

Climate Justice Now! statement

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Dear Friends,

Last year in Bali an informal coalition called "Climate Justice Now!" was formed during the UNFCCC COP13. We recently have agreed on a very short statement of unity and the "network" is now open for all *organisations* who support the call to join.

If you would like to join the list/network, and help build the global movement for climate justice, you can subscribe either by sending an email to me or Janet Redman [janet(at)ips-dc.org] or going directly to the website:

<https://lists.riseup.net/www/info/cjn>

If you would like to invite other organisations who support the statement of principles to join the list, please do so. All new subscribers need to be approved by the administrators.

ABOUT CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW!

Climate Justice Now! is a network of organisations and movements from across the globe committed to the fight for genuine solutions to the climate crisis. We are committed to building a diverse movement - locally and globally - for social, ecological and gender justice.

If you want to join the email discussion list, it means you support the following principles of climate justice, which were elaborated during the UNFCCC climate talks in Bali 2007:

CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW! PRINCIPLES

Communities in the Global South as well as low-income communities in the industrialised North have borne the toxic burden of this fossil fuel extraction, transportation and production. Now these communities are facing the worst impacts of climate change - from food shortages to the inundation of whole island nations.

Inside the global climate negotiations, rich industrialised countries have put unjustifiable pressure on Southern governments to commit to emissions reductions. At the same time, they have refused to live up to their own legal and moral obligations to radically cut emissions and support developing countries' efforts to reduce emissions and adapt to climate impacts.

Climate Justice Now! will work to expose the false solutions to the climate crisis promoted by these governments, alongside financial institutions and multinational corporations - such as trade liberalisation, privatisation, forest carbon markets, agrofuels and carbon offsetting.

We will take our struggle forward not just in climate talks, but on the ground and in the streets, to promote genuine solutions that include:

- leaving fossil fuels in the ground and investing instead in appropriate energy- efficiency and safe, clean and community-led renewable energy
- radically reducing wasteful consumption, first and foremost in the North, but also by Southern elites
- huge financial transfers from North to South, based on the repayment of climate debts and subject to democratic control. The costs of adaptation and mitigation should be paid for by redirecting military budgets, innovative taxes and debt cancellation
- rights-based resource conservation that enforces Indigenous land rights and promotes peoples' sovereignty over energy, forests, land and water.
- sustainable family farming and peoples' food sovereignty. We are committed to building a diverse movement locally and globally for a better world. Climate Justice Now!

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