background: To ensure successful outcomes in Sharm el-Sheikh, the incoming COP 27 Presidency is convening an informal Heads of Delegation meeting from 13-15 October 2022 in Egypt focusing on Mitigation and Finance.

We as, Climate Action Network and allies, ask for political leadership in this climate emergency to deliver urgent mitigation ambition and climate finance. This means a rapid and equitable phase out of all fossil fuels, drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions by the end of this decade to stay below 1.5°C, and implementing policies and shifting finance towards a just and sustainable transition for a climate-safe future.

To the Attention of Heads of Delegations negotiating on behalf of their governments and constituted groups,

Time is up. The IPCC 6th Assessment Reports have shown that the window of opportunity to stay within the temperature target of 1.5°C is rapidly closing with disastrous effects.

At the recent UNGA, the Secretary General identified the root cause of the climate crisis as our addiction to fossil fuels. This must stop immediately. The windfall profits of fossil fuel companies, who are profiting off the people, must be redirected to address loss and damage and to alleviate the suffering of people facing compounding food and energy crises. The protection of biodiverse and carbon-rich ecosystems like wetlands and tropical forests are crucial for reducing CO2 emissions and storing carbon towards a 1.5°C pathway in line with phasing out fossil fuels.

We remind you, at COP26 the Glasgow Climate Pact expressed alarm and utmost concern that human activities have caused around 1.2°C of global warming to date and stressed the urgency of enhancing ambition and action. The most recent WMO report - United in Science - shows yet again an alarming ambition and implementation gap between Parties’ pledges and what is needed to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement and to secure a climate safe future for all.

We see climate tipping points being crossed every year and human suffering is mounting. Without urgency of action today, children growing up today will inherit a world where droughts, floods, crop failures and other extreme weather events will become commonplace. In response to the ambition gap and the sense of urgency, COP26 decided to establish a ‘work programme to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation’ (MWP) in this critical decade, and requested its delivery by COP27 complementing the Global Stocktake. The MWP is an opportunity to give countries tools and enhance
cooperation to support the implementation and increase ambition of their National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

The tasks on mitigation are:

- **Define and deliver an ambitious, equitable Mitigation Work Programme by COP27** with the objective to urgently enhance the ambition and implementation of Parties’ efforts to deliver global aggregate emissions reductions, in order to be in line with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.
  - The MWP is complementary to the GST, and must be based on equity and fair shares and the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC).
  - The MWP should create a check-in and accountability process of Parties’ sectoral pledges and commitments. We stress that voluntary sectoral pledges and commitments must be linked to NDCs and Long Term Strategies (LTS) and provide a readily available opportunity to enhance ambition.
  - The MWP must follow up on the Glasgow Pact provisions on energy by developing a timeline for the phaseout of all fossil fuels - coal, oil and gas, as well as fossil fuel subsidies with developed countries taking the lead.
  - The MWP must reflect the need that to achieve the Paris goals, all countries will need to cease new oil, gas, and coal exploration and development immediately and set targets for significant reductions in global fossil fuel production and export by 2030, with wealthy countries moving first and fastest to phase out extraction while supporting just transition in developing countries.
  - The MWP must ensure that countries’ NDC implementation promotes an equitable and just transition that respects human rights, children’s rights and results in access to clean, reliable and affordable energy for their populations. It must be supported through international cooperation and governance measures.
  - Ministerial roundtables should be informed by the technical work of the MWP, allowing a political check-in on strengthening and revisiting NDCs and implementation.
  - The role of Non–Party Stakeholders (NPS) towards raising 2030 ambition and implementation should be enhanced, by strengthening the link between their contributions and efforts by Parties, and by enabling the contributions of NPSs to the Work Programme through reporting frameworks.

- **Deliver a COP27 decision which reminds Parties successive NDCs should represent a progression, should reflect its highest possible ambition, can be updated at any time**, and that Parties should verify that current NDCs are in line with the IPCC’s latest scientific recommendations.

- **COP27 must reaffirm the need to provide adequate, scaled-up finance that is equitable and in line with climate justice.** We remind you that finance is an enabling condition of ambitious climate action. Current climate finance does not respond to the urgency of needs and the level of ambition required. According to the most recent Needs Determination Report from the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), analysis of just 78 countries’ NDCs, they will require at least USD 5.8 trillion cumulatively to reach their individual commitments for adaptation and mitigation by 2030. However, the financial requirements as assessed by SCF report are significantly lower in particular for clean energy than the analysis by IPCC (Working Group 3, 2022) for the same timeframe to meet a 1.5°C trajectory by 2030.

The forthcoming Heads of Delegation meeting on Mitigation and Finance in Cairo this October, is a moment to show political leadership in this climate emergency. Governments must cooperate and act in
solidarity for the people suffering from climate and interconnected crises to ensure that COP27 urgently raises ambition and provides scaled up finance for implementation in line with equity and fair shares to ensure a climate safe world for all.

Yours Sincerely,

**International Organisations**

1. 350.org
2. Amnesty International
3. CARE International
4. Climate Action Network International
5. Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)
6. Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)
7. Fast For the Climate
8. Global Witness
9. Greenpeace
10. Health Care Without Harm
11. International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute
12. Plant Based Treaty
13. Stand.Earth
14. The Climate Reality Project
15. War on Want
16. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International
17. WWF International

**National Organisations and Regional Networks**

18. 350 Aotearoa
19. 350.org Japan
20. AbibiNsroma Foundation
21. Action 24
22. Adarsha Samajik Progoti Sangstha (ASPS)
23. Africa Climate and Health Alliance
25. African Coalition on Green Growth
26. Afrolinks International Frontiers Ltd
27. Aid Organization
28. Al-Maghazi municipality
29. An Organization for Socio-Economic Development (AOSED)
30. Arjon Foundation
31. Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development
32. Association for Climate Action Network Eastern Africa (ACANEAA)
33. Association Isaaf Jerada Solidarité et développement
34. Association NAKHLA
35. Bank Information Center
36. Below2C
37. Canadian Interfaith Fast For the Climate
38. Caritas Uganda
39. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
40. Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD)
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100. Finnish Development NGOs (Fingo)
101. Foresight Association for Environmental Right and Climate Justice
102. Forest & Bird
103. Fossil Free South Africa
104. Framtiden i våre hender
105. Fridays for Future U.S.
106. Fridays for Future Windhoek
107. Friends of the Earth Germany/ BUND
108. Friends of the Earth Ireland
109. Gallifrey Foundation/SHE Changes Climate
110. GenderCC- Southern Africa
111. Global Initiative For Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation (GIFSEP)
112. Grand(m)others Act to Save the Planet (GASP)
113. Green Mind Lebanon
114. GreenFaith
115. GreenHacks
116. Hawaii Institute for Human Rights
117. Heinrich Böll Stiftung Washington, DC
118. Human Environmental Association for Development
119. Improve your society organization (IYSO)
120. Indian Youth Water Network
121. Indigenous Environmental Network
122. Initiatives for New Ecological Community Concerns (INECC)
123. Institute for circular economy
124. International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
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126. Joint Effort to Save the Environment (JESE)
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131. League of Women Voters of the United States
132. Legambiente
133. Methane Action
134. Mount Kenya University
135. National Integrated Development Association (NIDA-Pakistan)
136. Natural Capitalism Solutions
137. New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance, Inc.
138. New Zealand Climate Action Network
139. No Room For Racism Ōtautahi
140. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
141. Northern Beaches Climate Action Network
142. Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment
143. Our Fish
144. Pacific Islands Climate Action Network
145. Parents for Future Tirol
146. Parents for Future UK
147. Parliament of the World's Religions Climate Action Task Force
148. Participatory Research & Action Network (PRAAN)
149. Peace Movement Aotearoa
150. pivot point
151. Power Shift Africa
152. Practical Action
153. Protect Our Winters NZ
154. Pueblo Action Alliance
155. Push Sverige/Sweden
156. R.E.D. Pro Consultants Greece
157. Regenerate Africa
158. Réseau Association Khnifiss
159. Réseau Étudiant pour une Société Écologique et Solidaire (RESES)
160. Royal Scientific Society (RSS)
161. Ruya Foundation for Training and Development
162. Save the Children International
163. Scientific Society for Energy Studies and Research
164. Seas At Risk
165. Social Economic Development Society (SEDS)
166. Social Innovators Design Group
167. Sociedad Amigos del Viento
168. Spire
169. Stamp Out Poverty
170. Stand.earth
171. Sustain CreatiK
172. Talanoa Institute
173. Tamdeen Youth Foundation
174. Tensift Regional Centre for Development Marrakesh
175. The Climate Center
176. The Global Sunrise Project
177. The Greens Movement of Georgia / Friends of the Earth Georgia
178. Third Generation Environmentalism (E3G)
179. Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
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