

TO ALL GOVERNMENTS:

KEEP THE 1.5C TARGET ALIVE AND ACT NOW FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

**Statement of the Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)
to the Climate Leaders Summit
April 22 and 23, 2021**

People all over the world are experiencing the most horrific situation of a multiple crises -- the global health pandemic, the economic fallout and recession, and then there is the escalating climate emergency.

As leaders of 40 countries prepare to attend the Climate Leaders Summit this week, we call on them to do more than make general announcements and pledges about scaling up ambition and implementing aggressive climate action.

Far from what climate science requires and equity principles dictate, these kinds of pronouncements from the summit will neither put the world on track to keep temperature rise to below 1.5C nor enable people and communities, especially those from vulnerable countries, to deal with intensifying impacts of the climate emergency.

This summit is an opportunity for governments to announce new targets with clear timelines that will keep the 1.5C target alive and move the needle on climate justice.

We give voice to the urgent calls of peoples and movements from Asia and the rest of the Global South:

- All countries must meet their fair share of climate actions based on their historical accumulated and continuing emissions, their capacity and the principle of equity.

All governments should set clear targets and timelines for achieving the goal of full decarbonization by 2050 to achieve the goal of keeping temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees. The goal must be real zero - without offsets, carbon markets and trading, carbon capture and storage and other false solutions.

The fair share of the world's wealthiest countries include domestic actions towards achieving zero way before 2050 ahead of the rest of the world and deliver on climate finance for mitigation for the balance of their share of GHG emissions reduction to be undertaken internationally.

- All rich, industrialized countries (i.e. developed countries) must immediately scale up and accelerate the delivery of climate finance to meet the balance of their share in mitigation actions internationally, as well as their obligations to finance adaptation and address loss and damage in the Global South.

This is reparations for climate debt, which is part of a larger historical, ecological debt owed to the peoples of the South.

The scale of actual need is many times more than the US\$100 billion dollars that has been stipulated as a minimum target per year in the Paris agreement. The level of delivery thus far has but a small fraction of this \$100 billion.

- All governments must implement policies for a swift and just transition out of fossil fuels and harmful energy systems in keeping with limiting global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius and achieving global zero by 2050.

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All forms of support for the expansion of fossil fuels – coal, gas and oil – must be stopped immediately. A fast and early phase-out of existing fossil fuel projects and infrastructure must be pursued. There must be a corresponding acceleration of building 100% clean and renewable and democratic energy systems for people and communities.

- All governments must undertake all-rounded efforts for ecological restoration, end extractivist economic policies and pave the way for profound social transformation towards just, equitable, democratic economic systems that are compatible with the limits of the planet.

We especially call on President Biden, convenor of the Leaders Summit for Climate: As the largest historical carbon emitter, the US bears the most responsibility for climate change. Without the fulfillment of US fair share of the global mitigation effort, we have no reasonable chance of reducing emissions and keeping temperatures below 1.5C as agreed under the Paris Agreement. As the world's wealthiest nation, it has no excuse for failing to meet its full obligations to deliver climate finance for the Global South.

This decade is the most critical for climate action. What the world will do in the next few years will determine whether or not it will still be possible to keep temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

At present levels of warming, people and communities are already experiencing its devastating impacts. The least responsible for climate change are suffering the most. And it is inevitable that the impacts will become even worse before we will be able to stop the warming of the planet.

**No time for delays, deception and dangerous distractions!
Act now for climate justice!**

