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MEDIA BRIEFING: COP31

Time for urgent action in a world facing 1.5°C overshoot

What Greenpeace expects for COP31

Summary

Developments in 2026 have again reinforced the urgent need to cut emissions and stabilise a rapidly changing climate. The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) declared the world has passed the threshold of climate stability and was heading beyond 1.5°C, with far worse climate extremes to come. But the emissions gap is still vast and global heating could reach up to 2.8°C by 2100 if current government policies continue. These realities must not become a declaration of defeat, but become a call to action, sparking an immediate, far reaching response by political and corporate leaders to curb and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to keep the overshoot as short and low as possible.

We've also seen how climate change, compounded by the intensifying El Niño, has brought unprecedented heat and weather extremes worldwide this year, while the human tragedy of the US/Israel war on Iran has also led to a severe global energy crisis. Fossil fuel dependency has sparked "fossilflation", imposing higher bills on people globally as energy and commodity prices surged. In contrast, the war has been a goldmine for the fossil fuel giants, with six oil and gas corporations alone expected to report close to US$94 billion in combined profits in 2026.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) remains deadlocked on the timing of its Seventh Assessment Report, raising the risk the critical three-part assessment report might not be completed in time for the next global stocktake of climate action. But governments should be clearing the path for stronger action, not putting roadblocks in the way and it's critical that they have the AR7 reports at their disposal to measure collective progress and accelerate action.

The path back to 1.5°C is not only achievable, it is a necessity. Getting there, however, demands concerted action and global cooperation is needed more than ever. A rules-based global order helps us all work together to tackle the worsening global polycrisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and inequality. Action means, above all else, efforts to accelerate the just transition away from fossil fuels, the single biggest driver of the climate crisis; as well as action to end deforestation and forest degradation by 2030; and to scale public finance from developed to developing countries for climate action and nature protection, funded in a large part through progressive polluter taxation.

Greenpeace will have an active political delegation attending COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye as part of our ongoing multilateral campaign work. We will also be holding multiple visual installations and hosting a handful of press conferences both inside and outside the UN conference centre.

Experts available for commentary

- **Jasper Inventor**, Head of Delegation, Greenpeace International
- **Tracy Carty,** Climate Politics Expert, Greenpeace International
- **An Lambrechts**, Biodiversity Politics Expert, Greenpeace International
- **Rebecca Newsom,** Climate Finance Expert, Greenpeace International (week 1)

- **Koaile Monaheng,** Climate Finance Expert, Greenpeace Africa (week 2)
- **Berkan Özyer,** Director, Greenpeace Türkiye
- **Emel Türker Alpay,** Climate and Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace Türkiye
- **Dr Simon Bradshaw**, COP31 Lead and Climate Expert, Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- **Shiva Gounden,** Head of Pacific, Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- **Dr Jerry Jose,** Senior Scientist, Greenpeace International Science Unit

We can also connect you with a range of spokespeople and languages from our wide international network, including additional policy and zero-waste experts from Türkiye alongside policy specialists from the African continent, Brazil, China, South-East Asia, the UK and the European Union. Greenpeace can also put you in touch with representatives from impacted communities involved in climate litigation against the fossil fuel corporations and partner Pacific civil society groups.

Greenpeace's COP31 priorities and expectations

Greenpeace has three priority areas for COP31, focusing on concerted action to advance the just transition away from fossil fuels (JTAFF), an end to forest destruction and addressing the shortfall in climate finance for Global South countries. In particular, Greenpeace is calling for:

- **States to reaffirm and accelerate action towards the Global Stocktake energy goals:** tripling renewable energy and doubling energy efficiency by 2030 and accelerating a just, orderly and equitable transition away from fossil fuels this critical decade.

- **Countries to establish an accountability framework to achieve the 2030 forest and biodiversity targets**, including enforceable mechanisms for monitoring, transparency, accountability and remediation and common metrics and standards to protect high ecosystem integrity forests against deforestation and forest degradation.

- **Scaled-up finance to address the disastrous shortfall in climate finance** from developed to disproportionately impacted Global South countries for climate action, including through progressive polluter taxation.

Greenpeace is also calling for a global '35 by 35' electrification goal to be embedded in the COP31 outcome to scale renewable power generation as part of the transition away from fossil fuels, backed by finance, technology and capacity building support tailored to developing countries' sectoral and infrastructure needs.

Governments should also present national action and roadmaps to transition away from fossil fuels. Building on the landmark Santa Marta conference, COP31 should serve as a key milestone for governments to present national roadmaps, with developed countries taking the lead. Additionally, COP31 must also ensure that climate action and the next round of NDCs are grounded in the best available science and Indigenous knowledge to keep 1.5°C within reach.

In regards to climate finance, Greenpeace is calling for developed country governments to announce ambitious multi-year post-2025 climate finance commitments that reflect their country's fair share in delivering the US$300 billion New Collective Quantified Goal agreed at COP29 in Baku, including through progressive polluter taxation.

Policy briefings

- COP31 Priorities and Expectations
- A Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels
- Beyond Deforestation: Ecosystem Integrity and the Emerging Legal Paradigm
- An electrification goal for a fossil-free future

Media opportunities

Press resources

Greenpeace will publish media releases, reactive statements and political analysis throughout COP31. All the latest Greenpeace International press materials will be available through the Greenpeace International Press Centre and / or the Greenpeace UNFCCC WhatsApp group:

- Greenpeace International Press Centre
- Greenpeace UNFCCC WhatsApp group

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Live blog

Follow Greenpeace's live blog from COP31 for daily insights and updates into the state of play, accessible from our COP31 landing page on the Greenpeace International website:

- Live blog and COP31 landing page

Scheduled press conferences

Within the UN Blue Zone, we'll have two press conferences to start weeks one and two of COP31. Media advisories will be issued in advance and our policy experts will be available for interviews to provide insights and analysis into the COP31 negotiations.

Week 1	**Week 2**

• Monday, November 9
  ○ *Press Conference room 2 (Yunus Emre) - Area D4*
  ○ *1700-1730*
	• Monday, November 16
	  ○ *Press Conference room 2 (Yunus Emre) - Area D4*
	  ○ *1630-1700*

COP31 side event

Official Greenpeace International side event with partners
Side Event Room 7, November 10, 1500-1630

- Legal accountability and climate governance: accelerating the transition away from fossil fuels – Together with the Vanuatu government, impacted communities, ClientEarth, Environmental Defence Canada and WWF, we will explore how landmark climate cases, advances in climate science and new momentum in emerging multilateral spaces can strengthen the hand of governments to accelerate the just transition.

Pavilion events

Greenpeace Brazil event with partners
Brazilian pavilion, November 10, 1130-1230

- Calibrating the global compass: from local development to pathways for a just transition beyond fossil fuels – A joint event of the UNEP, Latin America Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action (LACLIMA) and Greenpeace Brazil.

Greenpeace Australia Pacific event with partners
Moana pavilion, November 12, 1300-1350

- The science of survival: Pacific pathways to maintaining 1.5°C – Panel dialogue on the importance of not negotiating on 1.5°C and anchoring it in science.

Greenpeace Spain and Greenpeace International event
Spanish pavilion, November 13, 1430-1530

- Join Greenpeace to discuss the development of useful criteria to evaluate the just transition away from fossil fuels through national roadmaps. Greenpeace will present the guiding principles for a JTAFF and our technical assessment guidelines.

Greenpeace Europe and Greenpeace Belgium
Benelux Pavilion, November 14, 1730-1830

- Beyond the wire: Why 35 percent electrification must mean renewables and a fossil fuel phase-out – A roundtable discussion on how to achieve that goal.

Greenpeace Africa with Power Shift Africa
Ethiopia Pavilion, November 16, 1630-1730

- Beyond Private Capital: Reclaiming Public Climate Finance on the Road to COP32 in Addis - Join Greenpeace Africa, Power Shift Africa and Tax Justice Network - Africa for a discussion around the shortfall in multilateral climate finance and the search for equitable public finance alternatives to market-based private finance approaches.



COP30 Opening Press Conference in Belém, Brazil © Marie Jacquemin / Greenpeace

Activities and visual opportunities in the Blue Zone

'Choked' - 1.5°C Installation

- Greenpeace will unveil a large 3D sculpture of 1.5°C with climate warming striped colours, placed inside a transparent display case and engulfed by fossil fuels to symbolise the looming overshoot and the need for a rapid transition away from coal, oil and gas.\

Not Fate, But Resistance - Not Coal, But Life

- Join Greenpeace Türkiye for an exhibition, in collaboration with artist Damla Sandal, of embroidered photographs and stories curated during the 'Processing Memory' workshops held with women in three cities affected by coal power plants. The exhibition showcases the women's legacy of struggle and the power of local resistance against fossil fuels.

Danger! Don't fall for fossil fuels

- An anamorphic 3D floor installation creating the illusion of a deep abyss filled with fossil fuel infrastructure, warning party delegates to avoid the risks of fossil fuel dependence and remind them of the urgent need for climate action.

The Wayfinders' Roadmap

- A photo exhibition hosted by Greenpeace Australia Pacific providing a walk through the Pacific as a living community. It is a story of a people who have navigated the greatest ocean on Earth for thousands of years and are now navigating the greatest challenge of our time: climate change and the end of fossil fuels.

Renewables Now!

- A symbolic wind turbine will be assembled by members of the international Greenpeace delegation, demonstrating the power of collective action to propel the energy transition forward. Representatives will also share inspiring stories from real-life renewable energy projects, showing that a just transition away from fossil fuels is already happening.

Arranging interviews with policy experts

Greenpeace International political experts and national campaigners will be available during the UNFCCC COP31 for interviews, background briefings and analysis. Greenpeace experts can offer analysis of the negotiations, key political debates and COP31 outcomes. For interview requests and information on available speakers, please contact the Greenpeace Media Team.

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