

Alliance of Climate Frontline Communities



A Call for a Future Free from Discrimination, Exclusion, and Just Climate Transition

We, Climate Frontline Communities from historically oppressed background, namely Caste- oppressed communities (Dalits), Indigenous Communities, Coastal and inland fisher-folks, Pastralate communities, Maasai communities, across the world, who are at the climate frontline, bear the brunt of global warming hierarchically, while significantly contributing to global mitigation and adaptation efforts. We urge Member States, Civil Society Organisations and all relevant stakeholders participating in the Summit of the Future and working on the Pact for the Future to take decisive action. We envisage a world free from **discrimination** and **exclusion** grounded in principles of **intergenerational equity, restorative inclusion, and justice**. In such a future, individuals are treated with fairness regardless of their race, descent, geographic locations, gender, abilities, sexual orientation, or any other identity marker.

The Alliance of Climate Frontline Communities (ACFC) recognizes the "Pact for the Future" process as a significant step toward addressing global challenges through international cooperation. However, as representatives of communities that bear the unequal brunt of climate change, we would like to put forward the following perspectives, expecting that it may help and contribute to the intense discussions that take place on the topic. This

Communicate aims to highlight areas of the Pact that align with our aspirations, while identifying gaps that require urgent attention to ensure that Climate Frontline Communities (CFCs) are not only acknowledged but empowered the global discourse.

1. **Intersectional Inclusion in Global Governance**

The Pact acknowledges multilateralism and inclusive governance in isolation without recognizing how **gender, race, socioeconomic status and geography** interact to shape the lived experiences of Climate Frontline Communities. It lacks an intersectional approach. The Pact must reflect the **multiple and overlapping vulnerabilities** faced by individuals within CFCs, particularly women, children, persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ or any group that experiences compounded forms of discrimination and exclusion, which should be addressed collectively rather than in isolation.

2. **Climate Justice and Equity**

The current language of the Pact stops short of embracing a **climate justice lens**—one that centers the historical and systemic causes of climate vulnerability and prioritizes those most affected by climate change. International climate governance frameworks must explicitly acknowledge the **colonial and capitalist histories** that have disproportionately harmed CFCs. The Pact should advocate for **just compensation** for Climate Frontline Communities, who have been denied **intergenerational equity** due to unequal and oppressive social structures and the actions of industrialized nations. This compensation must be framed as **reparative justice** rather than mere aid.

3. **Meaningful Participation and Representation**

The Pact's emphasis on participation, remains unclear; how historically oppressed and excluded groups will be meaningfully engaged in decision-making and restorative inclusion processes. The Pact must devise institutionalized **formal mechanisms** for Climate Frontline Communities to represent themselves and influence decisions at the local, national and international levels.

4. **Traditional and local Knowledge and Climate Resilience**

The Pact must fully support **community-driven climate adaptation strategies** that combine **local expertise with technological innovations**. The role of CFCs as **Climate Faculties**, drawing from their lived experiences and traditional practices, should be at the forefront of climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.

While the "Pact for the Future" lays a foundation for addressing global challenges, the ACFC believes it must envisage more ambitious, **intersectional and justice-oriented actions** to recognize and protect the inalienable rights, dignity and knowledge of the Climate Frontline Communities. The Pact's commitment to sustainable development, human rights and global cooperation is commendable, but its transformative potential will only be realized when it centers the most vulnerable communities and grants them **autonomy, power and justice**.

warm regards,

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