Key ACT Alliance messages COP27

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1. General ACT Climate Justice Messaging for COP27

Impoverished communities, women and children, Indigenous people, and migrants have historically generated a low carbon footprint. Their contribution to the climate crisis is negligible, yet they are among those most affected, making climate change a justice issue.

ACT's call for stronger climate action is rooted in the understanding that poor and vulnerable people, especially women and children in all their diversity, are being deprived of their fundamental human right to be free from hunger, extreme poverty and to be able to secure an adequate standard of living. #ACT4Climate #COP27

Governments must agree to forward-thinking climate solutions that do not increase existing social or economic injustices. They must reach out to marginalised groups including youth, migrants, women and girls and Indigenous peoples.

Climate change threatens sustainable development and puts people living in poverty at higher risk of losing their lives and livelihoods.

Limiting climate change can protect marginalised people, future generations, and all of creation from tremendous suffering.

The world needs all countries to take bold action to address, avert and minimise climate impacts and put an end to the widespread suffering and loss that communities now endure.

ACT members witness the harsh realities imposed by climate change on the most vulnerable. The protection gap for the most vulnerable is enormous and life-threatening.

Climate actions at all levels must align with limiting warming to below 1.5°C or sustainable development will remain an illusion, leaving millions of people behind.

2. Role of ACT as a Faith Based Organisation

ACT calls on governments to understand climate change as a moral and ethical problem that requires moral and ethical solutions.

Governments must use their leadership to find solutions that prioritise people, the planet, and ecosystems over profit.

We are called to care for God's creation in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable people. At #COP27 ACT Alliance will prioritise human dignity, human rights, gender justice, intergenerational justice, youth participation and migrant rights.

ACT encourages all FBOs to speak out with a prophetic voice against climate injustices and oppression.

A faith-based alliance, ACT upholds transparency and democratic and human rights principles.

COP27 must ensure that vulnerable communities can fully participate in all COPs and are respected and protected from abuse.

3. Climate Finance

Developed countries should recommit to mobilising USD 100 billion per year.

Developed countries must ensure that USD 600 billion is delivered to cover 2020 to 2025, making up for the present shortfall.

COP27 must ensure climate finance reaches grassroots communities suffering from the climate crisis.

All climate finance initiatives should consider gender, equity, human rights, migrants, and youth.

Women and girls in all their diversity are among those most affected by the climate crisis, making an intersectional gender lens in all climate projects necessary.

COP27 must recognise the role of climate change in migration, and advocate for states to expand accessible regular pathways for climate-induced migration.

The promise to double adaptation finance made at COP26 should be reiterated. These funds must be delivered in a transparent and just manner.

4. Loss and Damage

Support to loss and damage must be added to existing commitments to support mitigation and adaptation, and in addition to existing humanitarian and development aid.

Loss and damage must be fully incorporated into all future climate finance.

Human mobility due to climate change should be addressed in all adaptation and loss and damage measures.

5. Paris Agreement

Loss and damage, the third pillar of the Paris Agreement, must receive as much attention as mitigation and adaptation.

Global financial flows must align with the Paris Agreement.

Finances should flow to adaptation and loss and damage, not just mitigation.

6. Climate Ambition and Mitigation

Only a few countries have kept their COP26 promise to revisit national plans to increase their ambition to reduce emissions.

Countries must keep the 1.5 degrees C target alive by reiterating their COP26 promise to increase climate ambition.

Climate ambition can be shown through more financing to low carbon, climate-resilient development and to a just transition.

Current financing must be removed from fossil fuels.

Parties should consider ambitious emission reduction through unilateral initiatives.

7. Gender & Human Rights

Women and girls in all their diversity are among those most affected by the climate crisis.

Use intersectional gender lenses at all stages of all climate-related projects.

Climate justice depends on the equal participation of women and girls in all their diversity.

Women and girls must participate in all climate change decision-making processes using rights-based approaches.

Previous commitments to gender equity must now be included in all climate-related activities.

8. Migration

- COP27 should recognise the role of climate change in contributing to migration and require states to expand accessible regular pathways for migration.
- Developing countries will need guidance on how to access sustainable, adequate, and predictable financing to address the needs of people on the move.