

**We are representatives and leaders of Civil Society organisations, Faith, Youth, Indigenous Peoples and the climate justice movement of the Blue Pacific Continent,**

*We are vulnerable, but we are also resilient. We are defiant.*

*We have shared our stories to the world in song and dance.*

*Today gathered on the shores of the ocean that connects us to our home islands, we have covenanted ourselves to raise our voice as wansolwara people.*

Our futures are being shaped by the worsening climate crisis, and the absence of deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions urgency to step up global efforts to mitigate the worst effects of the climate crisis;

Our Pacific leaders have declared that the Climate Crisis is the single greatest threat to the security, wellbeing and survival of our islands, cultures, histories, peoples, languages and Ocean, and yet the Paris Agreement does not address historical and continued use of fossil fuels, which are the primary driver of the climate crisis, and that due to this absence, we will exceed the 1.5C threshold by 2030;

We condemn the role of the fossil fuel industry in causing this climate crisis and their continued complicity as they choose short-term economic profits which benefit few, at the expense of our Planet and its people;

We honour the unceasing leadership of Pacific Governments and civil society whose climate ambitions are outlined in the Suva Climate Change Declaration (2015), Boe Declaration (2018), Kainaki II Declaration (2019), Nadi Bay Declaration on the Climate Change Crisis (2019), 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy (2022), Kioa Climate Emergency Declaration (2022), and the Port Vila Call for a Just a Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific (2023);

**We declare as follows:**

1. We formally call for the development of a new international, legally binding *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*, to govern the phase out of fossil fuels by ending fossil fuel expansion, and enabling a global, just and equitable transition from fossil fuels.

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

2. We call on the international community and all foreign governments to take meaningful climate action, including by:
  - 2.1. Accelerating the fair phase out of fossil fuels while providing financial and technical support to the poorest and most vulnerable nations, towards a just and equitable transition;
  - 2.2. Strengthening NDCs in line with the best available science as noted in [AR6 Synthesis Report on Climate Change](#) and the [Emissions Gap Report](#);
  - 2.3. Transparently disclose all fossil fuel investment and projects through the Global Registry of Fossil Fuels; and
  - 2.4. Supporting the call for the development of a *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*.

## **PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS**

3. We call on our Pacific nations, at all levels of government, to commit to a *Fossil Fuel Free Pacific* including through:
  - 3.1. An unequivocal commitment from our Pacific Leaders for a Just and Equitable Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific by the thirtieth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC Framework Agreement (COP30), that empowers the Pacific to spearhead the unqualified, global, just and equitable phase out of fossil fuels to meet the 1.5C goal;
  - 3.2. For those Pacific Governments who have not yet endorsed the call for a *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*, to do so immediately, and stand with endorsing nations to ensure no stone is left unturned to secure the 1.5 goal and for the protection of the planet for present and future generations;
  - 3.3. Calling on all nations to support the phase out of fossil fuels and the just and equitable transition, at all multilateral convenings, including at the upcoming 4th Small Islands Developing States conference in Antigua and Barbuda and the ongoing Plastics Treaty negotiations;
  - 3.4. Committing to transparently disclose all fossil fuel investment and projects, and demand that all other governments do the same through the Global Registry of Fossil Fuels.

## **A JUST & EQUITABLE TRANSITION**

4. We stress that all efforts towards a just and equitable transition must adhere to an intersectional, gender-transformative, and rights-based approach, thereby ensuring the fair phase-out of fossil fuels, in a manner that leaves no-one behind, particularly those least responsible for the climate crisis, such as our Pacific people.
5. We call for the expansion of public and private finance to support the just and equitable transition from fossil fuels, including innovative and simplified financing mechanisms, and the deployment of renewable energy at the scale and pace required. A just transition must also include reforms of existing financial institutions, without furthering debt and aid dependency for the Pacific.
6. We call for an end to all fossil fuel subsidies and other public and private finance for fossil fuel production, and to redirect this finance towards the just and equitable transition away from fossil fuels.

## **Civil Society and Other Stakeholders**

7. We invite civil society organisations and all stakeholders including youth, grassroots organisations and the private sector to collectively progress the development and implementation of fossil free development pathways in the Pacific and to amplify the Pacific call for a *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty* and to condemn the actions of the international community which perpetuate climate injustice and inequity.
8. As Pacific people we say that the UNFCCC and Paris Agreements have failed to protect and restore the climate system, resulting in more frequent climate

disasters, burning forests and rising seas caused by rising emissions, from those who ignore their legal commitments under these Agreements and their moral responsibility to present and future generations.

9. In our Pacific spirit of collaboration, we invite all stakeholders, in particular the private sector and business, to participate in good faith in climate action, including in multilateral negotiations, to support developing nations and small island developing states in pursuit of a fossil fuel free world.

### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

10. We condemn the role of the fossil fuel industry that infringes on the sovereign rights of Indigenous Peoples and environmental human rights defenders, including their right to lives of dignity. We maintain our unbreakable solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and environmental human rights defenders, who continue to raise the moral high ground in multilateral processes and other global climate conversations by centering justice and equity, and continue to advocate for meaningful action to restore our common home. We reaffirm that it is indeed the voices of marginalised communities, those on the frontlines of the climate crisis that must frame discussions and narratives around climate action.
11. We will centre the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, local knowledge systems and indigenous science in seeking solutions to the climate crisis, where such information is shared under the principles of free, prior and informed consent.

### **EVIDENCE BASE AND DECISIONS**

12. We maintain that it is wholly unacceptable that seven years after COP21, when the world came together and agreed to limit global warming to 1.5C, emissions have continued to skyrocket, ushering in a new era of increasingly compounding and cascading risks that are more complex and difficult to manage.
13. We call on all governments, stakeholders and non-state actors to make commitments and formulate NDCs based on the best available scientific evidence on anthropogenic climate change as outlined in the IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels (IR15), and to implement solutions based on this science, as well as the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, local knowledge systems and the collective experiences of Pacific communities
14. We call for the protection of ecosystems and communities in the renewable energy transition. Within the just transition, it is imperative to learn from past mistakes and avoid practices that jeopardise our ecosystems and communities. We urge all countries and all stakeholders to call out false solutions that enable continued operation of the fossil fuel industry and reject false narratives on the realisation of a fossil fuel free world.

### **A FOSSIL FUEL FREE PACIFIC**

15. As citizens of the Moana, and as civil society organisations advocating for our Pacific people, we commit to taking action and driving ambition towards the development of a *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*.

16. Upholding our cultural and spiritual ways of being, with the support of our communities and in support of our government, we work as one, united region, to create meaningful change for future generations, to journey forward, guided by our past, in one *vaka*, toward our common destination of a *Fossil Fuel Free Pacific*.

*“A Fossil Fuel Free Pacific is not only a dream for the future, but a memory of our past.” - Suluafi Brianna Fruean*

Given on this 23rd day of February, 2024

Nadi, Viti Levu, Fiji.

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