ADAPTATION

Communities across the world are experiencing devastating impacts of climate change and weather-related disasters, which are exacerbated by increasing environmental degradation. These impacts are disproportionately affecting the world’s most vulnerable people, biodiversity and nature.

Without urgent action to combat climate change and build resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate change and weather-related disasters, the world will face an unprecedented and protracted humanitarian and ecological crisis. According to the IPCC AR6, approximately 3.3 billion people are living in countries with high human vulnerability to climate change.

This year, we have seen the unprecedented flooding, heatwaves, droughts, fires, and intensifying tropical storms around the world. The suffering, misery, loss of life and economic losses resulting requires an urgent and convincing response to the climate crisis.

Leaders and governments must send convincing signals that they are delivering on past promises. They must be united in their commitments to prevent the climate crisis from spiralling out of control, and respond to the adaptation needs of communities and ecosystems currently bearing the impacts. They must work to prevent the climate disruptions the world is experiencing.

DECISIONS THAT MUST TAKEN AT COP27 BY GLOBAL LEADERS:

- Agree on a roadmap for doubling the adaptation finance commitment (as per the Glasgow Climate Pact) and allocate at least 50% public climate finance for adaptation as grant finance.
- Define key elements and framing for the Global Goal on Adaptation including a political announcement on the means of implementation for adaptation.
- Establish clear linkages for how the Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh (GlaSS) work program links to the Global Stocktake (GST) process and the Adaptation Finance Goal as a separate goal in the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG).

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