

The Declaration of the Founding Principles of the Energy and Climate Forum is a list of principles that establishes a commitment by all of its founding members and new members to fight the World Climate Crisis and preserve the different forms of life that inhabit our Planet.

The voice of science is recognized, noting that the continued release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is causing enormous changes in the climate, and consequently in the lives of people, plants, animals and in the different ecosystems. As the concentration of these gases increases, the retention of infrared radiation in the terrestrial system also increases, with temperatures rising dramatically over the past few decades.

The biggest source of this pollution comes from activities of anthropic origin and fossil fuels that once burned they release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This is a serious threat as we continue to depend on this type of fuel for 80% of the energy we consume worldwide.

The consumption patterns of today's society, the globalization and the dynamics of demographic and economic growth, are based on cultures of production and disposal, which have led to the exploitation of natural resources like there was no tomorrow.

The natural world, Mother Earth, is therefore attacked every second, and calls for an immediate behavioural change from each one of us. A civilizational advance is necessary in order to respect this wonderful place that has been offered to us to seek and find happiness.

Based on the aforementioned need, the Energy and Climate Forum was born, so that in a fraternal embrace of the Portuguese language we can unite society, share experiences and good practices, especially among the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), for a civil movement capable of producing and accelerating changes in favour of mitigating climate change.

It is an open organisation, involving all who want to make their voices heard, and who with their voice and actions can mobilize efforts for a peaceful, generous, active and dynamic movement, which is also a commitment with the next generations who need that today we fight for them.

This is a movement that considers different areas of knowledge and experiences, in order to lead the world towards a new Green and Sustainable Economy aiming to achieve the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the fulfillment of the Paris Agreement.

For this purpose we present the principles to which the founding members adhere:

1. Defend the urgent energy transition to an economy free of fossil fuels, promoting, using and disseminating renewable energies, as the sustainable alternative that fuels the needs of our civilization, while minimizing our ecological footprint and creating jobs;
2. Promote greater use of public transport, electric or hydrogen vehicles, and smooth means of transport;
3. Defend, Alert and Promote a policy of 5 Rs: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recover and lastly Recycle. Always trying to maximize the reuse and recovery of products in an almost closed loop, in order to facilitate the transition to an increasingly more circular economy, where natural resources are increasingly preserved;

4. Establish actions for planting native species and carbon sinks in order to accelerate the path to carbon neutrality;
5. Assume in each person's daily life an exemplary way of life, respectful of nature, saving their resources, thus transforming our life into a more sustainable way of relating to the planet we inhabit;
6. Defend, Alert and Promote the necessary actions for the preservation of Forests, Ecosystems and all living beings, especially the most vulnerable;
7. Promote awareness, especially among the youngest, of the Energy and Climate Forum's Principles, disseminating knowledge and actively involving new generations in the change process;
8. Promote science and all knowledge so that the whole society, in its various classes, can understand the problem and, to the extent and possibility of each, adapt and collaborate in the process of change;
9. Fight with peaceful activism against all actions that maintain the current mode of self-destruction, whenever there are decisions that represent an attack on the environment, ecosystems and different forms of life;
10. Promote the Sustainable Economy as a new job opportunity market and to train new professionals in the future;
11. Help more knowledge and information reaching companies, so they can also progress to become 100% renewable in the shortest possible time;
12. Interconnect our actions with the Sustainable Development Goals, with emphasis on those that refer to the principles of planetary health, as a strategy to reduce harmful actions on the environment and the possible consequences on public health;
13. Identify partnerships and encourage ideas for possible actions and projects to develop in your community, helping other members whenever necessary;
14. Promote actions with family, friends, companies and all civil society to raise awareness and adhere to the fight to combat the climate crisis;
15. Promote and disseminate good practices in all media available, from everyone who today joins their voice, their actions and their example in the fight for a more sustainable World and for a more circular economy;
16. Mobilize more and more members in your country to be part of the Energy and Climate Forum and its projects, so that our voice can go further and be more effective.

Overall, the Declaration of Founding Principles of the Energy and Climate Forum aims to cultivate a behavioural change across all levels of society, starting with its driving force: the civil society. All new members of the Energy and Climate Forum join a lively and dynamic movement, promoting and extolling its founding principles aimed at respecting and preserving our planet.

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