

Pacific Island States Declare Climate Crisis

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The PIDF Leaders' Summit had representation from 10 of the 14 member states, which are most at risk to climate breakdown such as Fiji, the Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste – in addition to regional institutions such as the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO) and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

"This declaration makes clear that the current scale of the climate crisis calls for urgent action to phase out coal and other fossil fuels.," said **Fenton Lutunatabua**, Regional Managing Director of 350.org in the Pacific.

"This visionary Declaration is a testament to the will of the Pacific people who have moved their politicians to show committed actions in confronting the climate crisis."

"The collective futures of Pacific peoples depends on us being able to pushback against the fossil fuel industry fuelling this climate crisis, and towards equitable and just solutions centered on people – this is what is at the heart of this important international statement."

The Nadi Bay Declaration on the Climate Change Crisis in the Pacific was tabled to members and outlined proposed actions to urgently increase efforts to respond to the climate crisis.

It "Recognize[s] the urgent responsibility and moral obligation of fossil fuel producers to lead in putting an end to fossil fuel development and to manage the decline of existing production and the need to ensure the phase-out of coal power to achieve the Paris climate goals..."

It calls on:

- the global community to seriously take action to urgently address the warnings

of the IPCC Special Report on the dire consequences of lack of urgent actions to address climate change and sea-level rise

- all coal producers to immediately cease any new mining of coal and develop a strategy for a decadal phase-out and closure of all existing coal production;
- all parties to take immediate measures to relinquish the subsidies to fossil fuel production and use and support a transition to appropriate and affordable technologies;
- all parties to welcome the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C, and the upcoming Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate and the Special Report on Climate Change and Land by the 25th UNFCCC Conference of Parties to meet in Santiago Chile on 2-13 December 2019;
- relevant parties to the Kyoto Protocol to refrain from using 'carryover credits' as abatement for the additional Paris Agreement emissions reduction targets; [seen as a blunt political statement to the Australian Government which is considering using this accounting trick.]

Read the full declaration here: [Nadi Bay Declaration on the Climate Change Crisis in the Pacific](#)

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