

# **UNited for Climate Justice: Towards a Just Ambition!**

We are calling on ministers gathered at the New York UN climate summit to commit to **a Just Ambition for people and the planet.**

**Without a drastic and urgent policy change, the climate crisis will result in a ‘triple injustice’** which will increase inequalities worldwide:

- Those least responsible for the crisis—the world’s poorest countries, and within each country the poorest households and communities –are already the hardest hit and will suffer the most from further changes in the climate.
- Misguided responses to the climate crisis risk undermining and excluding the poorest and most vulnerable people, households, communities, and countries, leaving even further behind.
- Run-away climate change will leave a legacy of risks and hardships for young people and future generations.

We welcome the focus of the New York Summit on closing the ambition gap between the current level of pledges and the implementation of the Paris Agreement, in line with the 1.5 degree IPCC report, for **there can be no justice without a major increase in ambition.** This is why we call on all countries to increase their commitments to put an urgent end to the use of fossil fuels. Conversely, we want to warn ministers that **we will fail to increase climate ambition** at the speed and scale required **if justice is not put at the centre of efforts to increase ambition.**

**Achieving climate justice** requires **tackling the inter-country, inter-country and intergenerational equity issues** that lie at the heart of the climate crisis, through:

- A **new global social-ecological contract** based on a **just transition** which leaves no one behind and reduces inequalities both among and within countries (including gender, income, age and future generations, occupation, ethnicity, geography).
- A **people-centred approach to climate finance**, which mobilizes financial resources commensurate with the needs of the most affected countries and people and empowers climate action by people, communities and SMEs across the world.
- A **human rights-based approach to climate action** which promotes the right to a healthy environment and access to environmental justice as well as protects the rights of environmental defenders and climate-displaced persons.
- A **recognition of nature’s intrinsic value**, by embracing nature-based solutions for adaptation and mitigation and supporting traditional and indigenous communities’ rights to their territories and their role in the protection of nature.
- **Inclusive climate governance**, based on full civic participation and youth engagement.

*This declaration builds on the FEPS UNited For Climate Justice Process and on the synthesis paper drafted on behalf of the group by Charlotte Billingham, FEPS Policy Advisor. Members of the steering Committee include: list of members to be included.*

