



Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance COP28 call to action

As members and friends of the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA), we stand united in our commitment to align oil and gas production with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, including limiting temperature increases to a maximum of 1.5°C. We are here with a clear mandate, to secure an agreement to phase out all fossil fuels at COP28.

The escalating impacts of climate change and soaring energy prices, particularly on the most vulnerable, are increasingly visible. We cannot fail to address the root cause of these crises – namely, our continued dependence on coal, oil, and gas. To do so would be to accept unlimited loss and damage, and deepening climate, energy, and economic insecurity.

We can no longer delay our transition away from oil and gas. Under every 1.5°C scenario assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), there is a rapid decline of oil and gas production and consumption. The International Energy Agency's Net Zero Scenario shows that the rapid growth of renewables is currently keeping the door to 1.5°C open. Without the orderly, just phase out of all fossil fuel production and consumption, this door will close.

We urge all Parties to join us in calling for the global phase out of all fossil fuels in line with IPCC pathways – to achieve net zero CO₂ no later than 2050 and limit global average temperatures to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels under the negotiated outcomes of COP28. This must include a peak in fossil fuel production and consumption this decade, to peak emissions by 2025, alongside targets on the scaling of renewable energy and the improvement of energy efficiency. The enabling conditions for this phase out should also be reflected, from the phase out of fossil fuel subsidies as soon as possible, and the halting of fossil fuel finance, to enhanced planning and support for just transitions from oil and gas.

We must be realistic. The fossil fuel sector will not unwind itself, nor can it, in isolation. We must plan for an orderly, just transition aligned with 1.5°C, rather than risking the abrupt closure of uneconomic oil and gas production. Producers and consumers, and the multilateral system, must work together to avoid price volatility, and to support investment in the transition, particularly for the most exposed economies and communities. The global phase out of fossil fuels must also be accompanied by strong financial system reform and the deployment of innovative, effective, and accessible financing to support vulnerable and developing economies in their transitions.

Agreement on the need to phase out all fossil fuels can set us on this path toward true climate, energy, and economic security. We must start planning for and investing in our future. Securing an agreement that addresses the phase out of all fossil fuels at COP28 is the first step toward this. We urge all Parties to join us.

Signed by:

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4. Finland - Kai Mykkänen, Minister of Climate and the Environment
5. France - Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Agnes Pannier-Runacher, Minister for Energy Transition
6. Greenland - Kalistat Lund, Minister for Agriculture, Self-Sufficiency, Energy and Environment
7. Ireland - Eamon Ryan, Minister for Transport, Climate, Environment and Communications
8. Republic of the Marshall Islands - John M. Silk, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
9. Portugal - Duarte Cordeiro, Minister for Environment and Climate Action
10. Quebec - Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks
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12. Spain - Teresa Ribera, Third Vice President and Minister for the Ecological Transition of Spain
13. Sweden - Romina Pourmokhtari, Minister for Climate and Environment
14. Tuvalu - Seve Paeniu, Minister of Finance
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16. Wales - Julie James, Minister for Climate Change