

**"The decisions you make today have a long-term effect.
Generations to come rely on you."**

In 2025, Concern Worldwide consulted an intergenerational audience of concerned citizens about the climate crisis and its global impacts and how our elected representatives should take action. The views and ideas of the group have been collated to form this declaration.

We represent voices from across the generations. We call on you, our elected representatives to use this pivotal moment to ensure a just and liveable world for all, to **safeguard against climate impacts and secure the future for generations to come.**

As profits soar for the world's richest and global inequality grows, climate impacts continue to devastate communities across the world. Compounded by conflict, hunger, poverty and inequality, the interconnected nature of the climate crisis, is leaving those most marginalised in society to bear the brunt of climate change.

We call for **honest, strong, and brave leadership** at local, national and global level, with a long-term vision that puts people over profit and communities at the heart of change.

As an elected representative, you have the power and responsibility to drive real climate action. It is essential to listen to the science. Use your influence to help meet the climate targets to reduce emissions and meet climate finance needs agreed upon at COP and beyond.

The path set forward ten years ago, needs to be fulfilled today.

The time for climate action is now!

Our Asks:

The global climate crisis needs practical and focused action – on all fronts:

We call for climate justice prioritising equity and human rights. We need action to deliver on the global ambition laid out in the Paris Agreement; reducing emissions, delivering climate finance, supporting adaptation and responding to loss and damage, both at home and abroad. We can't leave climate action solely to those highly impacted, often women, children, indigenous peoples and those most marginalised. We need the collective action of governments, private sector, civil society, communities and individuals of all generations.

We call on the government to deliver our fair share of Climate Finance. Climate finance is not a favour. We need a specific focus on ensuring access, quality, quantity and timeliness of adaptation finance. International financial systems need reform to boost transparency, ensure accountability, and effectively deliver climate finance to the Global South for greater impact. We encourage you to continue to support grant-based climate adaptation finance, ensuring this makes up the core of financial flows to those countries and communities most climate impacted.

We need national policies that drive real solutions, hold all actors—especially the private sector—accountable, prevent greenwashing, and fast-track a just transition locally and globally. We urge you to oppose the continued use of fossil fuel subsidies and outsourcing of harmful industries to the Global South. This undermines climate action and the livelihoods of those who rely on a diverse and green economy. We cannot maintain the status quo of a continued focus on profit over people.

We urge that any climate action ensures we are building sustainable food systems for all. We see the shocks and stresses that farmers and those involved in producing the food we eat face. We need to ensure that farming communities and those reliant on the agriculture-based livelihoods can adapt through promoting inclusive markets and climate smart agriculture and build their resilience to the impacts of climate change. If we progress on this, we will secure our future food supplies without compromising on nutrition and deliver real world responses to increasing food insecurity.

We call for the recognition that education is not only greatly impacted by climate change but is a major part of its solution. Education is vital in supporting communities and systems to adapt to climate change. Indigenous knowledge and practice must be central as they safeguard communities now and in the future. We need comprehensive national education policies that ensure learning at all levels raises awareness of inequality, displacement, poverty and hunger, while empowering communities to take informed action and drive change. We call for the scaling-up of inclusive, holistic and lifelong Global Citizenship education, integrating climate education that is grounded in science, rooted in justice and connected to global challenges.