

# People's Pledge



Every person on this planet shares a common humanity. We all want to be healthy, have a good education, have decent work, be supported with social protections, drink clean water and breathe clean air. We all want to be respected whatever our background and gender identity, to live in peace and to respect our environments.

But this is not the reality for the majority of people today.

Now is the time for real change.

We commit to working with all our energies to join with others to create a just, equal, inclusive, peaceful and environmentally respectful Asia and Europe. This is part of constructing a transformative Global Green New Deal in each country and each community. We recognise this is essential to transition from today's fundamentally extractive and dehumanising social, economic and political systems to systems that safeguard all life, where the principles of equality and justice are paramount in all policies and practice.

Today's ecological, health and social crises, coupled with structural injustices, continue undermining the possibility for billions of people around the world to live in dignity. While social inequality between people continues to deepen in the 21st century, even the bare minimum essentials of life are not guaranteed.

We, the People of Asia and Europe, reject the systemic violence experienced by people across the world and the unravelling of life itself by the dominant political and economic model, and we refuse to become the last generation who could have done something about it and failed.

Instead, we commit to orienting our collective energies towards the urgent task of transforming the systems that are falling apart, to ones that meet the fundamental needs of all, whilst repairing the planet and our relationships to one another, and so building a better world.

This means creating true, participatory democracy in action-- in our joint efforts at the local, the national and the global levels, as well as in our households and workplaces.

We aspire towards real justice and real equality, where every voice is encouraged and heard, and where solidarity with those most marginalised is freely extended to ensure the dignity of all.

We all need urgent and people centred collective responses for our common futures.

We are pledging to be actively committed to work collaboratively for rapid and just transitions built from the ground up.

We are committing to work together for a just, equal, inclusive and ecologically sustainable world.

By signing, I am pledging to be actively committed to work collaboratively for rapid and just transitions built from the ground up.

“I pledge to collaborate for policies that will ensure:

**Social Justice for All** by collaborating for policies which:-

- Ensure every person is guaranteed free and accessible - quality Health, sustainable Electricity, Education and Housing;
- Enable access to vaccinations, free of cost, for all;
- Provide a Basic Income to All who are unemployed, ill, disabled, or elderly;
- End violence to women in homes and workplaces, on the streets and in the fields;
- Guarantee work in essential, low-carbon social sectors;
- Centre Just Access to land, forests, oceans, fisheries and associated resources.

**Participatory Democratic decision-making** by collaborating for policies at all levels, with concentrated effort on holding vested corporate interests and power genuinely, democratically and legally accountable. By:-

- taking forward policies that will enlarge with clear and specific ways the space and rights of the majority of the world’s people including women, indigenous people, people of colour, rural and informal workers, migrants, minority communities, marginalised groups and all who are exploited, oppressed or subject to discrimination;
- abolishing privatisation, resource-grabbing and the employer/employee relationship, and recognising the decision-making role of all people inhabiting or working in a particular community or sector;
- legally protecting The Right to Dissent, the Rights to Freedom of Assembly and Association, the Rights to Organise, the Rights to Demonstrate and the Freedoms of Opinion and Expression. These rights must be lived and at the heart of our democracies.

**Planned rapid phase out of polluting sectors** by collaborating for policies that will ensure:-

- rich countries cutting greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and all countries emitting **zero** Green House Gases by 2050;
- diverting public resources to Just Transitions initiatives to replace ‘dirty sectors’ with worker-owned and managed agro-ecological food cooperatives and seed banks, necessary public infrastructure, regenerative communities and the regeneration of biodiversity.

**Solidarity** by collaborating for affectees by providing mutual aid through the free flow of technologies, seeds, information, training, vaccinations and health care by:-

- granting full citizenship rights to refugees, including when disaster strikes.
- releasing climate prisoners and dropping all charges against them, and by ending the persecution of defenders of democracy, human rights, environmental justice and social equality.

**Fund the Global Green New Deal just transitions plans** by collaborating for policies that will:-

- ensure funding for **Global Green New Deal** Just Transitions plans, **through** debt cancellation, abolishing tax havens, ending tax breaks for the rich, ending fossil fuel subsidies, phasing out polluting industries and using their assets toward the just transitions;
- allocate at least half of each country’s budget to the Just Transitions initiatives;

**And crucially**

By using 80 percent of the military budgets to pay ecological and colonial reparations to frontline communities, particularly those in the global South.

**Peace and Security** by collaborating for policies that will ensure peace, human security and well-being through the ratification of the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and by:-

- cutting military expenditures;
- building a new social architecture that moves from a politics of confrontation and sanctions to a politics of cooperation, dialogue and peace;

- cultivating peaceful resolution of disputes and peace processes in major ‘hot spots’ in accordance with international law.

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## **We Commit**

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