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CLIMATE VULNERABLES' MANIFESTO FOR COP26

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Yesterday's Communique of the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) High Level Dialogue on UNFCCC COP26, following the August 2021 IPCC Assessment Report, has highlighted the alarming concern that global heating will undergo an acceleration unparalleled in human history over the coming decade as the world is locked onto warming to 1.5°C, with the already unprecedented climate impacts plainly striking communities worldwide becoming far more severe and powerful. Weeks ahead of COP26, major polluters have still failed to align their Paris Agreement NDC national emission commitments with all available efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C which requires large-scale pre-2030 action, while adaptation is under-supported, leaving vulnerable nations at the brink of survival and people all over the planet deep in harms' way. Glasgow must deliver—it may be the last chance for humanity to avert climate catastrophe.

We, Ministers and High Representatives of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) meeting in the world adaptation capital of Rotterdam, and building on the outcomes of CVF Regional Dialogues for Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific, involving 45 of the world's most climate threatened nations, resolved to call on the international community to seize the unique opportunity of COP26 and adopted the following Manifesto for what Glasgow must deliver in order to keep the planet safe and protect the most vulnerable:

- 1. COP26 must happen in-person in October-November 2021** with robust COVID-19 measures, and vulnerable developing countries need special support, facilitated access and hybrid modalities to ensure inclusive participation. This is the most important meeting for the future of the planet and it cannot wait.
- 2. We are calling for COP26 to deliver a "Climate Emergency Pact"** to rebuild confidence in international climate cooperation, accelerate adaptation and to keep 1.5°C within reach, including:
 - **Delivery Plan** for the annual US\$100 billion in climate finance for developing countries from 2020-2024 with 50:50 split of funds between adaptation and mitigation, and independent annual monitoring of implementation involving the IMF. We call on the COP26 Presidency of the United Kingdom to take full responsibility for the development of the Delivery Plan so vital to re-establishing confidence in the Paris Agreement and for supporting urgent climate action by developing nations.
 - **Annual 2030 Ambition Raising** platforms mandated for every single COP yearly until 2025, where all governments but especially the major emitting countries are urged to come forward with new ambition on adaptation and mitigation, over and above their current NDCs. Out of time, the world's government have no choice but to work year-in-year out to constantly raise ambition to accelerate adaptation to keep people safe and 1.5°C within reach.
- 3. COP26 must achieve substantial progress on loss and damage** including by fully operationalizing the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage in addition to executing existing commitments to the Warsaw International Mechanism, and mandating work for financing options to increase the level of support to frontline communities that experience loss and damage, wrecking lives, livelihoods, and communities on the frontlines of this global crisis.



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4. Finalized, robust **carbon market mechanisms** consistent with 1.5°C and providing at least 5% of proceeds for financing the urgent adaptation needs of the most vulnerable nations.

5. We have decided to form a high-level **CVF Climate Survival Leadership Group for COP26**, headed by HE A.K. Abdul Momen, the honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the incumbent CVF presidency of Bangladesh, and resolved to actively collaborate for the realization of our Manifesto for COP26 to the conclusion of Glasgow. We invite interested CVF ministers to join our initiating Group: Minister Casten Nemra of Marshall Islands, Commissioner Fekadu Beyene of Ethiopia, Minister Andrea Meza Murillo of Costa Rica, Deputy Prime Minister Eve Bazaiba Masudi of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Minister Simon Stiell of Grenada, Minister Keriako Tobiko of Kenya, Mayor Mohammed Adjei Sowah of Accra, Ghana, CVF Ambassador for Ambition President Mohamed Nasheed, CVF Presidency Special Envoy Abul Kalam Azad, and Managing Partner Professor Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of the Global Center on Adaptation.

As we mobilize for COP26 and beyond, as most climate threatened nations, we are also calling on the international community for 7 urgent and essential actions to:

1. Address the emergency of adaptation action which cannot wait: full engagement of donors and international funding support behind the AU-endorsed, GCA, African Development Bank and AAI-led **Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP)**, the most ambitious and urgently needed initiative for driving transformational adaptation action on the ground across the African continent, in addition to similar programs building on the prototype of AAP in all other vulnerable regions of Central, South and East Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific.

2. Launch an **Emergency Coalition for Climate Resilient Debt Restructuring** to harness debt servicing payments to ensure existing infrastructure of fiscally constrained vulnerable nations is rendered climate resilient and consistent with a rapid transition to 100% renewable energy, avoiding financial losses for all concerned.

3. Create at the Human Rights Council's 48th Session this September-October 2021 a **United Nations Special Rapporteur for climate change**, to complement the vital work of the Special Rapporteur on the Environment, in light of the devastating impact of the climate crisis on the fundamental human rights of the most vulnerable people on Earth, and to promote efforts to enhance protection of the rights of the most vulnerable.

4. Support and economic cooperation for the development and implementation of CVF members' national **Climate Prosperity Plans (CPPs)** to enable a strategic investment pathway for delivering robust socio-economic development optimized with maximum ambition for climate adaptation and low- or carbon neutral- development, starting with the Mujib CPP of Bangladesh, named in honor of the Father of the Nation, Shiekh Mujibur Rahman.

5. Establish the **IUCN 'Climate Crisis Commission'** at the World Conservation Congress at Marseille, France, on 3-11 September 2021 because the climate crisis is also the most significant future driver of the planetary ecological crisis and nature-based solutions will be indispensable to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

6. Stimulate transnational cultural and youth contributions to international dialogue and action to respond to the climate crisis, including "**Naat? When Is Now**. Seeding Climate Action through the Arts" which links poetry and murals reflecting on national and regional demands for climate action, and people's lived experiences of the climate crisis.

7. Mobilize enhanced action and support from the international community to address climate-driven migration and displacement, through the **Migrants4Climate** initiative, with burden sharing of rehabilitation of climate migrants or displaced people due to coastal and river erosion and other impacts of the climate crisis in most vulnerable nations.

