

A huge number of exciting updates from the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign at the COP27 UN Climate Talks in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

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As-salamu alaykum and greetings from Sharm El Sheikh!

We've only been here for a week but our network has seen and done so much already it feels like a year. **Below is a tl;dr summary, and below that is a not-so-short highlight reel of everything that has happened in the first week at COP27 UN Climate Talks.**

The biggest news for us **was that Tuvalu became the second nation state to call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.** They have also launched an open letter that already has close to half a million signatures. They plan on delivering this to world leaders later this week – [can you help us get to a million people calling for a Fossil Fuel Treaty by adding your name and sharing this urgent open letter?](#)

A summary of other key updates from COP27:

- The Fossil Fuel Treaty became a major talking point here in Egypt. **The UN Assistant Secretary-General Kanni Wignaraja said: "Ideas, such as a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, have energized the COP27 talks and climate policy thinking."**
- There has been **a wave of other major Fossil Fuel Treaty endorsements** including from our first Amazonian city, [Belém](#), and [first US Senator, Ed Markey](#) as well as the World Health Organization championing the Treaty in their pavilion here in Egypt.

- A global network of more than 500+ Parliamentarians held a Global Assembly during COP27 where they passed a resolution calling on nation-states to negotiate a Fossil Fuel Treaty
- **India has proposed including the 'phase down of all fossil fuels' for the final outcome at COP27**, we'll be campaigning to support and strengthen that language.



TUVALU CALLS FOR A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY AT COP27

Join Vanuatu as second nation-state supporting the proposal

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Kausea Natano, used his speech during the High-Level Segment to call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urge other nations to join them and Vanuatu in developing a framework to manage a global just transition away from coal, oil and gas!

We're working with the Prime Minister of Tuvalu on a global petition supporting their call for a Treaty which we will deliver to world leaders at the end of COP27. **It's close to half a million supporters - [can you add your name before Tuvalu delivers the open letter to other world leaders later this week?](#)**

Tuvalu's Treaty endorsement made waves on mainstream media, with many major outlets picking up stories about new developments, including coverage in The [Guardian](#), [TIME](#), [CNBC](#), [The Independent](#), [Associated Press](#) and many other outlets.



NOTABLE PERSONALITIES TAKE FOSSIL FUEL TREATY CALL TO WORLD STAGE.

From UN officials, to youth activists, to Ministers and Heads of State — the call for a Fossil Fuel Treaty has gone global.

Kanni Wignaraja, UN Assistant Secretary-General said: "Ideas, such as a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, have energized the COP27 talks and climate policy thinking."

Omnia El Omrani Youth Envoy for COP27 President said: "We need a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty – We cannot see further investment in fossil fuels which are killing our lungs and killing our dreams."

[Senator Ed Markey of Massachusetts became the first US Senator to endorse the Fossil Fuel Treaty proposal.](#) He said, "The United States cannot preach temperance from a bar stool. We cannot tell other countries what to do if we're not doing it ourselves because we all have to be all together on this issue. And that's why today, I am publicly supporting the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and the parliamentarian's call to work together on an international future for a livable future for everyone."

The official WHO statement on the eve of COP27 said: "There has also been encouraging progress on commitments to decarbonization and WHO is calling for the creation of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty that would see coal and other fossil fuels harmful to the atmosphere phased out in a just and equitable way. This would represent one of the most significant contributions to climate change mitigation."

Then on Thursday, the city of [Belém](#), Brazil, became the first Amazonian city to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and went even further in calling for the Amazon to be a "fossil fuel non proliferation zone."

The [Fossil Fuel Treaty team](#) also had a [productive meeting with the Government of Colombia](#) to discuss possibilities around fossil fuel phase-out, and we continue to hold bilateral meetings with countries as we advance our diplomatic strategy.



SO MANY EVENTS

We have also been spending time with civil society, holding **an event at the International Labor Organization's Just Transition Pavilion**, with Dean Bhebhe (PowerShift Africa), Disha Ravi (Fridays for Future India), Mark Campanale (Carbon Tracker Initiative), Patrick Rondeau (Fédération des travailleurs du Québec), Cat Abreu (Destination Zero), Fleur Ramsay (Environmental Defenders Office), and Tasneem Essop (CAN International).

Our partners at the **Indigenous Environment Network** organized **an event on the Fossil Fuel Treaty at the Climate Justice Pavilion**, while the **Laudato Si Movement** held a **side event** on their compelling and powerful film *The Letter*.

Some of the amazing young people from the Treaty youth space got together and organized **a panel on youth resistance against fossil fuels at the Climate Justice Hub**. Members of our network were also involved in putting on a variety of other **events including on the health impacts of fossil fuels at the WHO Pavilion**, and a side event to launch this year's report of the Civil Society Equity Review, [International Cooperation for a Rapid, Just and Equitable Energy Transition](#).

The **Global Day of Action Climate Justice March** saw over a thousand activists and attendees striking on UN grounds. This historic moment was the first time that a march at the UN climate conference was authorized by the UN. [People from across the world took a stand](#) to say that there can be no climate justice without human rights, and escalated calls on the Egyptian government for the immediate and unconditional release of political prisoners and in particular Alaa Abdel Fattah who has been on a thirst strike since Sunday with no proof of life being given to his family.



INTO THE WEEDS OF THE COP27 NEGOTIATIONS

Within the negotiating halls, **there have been some very important breakthroughs:**

1. **The UN High-Level Expert Group (UNHLEG) on Net Zero [recommended ending the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure](#) and beginning to dismantle it instead.** The UNHLEG further recommended embedding equity in the process, and warned against the use of offsets to meet Net Zero goals, raising serious questions about several cross-cutting issues in the negotiations.
2. **Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley has called for a [windfall profits tax on fossil fuel companies](#).** This should be connected to and help resource the Loss and Damage needs of developing countries and ensure that a fund that is fit for purpose is started here - not pushed off to future negotiations.
3. **[India actively proposed the 'phase down of all fossil fuels'](#)** in the first negotiations on the 'cover decision', which provides the political overview of the technical results of the summit. If you would like to engage your government on supporting proposals like that please see our briefing note and proposed text from allies at GGON.

There have also been some areas for concern:

4. There had been an [alarming advancement of arrangements under Article 6](#), particularly on 6.4 on **using offsets and credit mechanisms to meet NDCs**, and on Article 6.2 which undermined transparency of credit trading. This is particularly worrying given the expansive scope proposed and the modalities that had the potential to undermine Indigenous rights and the Biodiversity Convention

moratorium on geoengineering. It seems these proposals have been pushed back for now but many across the network will be vigilant on this in week 2.

5. The US made an announcement that it now wants to [conflate offset/credit purchases with 'climate finance'](#) in a move that **would be another blow to the credibility of UN negotiations and could allow fossil fuels to continue** - it's like double counting on top of double counting.
6. Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JET-Ps) shadow the COP due to **a lack of transparency, accountability, and accessibility**. While not framed as a JET-P, Egypt and US/EU have [announced a new energy partnership](#) at COP27, whereby Egypt would reduce its domestic gas consumption by 5GW, and then export 5GW of gas to Europe. In exchange, Egypt would receive 10GW worth of finance for investment in renewable energy infrastructure from Germany and other EU partners. To be a worthwhile partnership, Egypt and the EU must ensure that there is no new fossil fuel infrastructure constructed, nor any new debt created, that a just transition plan is put in place for workers at the gas utilities, and that the scheme does not double count existing efforts – if there are emissions reductions as a result of this cooperation, they should be noted in the NDCs and Article 6.8.
7. The **Mitigation Work Programme has struggled to bring in fossil fuels to the negotiations**, in a way that avoids being set up as a way of breaking the legal connection to the longstanding equity considerations that must underpin a fair fossil phase-out.
8. It was revealed that there has been a 25% increase in fossil fuel lobbyists attending this year's COP, with 636 fossil fuel lobbyists dwarfing the 502 delegates from Pacific island states. [Click here to share this alarming news.](#)

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- We will all be pushing our governments and allies to ensure ambitious language on fossil fuels is in the final COP27 outcome text.
- We will be delivering the [global petition from Tuvalu calling for a Fossil Fuel Treaty to world leaders](#) - details coming soon. Please add your name ASAP!

- Our public official side event with CIEL and War on Want at **The F Word: What To Do About Fossil Fuels**, Wednesday 16th, 18.30 - 20.00 - the perfect event to invite an interested ally to find out more about our efforts. You can even tune in live or [watch on-demand via YouTube here!](#)

Talking about the Fossil Fuel Treaty this week? Here are some useful materials: our [note on the Global Just Transition](#), our [COP27 talking points](#), and our [briefing note for governments](#)



PARLIAMENTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD CALL FOR A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY

On Saturday, at its first ever Global Assembly, the Parliamentarians' Call for a Fossil Fuel Free Future issued a declaration calling on its endorsing members to call on their nation states to negotiate a Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty.

[Read their full resolution here.](#)



REPORT LAUNCH: THREAT OF DASH FOR GAS IN AFRICA

On Saturday, we worked with the Don't Gas Africa campaign to launch a report [The Fossil Fuelled Fallacy: How the Dash for Gas in Africa will fail to deliver development](#), and held a [press conference](#).

The must-read report rebuts arguments put forward by the fossil fuel industry at COP. In fact, locked-in fossil fuel infrastructure will do very little to improve energy access and end energy poverty, create good jobs or further development in Africa.