



DECLARATION FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN PLATFORM FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Towards COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland

The United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) and international negotiations have failed to avoid the climate crisis and consequently the collapse of civilization. This is mainly due to the subordination of these spaces to the interests of large transnational corporations and States that are responsible for greenhouse gas emissions and that promote false climate solutions--as well as the international financial system. This is why we have recently pointed out that climate summits have literally become business summits. The COP26 in Glasgow, far from being an exception or a change in this trend, is the confirmation and deepening of dangerous false solutions to the climate crisis and the injustices that have dominated the climate negotiations. Additionally, it is accentuated by risks and restrictions associated with the COVID19 pandemic.

The media impact of the latest IPCC report poses a favorable scenario for the imposition and consolidation of false solutions. Such solutions include carbon markets, carbon capture and storage, “net zero” schemes, misnamed “Nature-Based Solutions” and energy transition plans that demand the large-scale extraction of minerals. The Paris Agreement will act as a pillar for the globalization of these proposals, which, instead of addressing the climate crisis, will worsen it.

The Paris Agreement is a de facto commercial agreement for carbon offsets and the grabbing of forests, lands and oceans, and it has nothing to do with addressing the problem of global warming. It is part of the new architecture of global governance, in which the financial system has acquired absolute powers, corporations have been enriched like never before while devastating the planet and violating rights with total impunity, and the industrialized states of the North, regardless of the consequences, impose colonial and military mechanisms at all costs.

In this new global architecture, the carbon metric is also established through the agri-food industry, the Sustainable Development Goals, and new conservation regimes, and in collusion with the financial system to deepen the indebtedness of the countries of the South.

This is why we not only support the call for the postponement of COP26, but we also call on climate justice organizations and movements to reject the legitimacy of these negotiations, which are being carried out in conditions of extreme inequality. We also call on them to demand national governments implement real and effective policies and measures to confront the structural causes and impacts of climate change. These policies and measures must be based on territorial sovereignty, local practices, cultures and economies, in decent working and living conditions, as well as in solidarity exchanges between peoples and communities.

Finally, we call on climate justice organizations and movements, as well as statements from these organizations and movements, to focus their efforts on creating solidarity, making visible and strengthening the struggles and territorial resistances that are challenging extractive projects, agribusiness, and false solutions around the world and who defend the rights of peoples and nature.

International solidarity to end capitalism!