CAMPAIGN FOR A GLOBAL, EQUITABLE END TO FOSSIL FUELS

NON-PROLIFERATION: THE ACTION OR PRACTICE OF CURBING AN EXCESSIVE, RAPID SPREAD
What is the proposed Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT)?

The proposed Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty is inspired by the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty. 50 years ago, nations came together to face a global threat – the proliferation of nuclear weapons of mass destruction. They agreed to stop the new production of arms, reduce existing stockpiles and promote peaceful technologies via the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Today we are proposing a multilateral agreement among governments to stop the expansion of fossil fuel energy and pursue a global equitable and just transition away from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy systems.

It will signify clear commitments and timelines to one of the biggest requirements of preventing climate catastrophe - the transformation of energy systems and accompanying infrastructure and economic changes to keep global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees.

The three pillars of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty - non-proliferation, global disarmament and peaceful transition - provide a framework for the creation of a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty:

1. Don’t add to the problem (non-proliferation). End new exploration and expansion into new reserves.

2. Get rid of the existing threat (global disarmament). Phase out existing stockpiles and production in line with 1.5°C.


Why a Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty?

An unprecedented level of global cooperation and coordination is called for as the world faces Covid-19, extreme economic vulnerabilities and the climate emergency at the same time. A Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is needed to accelerate a global and equitable transition away from fossil fuels to clean, low-carbon energy and economies.

The fossil fuel industry is largely responsible for climate change with 75 percent of carbon dioxide emissions since the industrial revolution coming from burning oil, gas and coal. The sector is a big contributor to air pollution and those exposed are vulnerable to health threats such as COVID-19.
The time for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is now. Existing climate treaties, like the Paris Agreement, don’t directly address the fossil fuel industry. National governments largely turn a blind eye to the downsides of fossil fuels, instead funneling trillions of dollars into a polluting industry. The industry ignores science by planning new projects that will result in 120 percent more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption. Emissions from existing production capacity alone make it impossible to stay within that threshold.

There is no going back to the volatile, unjust and polluting ways of the past. The scale of the challenge demands a ‘moonshot’ scale effort that no country can do on its own.

A Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty offers a mechanism for governments, communities and citizens to work together to accelerate the shift to low-carbon, renewable energy while ensuring the burdens and benefits are shared with poorer countries and fossil fuel workers and communities. The Treaty will complement the existing United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by generating a mechanism and momentum for cutting production of fossil fuels directly.

**What are the gains in campaigning for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty?**

The adoption of such a Treaty will be a massive milestone in our fight for climate justice. We anticipate it will be a huge challenge for such a Treaty to be adopted by most if not all countries, but the win for the fight against climate change is not just the treaty itself. The gains we will achieve in the process of campaigning for the Treaty are also vital.

The campaign for the Treaty can serve in

1. **Strengthening and mobilizing local, national and global movement building** -- link local, national and regional actions to a common global initiative, lending global support and solidarity, amplifying local national and regional voices in global arenas.

2. **Galvanizing close collaboration and cooperation** among energy climate and environmental movements, scientists, academic communities, allies in governments and decision-making bodies, and harness the collective strength to magnify and highlight the call for a fossil fuel free future. The Campaign has thus far generated many endorsers and enlisted many members in the network.

3. **Changing the conversation** - influencing public opinion and changing public narratives, debunking mainstream arguments, engaging in and changing the policy discourse.
4. **Developing allies and mobilizing opinion makers** and who will add their voices and actions to the call for the end to fossil fuel production. One example of the Campaign’s effort on this is the [Letter from 101 Nobel Laureates](#).

5. **Cultivating climate awareness and commitment to climate action** among subnational, national and inter-governmental decision makers, agencies, and institutions and **paving the way for subnational, national and international processes** that will address the issue of fossil fuels, energy transformation and climate action.

6. **Increasing transparency** of government, industry and investor plans for production. As part of this effort, the [Global Registry of Fossil Fuel Reserves](#) is a complementary and associated initiative.

7. **Compelling governments, fossil fuel companies and investors** to align production plans with the 1.5°C goal, and **motivating local governments** to limit fossil fuels infrastructure, and

8. **Accelerating the creation of just transition plans** for workers, communities and countries most dependent on fossil fuels.

**How do you join the FFNPT Campaign?**

Organizations and individuals can signify their endorsement of the call for the Treaty and their willingness to participate in the Campaign by writing to the one of the members of the Treaty’s Steering Committee or to:

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