

**UNIONS4CLIMATE ACTION:  
Sign Up For Climate Justice**

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### **WE know the science is unequivocal**

- The world's temperature is rising, current trends will lead us to a 4°C average increase or more in this century and without urgent, ambitious action we will face irreversible changes in our climate.

### **WE have policy**

- The ITUC wants the world's governments to agree on climate action and give us a fighting chance to limit the temperature rise to 2 degrees or less.

### **WE are out of time**

- Climate-related catastrophes such as cyclones, floods, drought, fires, melting glaciers, season changes and more are increasing and hurting working people now. Their impacts will only become stronger within 15 years – this will destroy more communities and jobs.

### **WE demand industrial transformation**

- Science tells us we need to urgently stabilise carbon emissions at 44 GigaTonnes. Business as usual gets us to 59 GigaTonnes by 2020. It doesn't add up. All our economic sectors must change. We demand to be part of the industrial transformation with universal access to breakthrough technologies that will make our industries and our jobs sustainable for workers everywhere.

### **WE demand a just transition**

- We have played our role in UN negotiations and fought and won commitments to 'Just Transition'. Now we want to see the transition happen on the ground, including through investment in new green jobs, skills, income protection and other necessary measures implemented everywhere, with adequate funding for the poorest and most vulnerable of nations.

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### THE GOAL

- The goal is to secure an ambitious climate global framework which will protect the lives and jobs of working people, ensure universal access to breakthrough technologies and steer industrial transformation of all economic sectors and industries and guarantee just transition measures for the world's people.



### THE STRATEGY

Three steps to a zero-carbon future, enabled through emissions reductions and breakthrough industrial technologies

- 1. MOBILISE** to ensure ambitious commitments from your government.
- 2. ENGAGE** in social dialogue at the national, sectoral levels and in the workplace and on a tri-partite basis with governments and employers to plan for industrial transformation and secure just transition measures
- 3. ORGANISE** workers in 'green' jobs to ensure decent work and union growth



### WHAT CAN UNIONS DO

Many unions are already engaged:

- Building a community for climate action
- Lobbying government for emission reduction targets and an ambitious global agreement
- Supporting a carbon price to make renewable energy, green buildings and retrofits competitive
- Calling for investments in enabling green infrastructure, public transport and services
- Engaging in workplace action to drive energy efficiency, recycling and other environmental reforms
- Generating solidarity and direct action in support of communities facing climate catastrophes
- Partnering with climate and development groups to mobilise for political commitment

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# UNIONS4CLIMATE ACTION

## **We can avoid climate related poverty, disease, unemployment and death**

Climate action means an alternative economic model, grounded on people's needs, on solidarity, on economic democracy and on a fair distribution of wealth, whereby all citizens can see their human rights fulfilled, whilst ensuring the preservation of our planet for future generations.

The historical mission of the trade union movement to ensure jobs, rights and social equality requires that we embrace the cause of a just transition towards sustainable development – a transition that must start now.

We come from nations and communities around the globe; we are in millions of workplaces and we commit to organise, to mobilise, to fight for climate justice.

We will work with all movements willing to join us from environmental, women, indigenous, youth, ethnic and religious communities for the planet we all belong to.

We demand a profound transformation of all economic sectors and industries. We demand , the greening of current jobs and the investment to generate millions of new green jobs – decent jobs. We demand adequate funding for adaptation measures to humanely cope with the effect of climate change and the transition for communities dependent on fossil fuel production.

We demand investments in clean and renewable energies, the development of public transport and sustainable transit, the efficient renovation of building stocks, the promotion of ecological agriculture, fisheries and forestry models, for re-using and recycling waste and promoting life-cycle approaches to production.

We demand a Just Transition towards a model which allows us to create a carbon-free economy, enabled through emissions reductions and breakthrough industrial technologies. We propose international, regional, national and local dialogue to ensure Just Transitions: sustainable investment in jobs with training and education, re-employment policies, social protection and economic justice.

We demand the leadership for an ambitious and legally binding agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in order to prevent irreversible changes to the climate system.

We must end carbon emissions and stabilise the climate.

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We, NATIONAL CENTER/FEDERATION/LOCAL.....

commit to (*choose one of the examples below or add your own*)

Campaign for a national goal of .....% share of renewable energy by ..... in my country. (*if your country has a goal, the union commitment must represent an improvement to the current one*)

Campaign for the creation of ..... Green Jobs/or jobs in environmentally sustainable sectors by ..... in my country

Call on my government (*in developed countries*) to increase the ambition of its emission reduction target and demand ..... by .....

Call on my government (*in developing countries*) to set a national objective of emission reductions and demand ..... by .....

Support a national goal of ..... in energy efficiency by ..... (*if your country has a goal, the union commitment must represent an improvement to the current one*)

Call for a phase out of fossil fuel subsidies

Call for a shift in pension funds investment portfolio of at least 5% towards climate investments.

Call on governments to contribute ..... by ..... for international climate finance.

Other commitment: .....

### Union commitment

UNION .....

GENERAL SECRETARY/PRESIDENT .....

COUNTRY .....

NAME .....

EMAIL .....

### Personal commitment

DELEGATE .....

UNION .....

COUNTRY .....

EMAIL .....



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