

G20

Climate Action Checklist

G20 leaders can kick start an energy revolution based on renewables and efficiency and prevent catastrophic climate change.

Following the abysmal failure of world leaders to take bold action at the UN Copenhagen climate conference last December, time is running out to avert the worst possible effects of a warming world.

The time for world leaders to take real climate action is now: it is absolutely vital that their governments stop financing polluting oil giants such as BP who, in desperation to continue to feed our fossil fuel addiction, are wreaking ever greater havoc on our environment. Rather than prop up big oil and big coal, money should be channelled into climate protection by saving our forests, protecting developing countries from climate change and sparking an energy revolution through investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The historical responsibility for climate change lies largely with the developed G8 countries. Today, G20 countries are responsible for a large share of ongoing greenhouse gas emissions.

At the summit G20 leaders have the opportunity and responsibility to move the planet towards a green low-carbon economy.

Inaction is putting millions of peoples' lives at risk. Already, around 300,000 people die every year due to climate change. If it continues unchecked, the death toll will rise as climate change devastates economies and causes widespread species extinction.

To support negotiations toward a strong climate change deal, the G20 must collectively ensure there is international agreement on finding innovative sources of financing to help developed countries deliver their commitment to provide at least \$100 billion US dollars a year by 2020 for climate action in developing countries.

As long as G20 leaders fill the pockets of the fossil fuel industry, disasters like the BP Deepwater Horizon will continue to happen. The G20 leaders are responsible for the fate of billions of people, species and the world as we know it.

They can and must take action now.

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To be considered a success, the Seoul Summit must meet the following demands*:

*Greenpeace bases these demands on the definitive climate science in the IPCC's 4th Assessment Report (2007).

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G20 leaders must honour their promise to keep global temperature rise below 2°C. Current emission reduction pledges put us on a pathway to a world of 3°C or more, leading to climate chaos. G20 leaders must act urgently to close the gap between their commitments and what science demands. Industrialised countries must take the lead and commit to 40% reductions by 2020. Global greenhouse gas emissions need to peak by 2015 and fall close to zero by 2050.



G20 leaders must phase out subsidies to the fossil fuel industry - something they committed to last year - and commit to producing clear evidence that this is happening in time for the next G20 Summit in France.



To lead the world in building a green energy future, the **G20 must create the financial and regulatory conditions** that incentivise a green economy, and agree on the indicators and reporting mechanisms needed to monitor progress.



Developed **G20 leaders must switch priorities from subsidising fossil fuels to the fast-tracking of significant funds** so the world's poorest countries can adapt to climate change, switch to a clean energy economy and stop deforestation. This finance needs to be both *new and additional*.

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