

PLATFORM OF ACTION
FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY



PoA @COP28



Step forward on Global Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Targets

Global Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Pledge

The Global Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Pledge to triple the capacity of the former and double the latter was announced on 2nd December 2023. Since then, over 123 countries have signed on to the pledge. The First Global Stock Take text adopted on 13th December 2023 also reaffirmed while calling on parties to triple renewable energy capacity while doubling the annual rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030.

PoA is keen to continue to work with CSO and like-minded partners to advocate for sign on of the pledge by all other countries and ensure its application at national levels, including providing support to address challenges that may be faced in the same.

PoA activities at COP28

Exhibition:

Shift to Renewables Booth

PoA partnered with the Big Shift Global Campaign to host the Shift to Renewables Booth at COP28. It included an exhibition of the Renewable Energy Tracker, Fossil Fuel finance case studies by Big Shift Global Campaign, Sunshine Stories from PoA, GermanWatch, Power Shift Africa, Miseror, CESAO AI, FARN Argentina, Big Shift Global campaign and PoA, publications by Miseror, Recourse, 350.org among others.

There were several interactive activities to socialize the COP28 Energy Package of demands by CAN and allies for the COP28 outcome such as the Spin for Clean Wheel.

The booth also served as a precursor of the photo action on 100% Renewables, 100% Financeable slated for 4th December 2023



Press conference:

Reaction to Global Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Pledge

PoA participated in the CAN press conference held on 3rd December 2023. While welcoming the pledge, PoA stressed that a clean renewable energy future is not mutually exclusive from a full fair fast and funded phase out of ALL Fossil Fuels. The two are complimentary, and must happen simultaneously, for the world to meaningfully and deeply decarbonize.

Side event:

Clean Cooking: A key vehicle & factor in improving resilience and health in Africa

On 3rd December 2023, PoA partnered with its participants and other CSOs to host a side event on Clean Cooking with a focus on Africa at the Togo Pavilion.

The event assisted in capacity building of participants, prioritization, collaboration and joint planning on clean cooking to ensure investment in affordable solutions. It centered energy efficiency in clean cooking or heating and promoted better use of public resources to further greenhouse gas mitigation and equity aims.

It also served as a Pre-launch of the Africa Smoke Free Initiative (ASFI) by CAN Africa and partners.



Side event:

Rapidly mobilizing renewable energy resources for a just global energy transformation

PoA joined other members in Executive Committee of the Global 100% RE platform (ISES, WBA, WWEA) in the panel discussion at this event on 3rd December 2023. PoA emphasized the critical need for the outcome of COP28 to be reflective of the Energy Package demanded by CAN and allies ie.

- Full, Fair Fast and Funded Phase Out of ALL Fossil Fuels
- 1.5Tw Renewable Energy target and double Energy Efficiency target by 2023
- Just and equitable transition to 100% Renewable Energy
- Finance for the transition at scale

Declaration:

The World Needs 100% Renewable Energy As Soon As Possible, Built from Bottom-Up

On 4th December 2023, PoA joined other members of the Global 100% RE platform in launching and disseminating the Declaration on 100% Renewable Energy.

The Declaration is available [here](#)

PoA and partners will continue to use the Declaration to advocate for Finance for Renewable Energy at Scale, beyond COP28

Interested institutions/organizations to take part may still sign the Declaration [here](#)

Solidarity and Photo Action:

*100% Renewable,
100% Financeable*

PoA led CSOs and like-minded partners in designating the solidarity colour yellow to be donned on 4th December 2023 to call for finance for the energy transition at scale. The rationale of the yellow colour was to mimic the sun and make a bright statement at the COP28 venue as well as globally.



Above: CAN International secretariat donning yellow outfits on finance day at COP28

Below: COP28 delegates at Shift to Renewables Booth and on finance day at COP28 participating in the 100% Renewable, 100% Financeable photo action



Side event:

Strategies for just, equitable, dignified & economically viable exploitation of Transition Minerals and Green Hydrogen in Africa

PoA partnered with ACCESS Coalition and CAN Africa to host a side event on 5th December 2023 at the Central African Initiatives Pavilion (COMIFAC), focusing on strategic minerals and renewable-based hydrogen in Africa.

The side event was effective in raising awareness on the challenges and opportunities in raw minerals and emission-reduction technologies, as well as spurring collaborations for strategies and collective action to to achieve energy access, energy security and development in the region through strategic resources and technologies. It also promoted approaches rooted in justice, dignity and equity.



Renewable Energy Actions: *100% Renewables in Africa Now*

PoA supported and participated in a renewable energy advocacy actions led by CAN Africa to promote 100% Renewable Energy in Africa on 5th and 6th December 2023.



Equity & Finance for 100% Renewables

PoA supported the organization of the action led by CAN Africa and other Global South partners calling for Equity and Finance for 100% Renewable Energy as the final iterations of the Global Stocktake text were being negotiated and drafted on 11th December 2023.

Roundtable:

Renewable Energy Tracker

PoA hosted a round table on 6th December 2023 at the Global Renewables Hub, IRENA meeting room, involving some partners engaged in renewable energy data generation. The aim of the roundtable was to discuss the Renewable Energy Tracker, its relation with other existing and planned data sets as well as to outline focus for the next issue of the report.

PoA intends to discuss the topline outcomes of this meeting at the next Renewables Café convening in January, and host a follow up conversation including more players in the Renewables Community.



Press conference:

Climate Change Performance Index 2024



PoA participated in a press conference for the launch of the Climate Change Performance Index 2023 on 8th December 2023. In the briefing, PoA stressed that improvement of performance in the index and generally is driven by countries efforts to phase out all fossil fuels without any room for dangerous distractions such as CCS and nuclear energy, coupled with a just, equitable and funded transition to renewable energy systems.

The CCPI shows once again this year that the biggest fossil fuel producers and exporters fair the worst in the index. This adequately founds CAN and allies demands at COP28 for a phase out of all Fossil Fuels, full fast forever and funded, without any room for any dangerous distractions. PoA emphasized that all states should be focusing all their efforts and finance towards scaling up to 100% renewable energy systems in a just, equitable and rapid manner.

Side event:

Energy Access: African priorities for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Targets

PoA partnered with several of its participants and allies such as SYND Ghana, ACCESS Coalition, Power Shift Africa, Natural Justice, Friends of the Earth Africa, amongst others, to host a side event at the Ghana Pavilion, centering Energy Access in the broader energy discussions at COP28 on 9th December 2023.

The side event capacitated participants to promote energy access considerations in the discussions, negotiations and outcomes of COP28, particularly in consideration of the global Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency pledge. It reaffirmed that access to Green, Reliable, Affordable, Safe and Sustainable (GRASS) energy is a fundamental human right and foundational right to attainment of all other rights of the African people.



Photo credit: Power Shift Africa



Global action:

Global Day of Action

PoA participated in the Global Day of Action march held at COP28 Blue Zone on 9th December 2023, advocating to a just, equitable and fully funded transition to 100% Renewable Energy.

Renewables Community convening: Renewables Café (@COP28)

PoA held an in-person edition of its monthly Renewables Café convening on 10th December 2023 at COP28. PoA participants were able to meet and share the progress of their activities, as well as discuss the progress of the negotiations at COP28.

CSOs and like-minded allies interested to participate in the virtual Renewables Café every last Tuesday of every month at 13.00 GMT can contact PoA by email on poa@climatenetwork.org

Side event:

Information Architecture for a Just Transition away from Fossil Fuels

PoA collaborated and participated in a panel discussion on 10th December 2023 at the CSO Climate Justice Hub, highlighting relevant data evidence of drivers of a just transition away from Fossil Fuels, including the Renewable Energy Tracker.

The panel discussion brought together several institutions such as the University of Sussex, Fossil Fuel Atlas, Leave It In The Ground, Fossil Fuel Registry, Global Energy Monitor, Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty, and CAN international.

The event also brought together data users and inspired collaborations on collective data synergies and integration beyond COP28.



PoA held a side event on 11th December 2023 at the CSO Climate Justice Hub based on the Renewable Energy Tracker launched on 22nd November 2023. The event raised awareness on the need and importance of monitoring countries' progress towards 100% Renewable Energy systems, and to ensure that this is done in a manner that is fair and equitable, notably taking into account principles of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Side Event:

The Renewable Energy Tracker: An equity-driven assessment of countries towards 100% Renewable Energy systems

The panel discussion participants highlighted the key drivers, approaches and opportunities towards raising Renewable Energy ambition in their respective countries and regions such as Chile, Morocco and Kenya, as well as globally.

ECO Newsletter:

Featuring Renewable Energy advocacy articles in the daily ECO Newsletter at COP28

The first round of the 100% Renewable Race ends with no champion and vague promises

What a day! ECO had the privilege of attending the first Renewable Energy Tracker Race. It featured 60 national teams, cheered on by over 70,000 spectators chanting "Just! Fast! Fair! Renewables for All!" Teams competed in a relay, propelled by their energy mixes and respective capabilities. Advanced or emerging and developing economies (EMDEs) had differentiated challenges and specific rules respectively to ensure that the race would be equitable - what an exciting competition!

As the race kicked off, it became quickly evident that the winner would be an unexpected one. No country reached the finish line on time, but Chile, Brazil and China secured the first three places. In the middle of the pack, four EMDEs (Vietnam, Colombia, Jordan and India) overtook many rich nations, which were seen panting and struggling, held back by their lack of ambition, efforts and investments. Some were also spotted losing time burning wood logs to fuel their engine - a wrong tactical move that gave wind and solar-propelled teams a significant advantage!

As the race neared the end, the crowd's boos got

louder: South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Italy - among the rich and high emitter teams - had barely moved beyond the starting line. Many sub-Saharan African teams, short of funding and struggling to gather enough energy, were unable to even detach themselves from the starting blocks.

As ECO made its way through the mixed zone, it heard the head of the Rich Countries delegation commenting on the poor results: "We haven't done enough, and we need to include the rapid, just, and sustainable scaling up of sustainable in the final rulebook so we can better prepare for the coming years. In the spirit of fair play, we also commit to financially support teams that need it."

ECO was skeptical, having learned that such promises are rarely met, but a glimpse at the stadium gave us hope: supporters had unveiled a giant banner reading "100% Renewables, 100% Financeable". Their chants echoed for miles, suggesting that a race for a Just and Equitable Phase Out of Fossil Fuels was on the horizon.

100% Renewable, 100% Financeable

ECO has a nasty stomach ache after eating a weird sandwich called Global Decarbonization Accelerator. The cucumber variety known as the Renewable Energy pledge was all right, but would be so much tastier if properly seasoned!

ECO checked its temperature with the Renewable Energy Tracker and found that all countries are not on track with achieving 100% renewable energy across all sectors, nor are there any real renewable energy champions. Even developed countries are not living up to their responsibilities.

So how can the chef make a

better sandwich? ECO suggests that on top of the "tripled-renewable-electricity-capacity" lettuce variety, the chef triples the tomatoes across all sectors not just electricity. ECO also suggests that the chef checks that the expiry date of the ranch dressing goes beyond the year 2030, and until we globally achieve 100% renewable-energy systems.

ECO also suggests that the sandwich is grilled in a manner that is efficient, just, equitable, democratic, inclusive and respectful of people and ecosystems. Local, decentralized and community-owned solutions will be key and will not only make the sandwich

tastier, but healthier as well: from energy access to reduced air pollutants and jobs, the benefits of a perfect grill are endless!

ECO also knows that everyone has different tastes, so it suggests the addition of a special sauce for developed countries called Equity. It can be found in every Paris-aligned shop. Not only should developed countries reach 100% renewable-based systems earlier but should also provide significantly enhanced financial support to developing countries. Without finance, there will be no full, fast, fair and funded phase-out of all fossil fuels, and neither will there be a just and rapid transition to 100% renewable energy systems.

PoA collaborated with other CAN members in drafting and disseminating articles advocating for an outcome on 100% Renewable Energy at COP28, as well as referencing key supporting evidences such the Renewable Energy Tracker.

The ECO Newsletter is produced by CAN at most international climate conferences and features daily articles relating to the negotiations. It is distributed to negotiators and all other delegates before the start of daily sessions. COP28 and previous conferences issues are available on the CAN website here: <https://climatenetwork.org/updates/event-portal/cop-28/eco-newsletter-at-cop28/>

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