GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

December 9, 2023
Campaign Details and Toolkit

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Background and Rationale

People and communities all over the world are experiencing the horrific conditions of multiple crises on top of long-standing injustices, inequalities and oppression. The climate crisis is causing extreme weather events and disrupting ecosystems around the world. Those already suffering impoverishment, discrimination and exploitation are the most vulnerable to this crisis, and have the least access to necessary resources to deal with its impacts. The climate crisis is also exacerbating other crises - furthering impoverishment and deepening inequalities. Millions of people have lost lives, homes, jobs and livelihoods. Billions are facing food and water scarcity, health risks, and unrelenting climate-induced loss and damage.

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COP28 provides a critical opportunity to escalate our fight for climate justice and system change, and raise long-standing demands for real solutions. In these next weeks leading up to and during COP28 we will together mount a counter-offensive to expose the failures and maneuvers of governments, corporations and elites to evade their responsibilities and obligations, and compel them to advance towards real solutions and system change.

We shall also address critical global issues that are deeply connected to our fight for climate justice, foremost of which is the escalation of violent, lethal, indiscriminate attacks of Israel against the People of Palestine in wanton disregard of international law and basic human rights, and with the support and complicity of many governments of the Global North. These very same governments are also the ones primarily responsible for the climate crisis and standing in the way of real solutions.
December 9 will be the high point of this period - on this day we will hold coordinated actions globally and at the COP venue to raise our demands. Let us call on all citizens, communities, movements, people’s organizations, workers and civil society networks around the globe to come together for escalated actions for system change!
Objectives

- Weave and amplify the calls and demands of climate justice movements and sectors into a coherent narrative of struggle and unity;
- Demonstrate the strength and determination of the global climate justice movement; Continue building momentum in the global escalation effort
- Expose failures and schemes and generate intense pressure vs governments, corporations, and other institutions the COP28 climate negotiations
- Attract new people and forces into our movements for climate justice
- Use the opportunity to reiterate our solidarity with the People of Palestine
Main Calls & Demands from the COP 28 Coalition

Call to Action

1. Immediate ceasefire, a stop to the blockade and occupation of Palestine, and the end to apartheid and colonialism.

2. Rapid, just and equitable phaseout of all fossil fuels, including exploration, extraction, transportation, production and consumption, and a direct, rapid, equitable and just transition to democratic, renewable energy systems for people and communities that builds energy sovereignty;

3. Fulfillment of obligations to deliver adequate, new, additional, non-debt creating, conditionality-free climate finance for mitigation and just transition, adaptation and Loss and Damage as part of Reparations;

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4. Cancelation of unsustainable and illegitimate debt being collected from the Global South;

5. Immediate end to greenwashing and false, harmful and unproven "solutions" which serve as dangerous and deceptive distractions including geoengineering, carbon capture and storage technologies, and carbon markets;

6. Building of just, resilient and sustainable food systems; upholding and protecting people’s right to food and food sovereignty.

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7. Respect for and protection of human rights - of civil and political rights, of economic, environmental, social and cultural rights including the right to public services and social protection for all, the right to clean, health and sustainable environment, the rights of all workers including migrant workers, the rights of peasants and fishers, the rights of women, the right to gender diversity, the rights of black, indigenous and people of color, the rights of youth and children;

8. The fulfillment of gender justice as an integral part of climate justice; Advance on gender-equality and care economies that prioritize well-being, care and authentic education over profit and address ongoing economic disparities and social injustices resulting from colonia, capitalist and patriarchal legacies where socially constructed roles and sectors prevail;
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9. Defund and divest from the destructive and heavily polluting military industrial complex; and divest from police- and military-reliant climate policy, and invest in climate emergency care;

10. Equitable and just transition from a capitalist and extractivist economic system to post-carbon local, national and global economic systems that are inclusive, sustainable, democratic and uphold all human and labor rights.
How to participate

Your organization may hold its own actions or join up with others in your community, town, city, school, workplace.

To help us share information and amplify your planned action on December 9, please fill-up this form:  
https://forms.gle/297eKMBWXXx9iFD_eZ8

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How to participate

Please reach out to our animators/coordinators for the GDOA:

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Conduct of the Global Day of Action
1. VARIOUS FORMS of MOBILIZATIONS and ACTIONS may be organized. Street or on-site actions are highly encouraged.
2. **UNIFYING VISUAL**
The motif for all the actions on December 9 is the CLENCHED FIST. This will link us all together as part of the GDOA and will allow us to express the idea of escalating our fight for climate justice.

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3.

Several samples are provided. But participating organizations may also design, redesign and tailor-fit graphics for their use.

Different graphics of the clenched fist may be used for different demands and calls.

We should ensure that various genders and races are projected and represented.
4.

Take photos and videos of your actions! We’d love to see our calls for Climate Justice be front and center on Dec 9, so make sure to capture these moments. We’ve included a photo and video guide to help document or actions [here](#). You can upload your photos in our [Google drive link](#) so we can compile. Don’t forget to use the hashtags #Fight4ClimateJustice and #SystemChange in your posts, too!

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Sample graphics

These are sample visuals that can be used for different issues. Everyone is also encouraged to create their own ‘fist’ or ‘fists’ that better illustrate the various fights for climate justice!

Gdrive Link to sample fists
More Sample materials

Gdrive Link to sample fists
These are some of the social media cards we’re prepared for the Dec 9 action. Please use the hashtags #Fight4ClimateJustice and #SystemChange for social media captions to make sure we’re seen!

Please feel free to produce and use other social media materials.

Canva link
We are developing more campaign materials for sharing and use by everyone. These will be uploaded via a link to a google drive we will post shortly. Materials will also include:

- Points for our Narratives and Materials - November 21
- Video Teaser and 1st Map of Actions - Nov 23
- Press Release (which may be customized for local and national use) and updated map of actions - Dec 2
- Press Release (which may be customized for local and national use) and updated map of actions - Dec 6

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Specific calls may be crafted based on our common demands including the following:

1. End Fossil Fuels Fast, Fair, Forever

2. Direct, rapid, equitable and just transition to democratic 100% renewable energy systems

3. No equitable and just transition without climate finance

4. Climate Finance Now!

5. Reparations for Climate Debt

6. Reparations for Loss and Damage

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7. No to false solutions!

8. Land and food for people, not profit

9. Equity and Fair Shares of Climate Action Now

10. No climate justice without human rights!

11. No climate justice without gender justice!

11. We stand with the People of Palestine. Ceasefire Now! End the Blockade and Occupation

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12. Global North: deliver a fast and fair fossil fuel phase out and fund it globally.

13. Renewable, democratic, efficient, fair, universal energy system with respect for nature and the sovereign rights of Indigenous peoples and local communities.

Others....
SECURITY GUIDELINES and CHECKLIST

Please review these Security Guidelines and Checklist which will be useful:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nab3rOl-wpONyYkoBo_a7jdKY55rE-Ey/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106423217296956400900&rtpof=true&sd=true

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Thank you!