

# CLIMATE JUSTICE

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*The WFUNA Plenary Assembly,*

*Acknowledging* that climate change is a global crisis<sup>i</sup> that poses severe threats to the environment, human health<sup>ii</sup>, and social and economic stability<sup>iii</sup>;

*Recalling* that climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable communities<sup>iv</sup>, including low-income populations, indigenous peoples<sup>v</sup>, and marginalized groups, who often endure the most of its adverse impacts;

*Reminding* that addressing climate change requires urgent and comprehensive action at local, national<sup>vi</sup>, and international<sup>vii</sup> levels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to its consequences;

*Recognizing* that SDG Goal 16 aims to achieve access to justice for all calling for non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development - to ensure that the SDGs leave no one behind<sup>viii</sup>;

*Emphasizing* that all 17 SDGs in the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development should be addressed and implemented in a balanced manner to benefit both the people and planet;

*Reaffirming* that it is essential to prioritize climate policies<sup>x</sup> and initiatives that are equitable and just, ensuring that the burden of climate change mitigation and adaptation is shared fairly among all communities and states<sup>x</sup>;

*Recognizing* UN Resolution A/RES/77/276<sup>xi</sup> requesting the International Court of Justice to clarify the obligations on states to protect the climate system, and the legal consequences of failing to meet them;

*Recalling* that 45 countries, 3 regions and 1 city have made pledges to the Green Climate Fund, including 9 developing countries and the United States committing to contribute US\$ 2 billion<sup>xii</sup>;

*Expressing* serious concern that the goal of developed countries to mobilize jointly US\$100 billion per year by 2020 in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation has not yet been met and urging developed countries to meet the goal;

*Calls upon* UN member states to take the following actions:

1. Focus on health disparities<sup>xiii</sup> as a result of climate changes for marginalized communities and people,
2. Commit to prioritizing actions that reduce disparities and promote equitable access to resources, opportunities, and benefits related to climate change mitigation and adaptation,
3. Advocate for policies and initiatives at the regional, national and international levels that promote climate action and justice<sup>xiv</sup>,



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4. Engage with and consult affected communities<sup>xv</sup> including minorities, indigenous peoples and marginalized communities in the development and implementation of climate policies and initiatives to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are addressed;

*Urges* all United Nations' member states to support these measures to ensure climate justice, equitable policies and uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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<sup>i</sup> [Climate change is a 'global emergency', people say in biggest ever climate poll | People globally want more action to tackle the climate crisis: UNDP survey UN News. World's largest survey of public opinion on climate change: a majority of people call for wide-ranging action | United Nations Development Programme \(undp.org\)](#)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30650330/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.1816020116&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1696028452529654&usg=AOvVawOneUNKm5r7WYjvPPwmKSoa>

<sup>iv</sup> [EPA Report Shows Disproportionate Impacts of Climate Change on Socially Vulnerable Populations in the United States | US EPA. Racial Disparities and Climate Change — PSCI \(princeton.edu\). How Communities Of Color Are Hurt Most By Climate Change – Forbes Advisor](#)

<sup>v</sup> [https://www.patagonia.com/actionworks/campaigns/climate-justice-is-social-justice/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=NonBranded%20Dynamic&gclid=CjwKCAjw69moBhBgEiwAUFCx2O-Dh7uqgCFjtd3AmuJmZJR9Lv94BRCKS7eQz7RyJcdlssAe8N1yZhoCOr4QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.patagonia.com/actionworks/campaigns/climate-justice-is-social-justice/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=NonBranded%20Dynamic&gclid=CjwKCAjw69moBhBgEiwAUFCx2O-Dh7uqgCFjtd3AmuJmZJR9Lv94BRCKS7eQz7RyJcdlssAe8N1yZhoCOr4QAvD_BwE)

<sup>vi</sup> [Federal Register :: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. Resolutions on Protecting Global Climate, Eliminating Unilateral Economic Measures, among 16 Texts Approved as Second Committee Concludes Session | UN Press](#)

<sup>vii</sup> [AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2023 \(ipcc.ch\)](#)

<sup>viii</sup> <https://www.idlo.int/sites/default/files/pdfs/events/Framing%20paper%20IDLO%20Event%2010%20June.pdf>

<sup>ix</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/ClimateChange/COP21.pdf>

<sup>x</sup> [National-Climate-Resilience-Framework-FINAL.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](#)

<sup>xi</sup> [General Assembly Adopts Resolution Requesting International Court of Justice Provide Advisory Opinion on States' Obligations Concerning Climate Change | UN Press](#)

<sup>xii</sup> <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/status-pledges-all-cycles>

<sup>xiii</sup> [climate\\_health\\_equity.ashx \(apha.org\)](#)

<sup>xiv</sup> <https://climatenetwork.org/our-work/multilateral-processes-and-advocacy/>

<sup>xv</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/advice/0/how-can-eia-address-cumulative-long-term>

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