



# FOSSIL FUEL *NON-PROLIFERATION* TREATY

*How a big, bold **global policy demand**  
can help grow & strengthen the movement  
calling for a **fossil fuel free future***



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**GAS**



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Sylvie Ndongmo Secretary General Women's International League for Peace & Freedom

# *Fossil Fuels Fuel Conflicts*

For decades, Fossil Fuels driven **wars, violence, and instability** across the globe.

About **25–50% of inter-state wars** since 1973 are linked to fossil fuels, particularly oil.

Fossil fuels have intensified **civil wars** and **separatist movements**, especially in Global South nations.

**Latent but prominent linkages** of fossil fuel exploration, extraction, transportation and use with heightened risks of conflicts.



***Iraq's invasion to Kuwait, US invasion to Iraq or Russian invasion to Ukraine territory***

# *Fossil Fuel and Inter State Wars*

Fossil Fuels are closely linked to conflicts, with nations seeking control over oil reserves.

Prospects of market domination play a role in inter state wars and conflicts

Fossil fuel rich states compete over the supply and distribution of energy resources, in particular natural gas, to international markets

Fossil fuel revenues play a role in sustaining inter state wars and conflicts



Sudan's warring factions fight for control over oil fields. Foreign players like Russia and the UAE fuel instability to access resources.

South China Sea Dispute: China's aggressive expansion in the region is driven by the area's vast untapped fossil fuel reserves. Vietnam, the Philippines, and Malaysia resist Chinese claims, leading to increased naval militarization.

Iraq's 2003 U.S.-led invasion was heavily linked to control over its vast oil reserves. The Saudi-Iran proxy war in Yemen involves competition over energy-rich territories and trade routes. Syria's civil war saw global powers intervene due to the country's strategic oil and gas pipelines.



# *Fossil Fuels and Militarism*

Militaries globally are **heavily dependent on fossil fuels**, exempt from emissions reporting under the Paris Agreement.

Military operations contribute **5.5% of global greenhouse gas emissions**, exacerbating climate crises.

Global military spending reached an all-time high of **\$2.24 trillion in 2022**, diverting resources away from humanitarian and gender-based support initiatives.



Photo credit: Eduardo Munoz / Greenpeace

# *Russian invasion of Ukraine is financed by fossil fuel profits*

*In 2023 alone, Global witness has found that russian crude oil to the Eurpeon union has resulted in € 1.1 billion in direct tax revenues*

*These profits are enough to buy over 1200 Kalibr cruise missiles or 60000 Shahed drones, both of which have been used to bomb cities and kill civilians across Ukraine.*

*Russia seeks to allocate almost a third of its total state expenditites to the military and military industrial complex in 2024, with a 70 percent increase of national defense spending compared to 2023.*

# *Fossil Fuels–Peacetime Wartime Continuum*

- ★ Grievances from lack of benefits of fossil fuel extraction for communities lead to conflict and insecurity
- ★ Fossil Fuel presence exacerbates the likelihood of **civil wars and separatist movements**
- ★ Fossil fuels can sustain **organized crime** and extraction sites can intensify **rates of violence**.
- ★ Fossil fuel extraction has systematic negative impacts on **human security** and marginalized communities
- ★ Fossil fuel extraction has gendered impacts and fuels **gendered violence**, driving inequality and insecurity.

# ***Fossil Fuels threatens Women, Peace and Security***

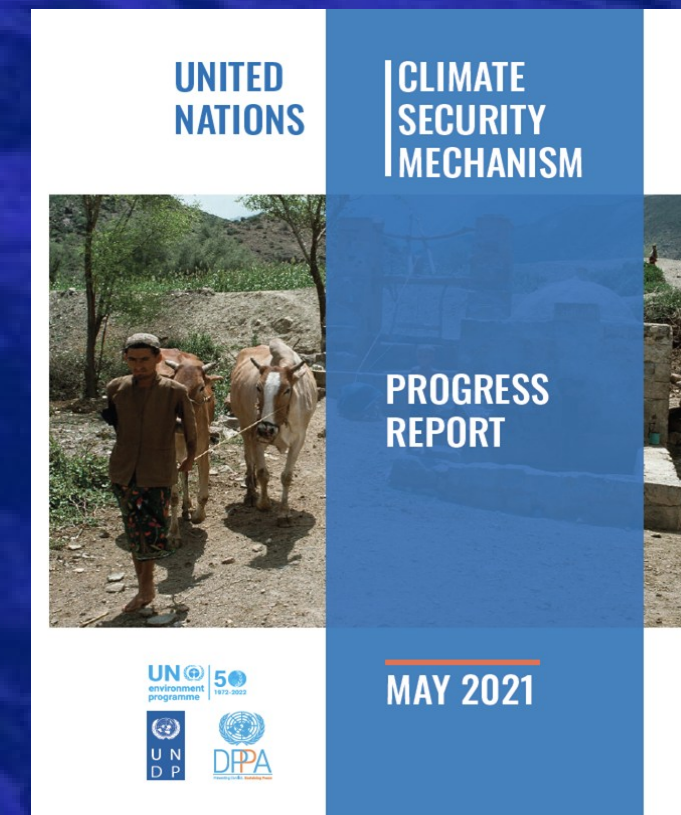
There is a historical link between **violence to the earth** and **violence to women**

Climate crisis has emerged from interlocking system of patriarchy, racism, militarism, the commodification of nature, colonialism.

The use of fossil fuels is an economic system but also a highly gendered cultural system.

The entire industry is highly masculine and the benefits flow from men to men, from workers to CEOs.

***80% of displaced populations in fossil fuel-driven conflicts are women and children***



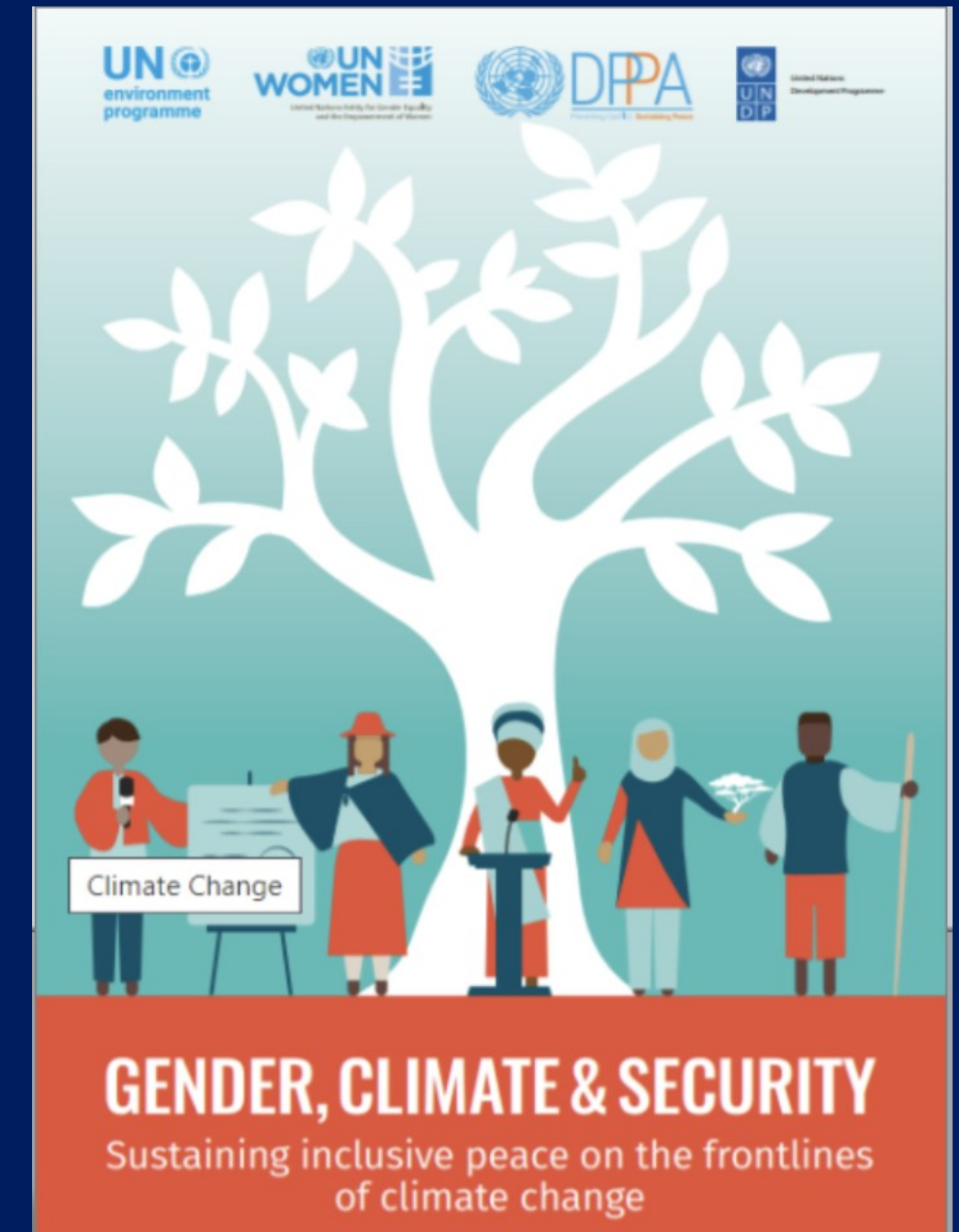
# *Why it matters?*

Fossil fuel extraction and production significantly contribute to environmental conflicts that disproportionately affect women.

Women suffer from health issues linked to pollution, such as infertility and pregnancy complications.

For example, women living near fracking sites in Pennsylvania have a 40% increased risk of preterm births

Women, particularly in conflict-affected areas, face disproportionate impacts—violence, displacement, and loss of livelihoods



# *Fossil Fuels and Gendered Violence*

About **15% of the global female population** directly impacted by armed conflicts

Women and children are particularly vulnerable during conflicts, making up **70% of civilian casualties** in certain regions like Gaza.

Fossil Fuel extraction reinforces **patriarchal norms** around the world through various avenues, exacerbating **gender inequalities** and **gender based violence**.



Photo: climatevisuals.com

# *Versions of Gendered Violence*

## Gendered Exclusion

- In regions like the Niger Delta, women and girls are excluded from decision-making processes concerning land and resources.
- Women are left out of oil spill remediation and compensation processes, which are male-dominated.



## Sexual Violence

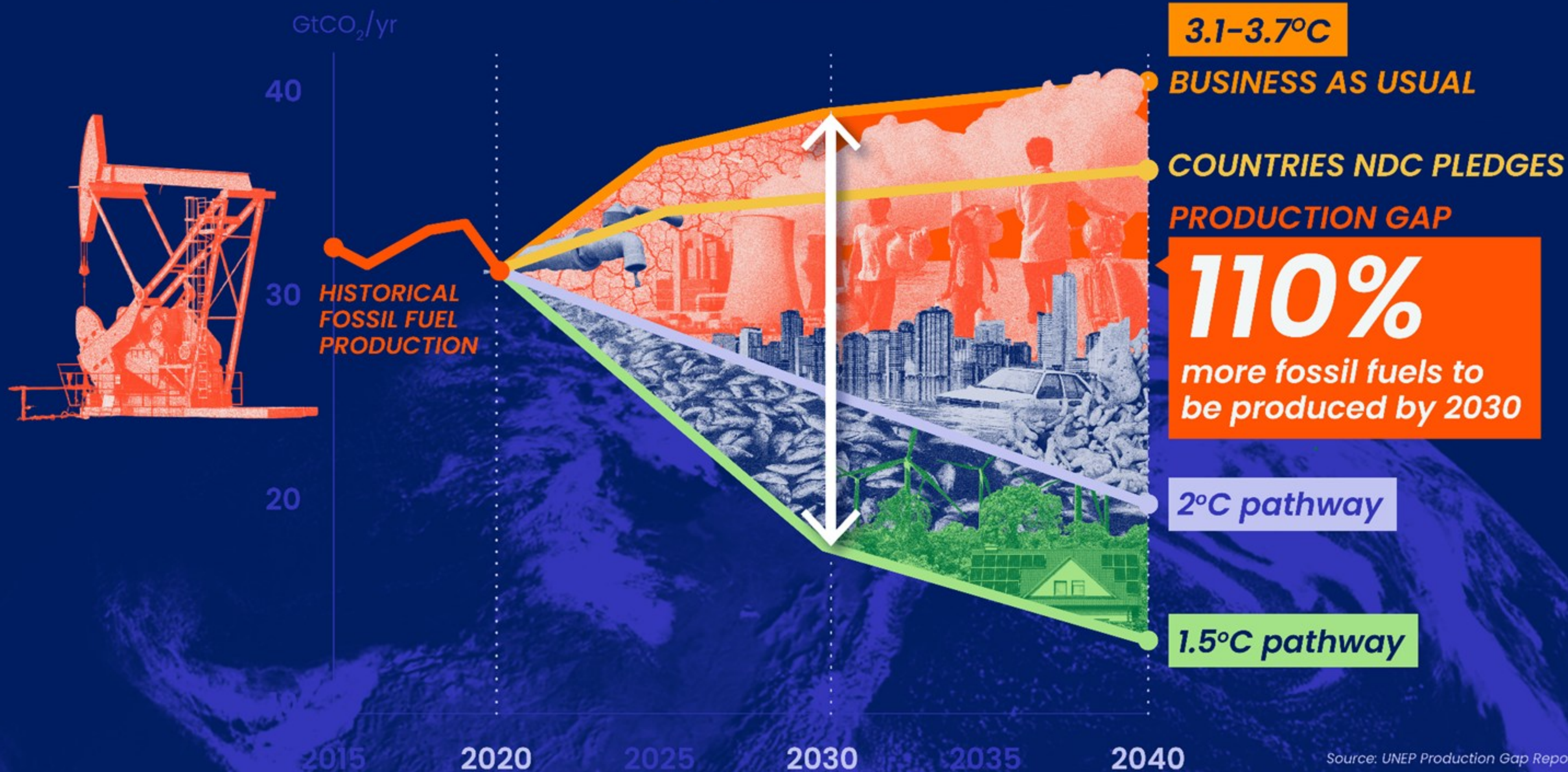
In the U.S. and Canada, "Man Camps" set up near extraction sites have been linked to increased demand for sex trafficking and violence

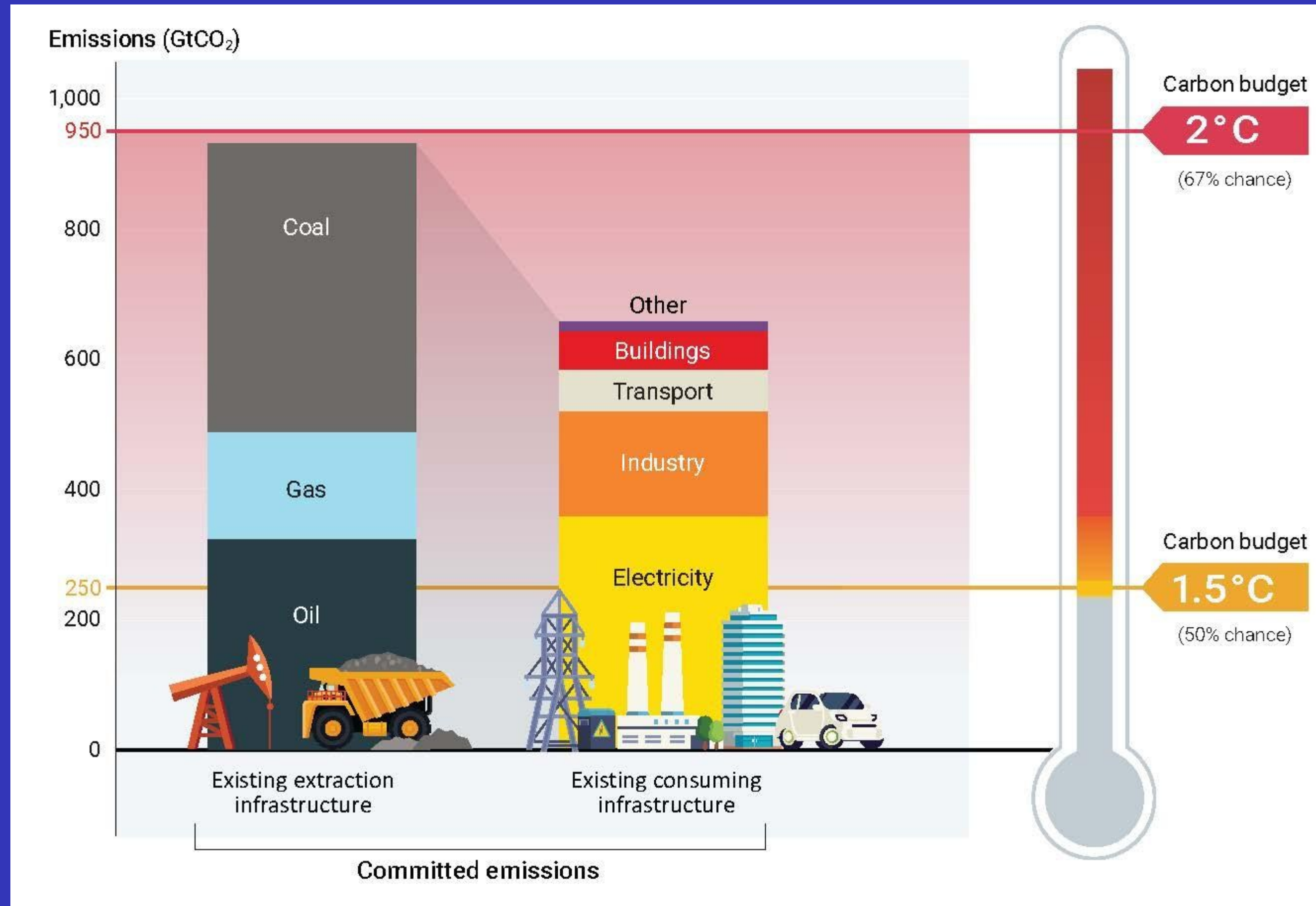
## Ecological Destruction

Fossil fuel extraction leads to ecological destruction or displacement, women bear the burden, as they are often the primary caretakers of their families.



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Source: Emissions Gap Report 2023



*There is no need for investment  
in **new fossil fuel** supply  
in our net zero pathway.*

**THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY**

*May 11, 2021*



*Investing in new fossil fuels  
infrastructure is moral  
and economic madness*

**ANTÓNIO GUTERRES**

*United Nations Secretary-General*

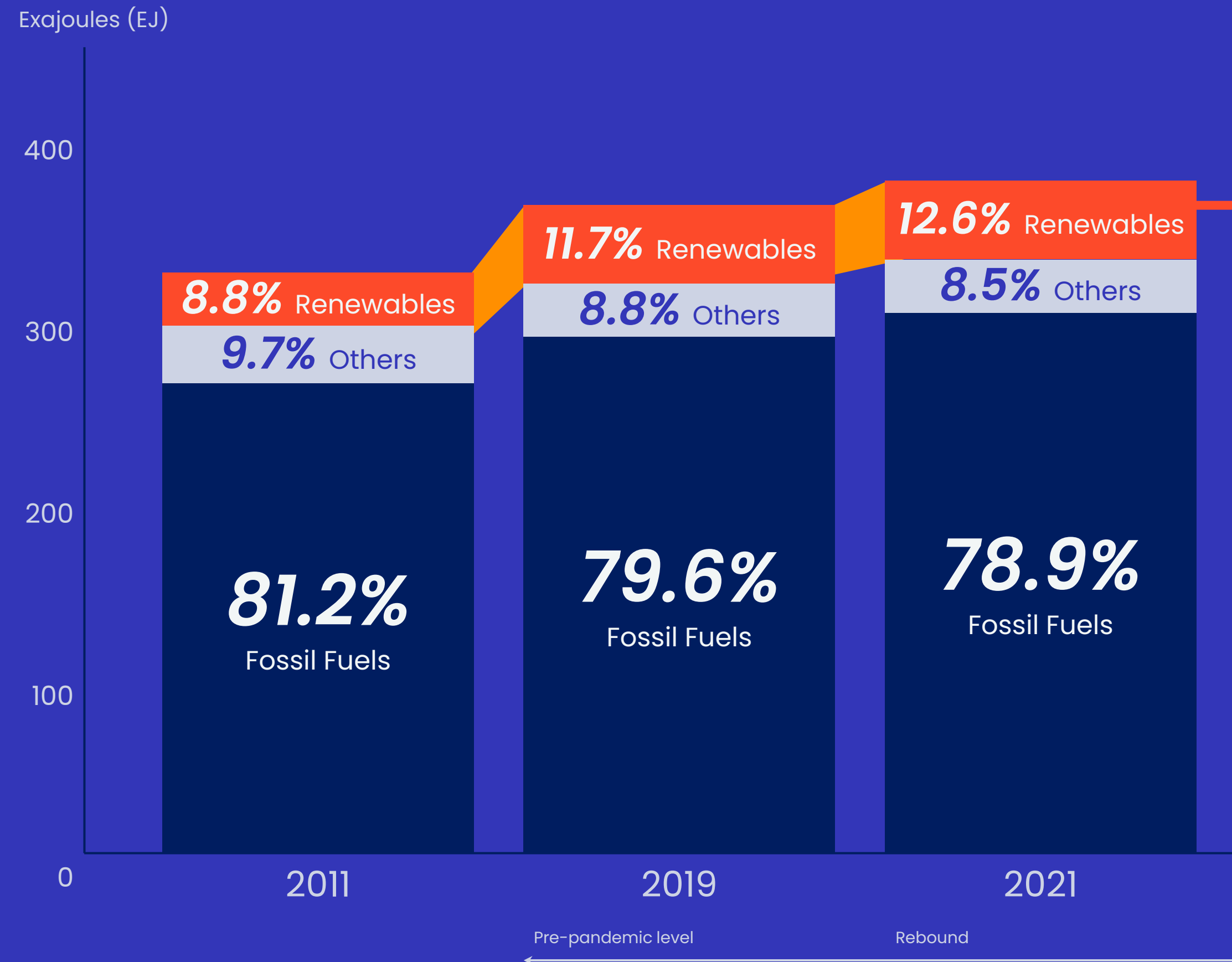


# THE PARIS AGREEMENT

*doesn't  
mention fossil  
fuels once*

After almost 30 years of climate negotiations, COP28 was the first UNFCCC meeting to explicitly call for “transitioning away from fossil fuels”, but in a weak outcome ridden with loopholes, qualifiers and dangerous distractions. The negotiations fell far short of setting a binding plan to manage and finance a global just transition and a fossil fuel phase out.

Source: REN21 – Renewable 2022 Global Status Report, based on IEA data



*Despite renewable energy investment, the share of fossil fuels in global demand has **barely changed** in the last decade*

## *No Global Agreement on Fossil Fuel Production Risks*

Every supplier wanting to squeeze out the last drop and nobody wanting to be stuck with the costs. If there is no global governance of fossil fuel production exit then:

- It makes the inevitable transition **harder**
- It creates **stranded assets** and risks **financial turmoil**
- It increases **risks to workers** and communities
- It **delays renewable energy** expansion
- It **delays economic diversification** into more sustainable sectors
- It consolidates powerful **pro-fossil fuel political constituencies**
- It increases risk of technical, economic, legal and political **lock-in**
- It increases the risk of **dangerous geo-engineering**
- It risks warming well **above 1.5°C**

# The Guardian

14 July, 2016

*Pacific islands nations consider **world's first**  
**treaty** to ban fossil fuels*



## COP26 climate deal includes historic reference to fossil fuels but doesn't meet urgency of the crisis

By [Angela Dewan](#), [Amy Cassidy](#), [Ingrid Formanek](#) and [Ivana Kottasová](#), CNN

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*As crazy as it may sound, this is the first time in the global climate negotiations that fossil fuels have been dragged center stage in 28 COPs. It's almost like we have pulled back the curtain."*

**TZEPORAH BERMAN**

*Chair of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative at NPR*

# 3 PILLARS OF A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY



## *A Just Transition*

**Help countries move their economies away from fossil fuels,** including technical and financial support for nations with less capacity to transition.



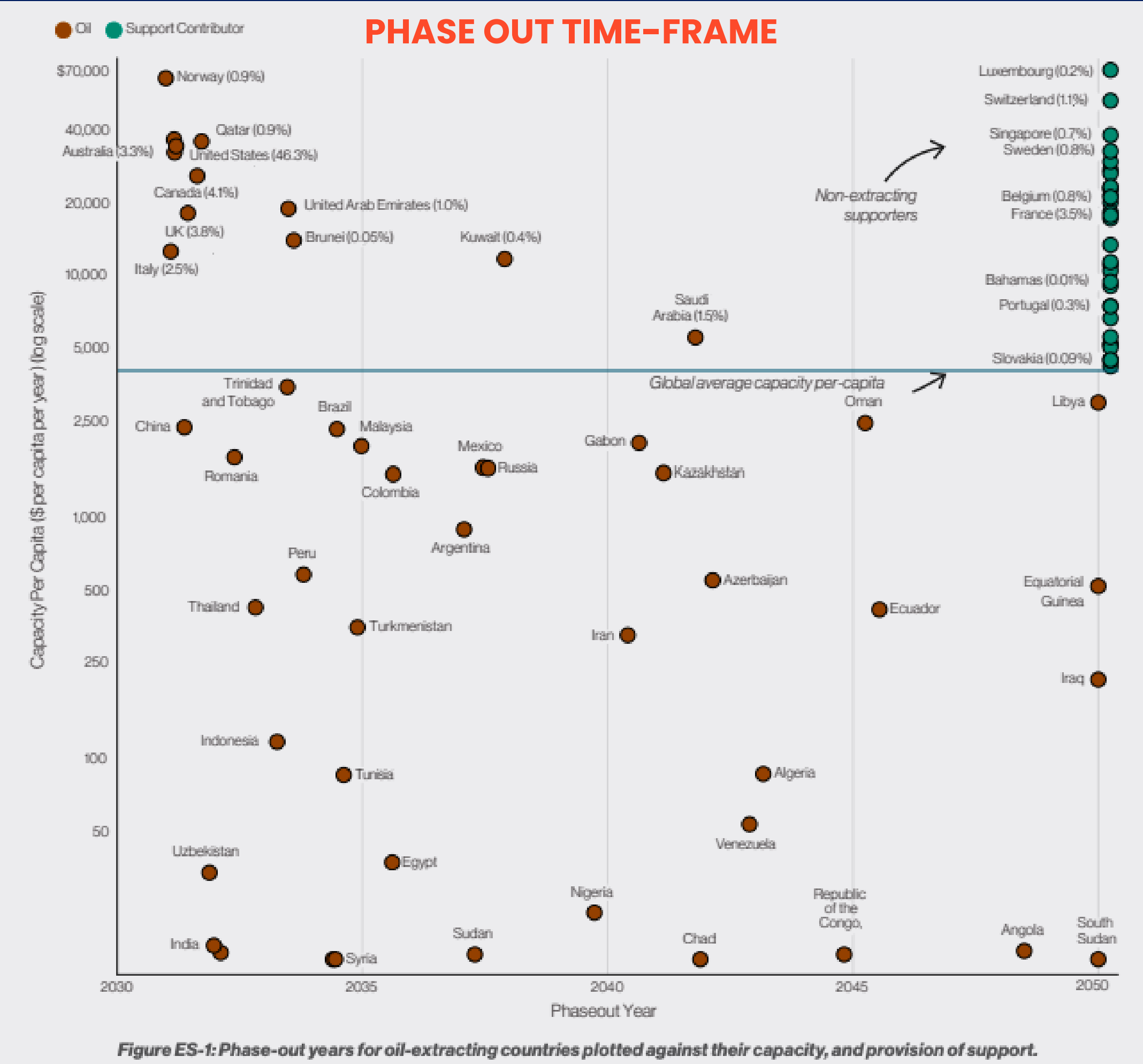
## *Non-Proliferation*

Stop making the climate crisis worse by **ending the expansion of any new coal, oil and gas production and infrastructure.**



## *A Fair Phase Out*

**Phase out existing fossil fuel production** to limit warming to below 1.5°C, with wealthy nations moving first and fastest.



# THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Countries' capacity to phase out fossil fuels, and the difficulty of their transition, varies globally.

Some countries cannot transition on their own. Others are in a position to transition fastest, or even provide support to others.

**International cooperation is essential to manage this transition in a manner that is fast and fair.**

Yet there is currently no international mechanism to manage that cooperation.



# *The Fossil Fuel Treaty: A Climate Tool for Peace*

....alleviating many of the existing and compounding impacts of the climate crisis including impacts on conflict and insecurity

....protecting communities from the plethora of negative knock on effects of fossil exploration and extraction sites that have led to violence, insecurity and conflict

....reducing inter state conflict in a world that has renewables as its main source of energy

# *Feminist Approach to Transition*

- There is a **risk of reproducing hypermasculinized trends** as we transition towards alternatives
- To avoid replacing **big oil by big renewables**, We need to re-understand and redefine the system and approach the transition in a way which promotes **care, fairness, and inclusivity**.
- No treaty alone can solve the problem; the **Fossil Fuel Treaty** offers a unique opportunity to break the business-as-usual cycle.
  - It generates momentum to disrupt fossil fuel extraction and consumption globally.
- The Fossil Fuel Treaty provides a framework to dismantle the exploitative systems of fossil fuel capitalism and patriarchal structures.
- It calls for solutions that prioritize people and the planet over profit, aiming for just transitions without leaving anyone behind.

# OTHER TREATIES AS MODELS

## 1. *Montreal Protocol*



Only **20 nations** signed the initial Vienna Convention, with a focus on production with a mechanism for support for developing countries to substitute ozone-depleting substance.

## 2. *Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*



Led by **smaller, non-nuclear states** – demonstrates ability of non-nuclear states to change global norms & create reputational pressure. Massive **global civil society movement that also built momentum** driven by endorsements from **cities and parliamentarians**.

## 3. *Mine Ban Treaty*



Massive **global civil society movement** & momentum driven by **cities** and **parliamentarians**. Pressure from NGOs was the most-cited reason states gave as to why they had ratified the treaty.

## 4. *Chemical Weapons Convention*



**Convenings of states** to facilitate international dialogue critical to success. Also created **major narrative shift** globally, showing that a world without chemical weapons was possible – but a treaty was needed to get there

## 5. *Plastics Treaty*



Currently under negotiations, offering live lessons in the coming year as the proposal progresses. A global **civil society network campaign** has been critical to get to this point, with strong public demands from from **Indigenous peoples, trade unions, and scientists**.

# 5 PHASES TOWARDS A FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

## Building the movement



- **Grow campaign**, build support for the demand, engaging the public, key movements, civil society and media
- **Enlist champions** – celebrities, scientists, faith leaders, Nobel Laureates, health leaders etc
- Expand **research** & evidence base
- **Stigmatise** fossil fuels as weapons of mass destruction
- Design Treaty **principles**

## Building political buy in



- Support from **first mover countries** (currently a bloc of 12) + **UN agencies** (WHO, UNSG)
- Build consensus in **regional groupings**. Pacific Islands Forum, Nordic Council, AOSIS, CARICOM
- **Convene governments** in high-level dialogues. Stockholm+50, COP27, COP28, UNGA
- Use **existing fora** to put on political radar. UNGA, UNFCCC, BOGA, UNEA
- **Domestic pressure** via call from cities, subnationals, MPs

## Formalising the multilateral process



- **Convene** working group of diplomats, e.g. 'Friends of the Treaty'
- **UN Resolutions** on the topic of fossil fuels
- **UN outputs** calling for governance of fossil fuels, UNSG Report, HLAB on Effective Multilateralism
- Securing **formal negotiating** mandate inside or outside UN

## Negotiating the Treaty



- **Negotiations** likely several multi-week meetings over 12-24 months
- **Advise** countries inside & **campaign** from outside to on appropriate text
- **Ensure Treaty is ambitious enough**, meets 3 pillars and principles
- **Ratification** of a Treaty on fossil fuels

## Hold countries to account



- **Monitor progress** of three pillars, including via a Global Registry of Fossil Fuels
- **Keep up pressure** to ensure countries meet their obligations under the Treaty
- **Campaign** for more countries to become members
- **Work with all countries** in meetings + negotiations of Treaty bodies

*Publicly supported by* **16** *nation states*



Republic of  
Vanuatu



Tuvalu



Kingdom of  
Tonga



Republic of Niue



Republic of  
Palau



Republic of Colombia



Republic of the  
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The Solomon  
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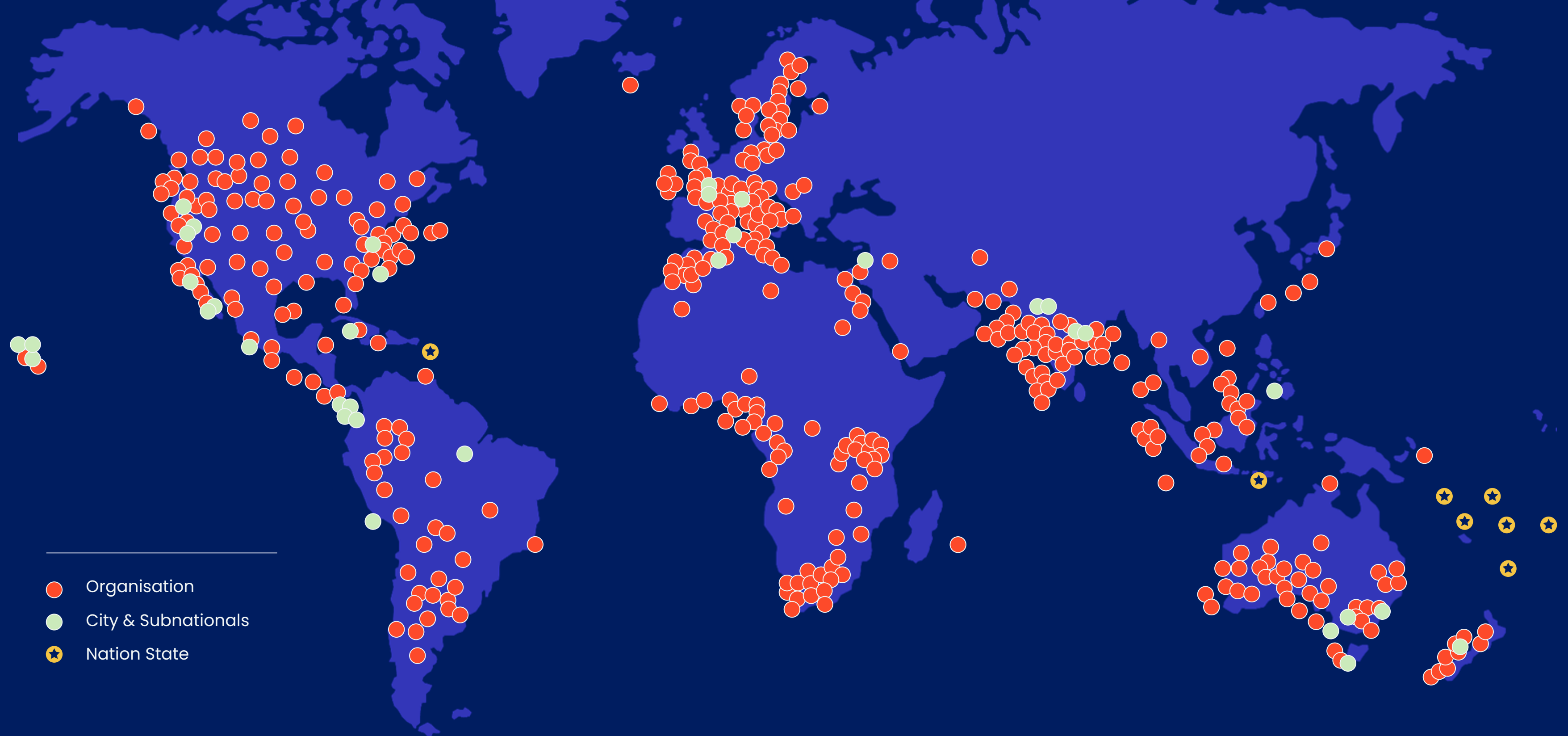


Independent State  
of Samoa



Republic of Nauru

*Endorsed by **3,700+** civil society organisations,  
institutions & businesses, from **118** countries*



# *The Fossil Fuel Treaty proposal has been endorsed by*



**3,700+**

civil society  
organisations,  
institutions  
& businesses



**10**

Indigenous  
nations



**127**

cities &  
subnational  
governments



**932k+**

individuals



**800**

parliamentarians



**3000+**

scientists,  
academics &  
researchers



**25**

banks from the  
Global Alliance for  
Banking on Values

BRIEFINGS

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**BRIEFING FOR POLICYMAKERS**

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**AMAZON: THE FIRST FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION ZONE**

**WHAT IS THE FOSSIL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY?**

A **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** is a new bold initiative that would provide a common international framework to manage fossil fuel production with the aims of:

- Non-Proliferation** Stop expansion of any new coal, oil and gas.
- A Fair Phase-Out** of existing production in line with 1.5 °C.
- Just Transition** Support and sufficiently finance a global shift to renewable energy where no worker, community or country is left behind.

**WHY DO WE NEED A TREATY??**

Coal, oil and gas are responsible for 88% of carbon emissions in the last decade. They are a threat to the global economy, health, peace and climate. Yet, world governments plan to produce more than double the amount of fossil fuels by 2030, compared to what would be needed to avoid exceeding the 1.5°C temperature goal. Scientists have been warning for decades about the catastrophic results on the climate if the world reaches average temperatures above 1.5°C, and that only the most drastic cuts in carbon emissions from now would help prevent an even greater environmental disaster.

Despite all these warnings and impacts, the threat of fossil fuels is still not being addressed in international forums, and governments still refuse to tackle fossil fuel production. This is why a new international legal mechanism explicitly dedicated to ending fossil fuels is urgently needed. A Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty would complement the Paris Agreement by tackling the biggest contributor to climate change – coal, oil and gas – at the source.

Extraction zones become sacrifice zones. Ecosystems and communities suffer direct consequences including to their health, affecting particularly the younger generation. These communities are frequently not even consulted.

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**FUELLING FAILURE**

How coal, oil and gas sabotage all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals

Freddie Daley & Charlie Lawrie, University of Sussex

POLICY BRIEF

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Produced by **Aakanksha Sharma**

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Freddie Daley, University of Sussex and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative

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Treat fossil fuels like nukes. Endorse a new  
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treaty as UN meeting kicks off

Los Angeles first city in the US to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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**Sydney unanimously endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

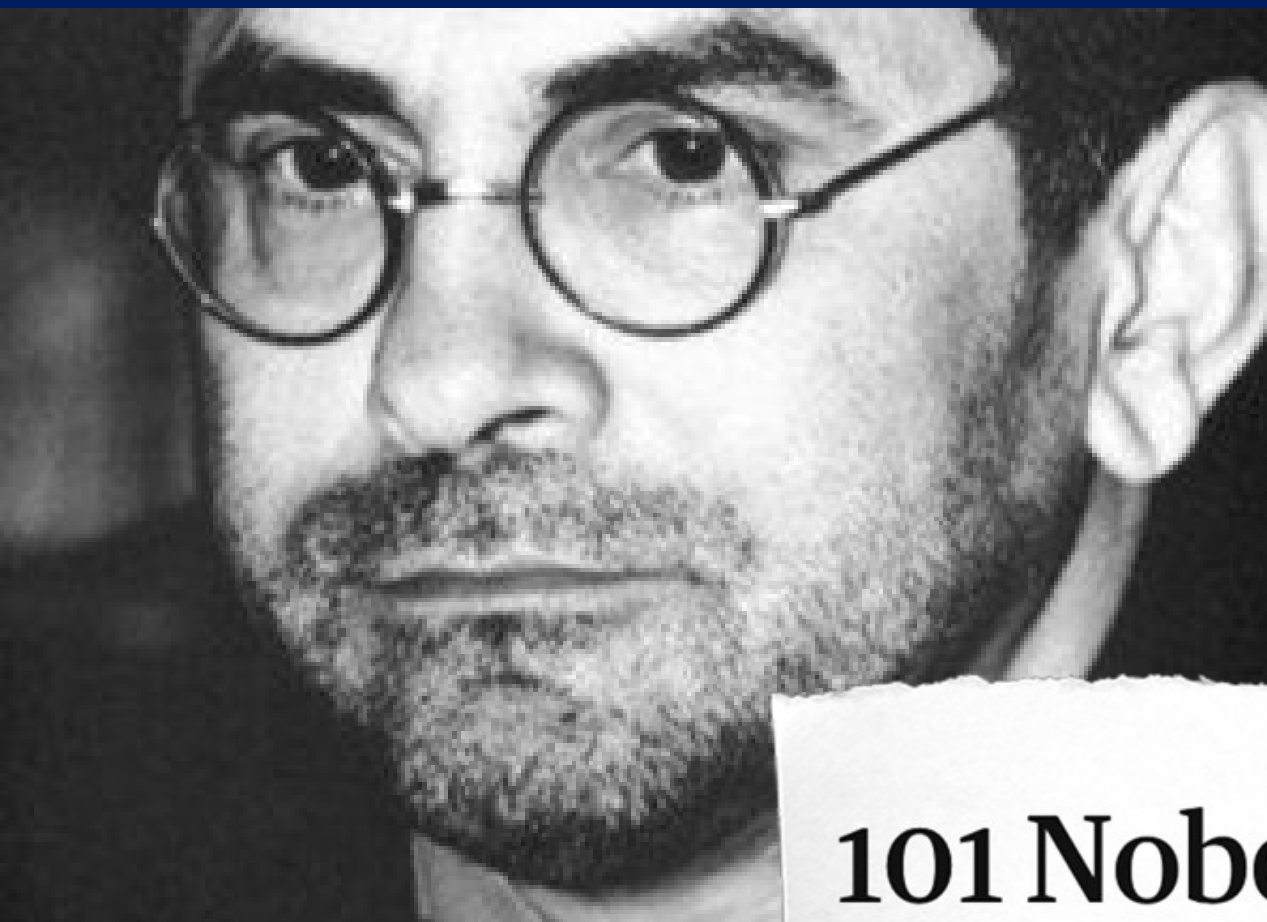
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Vancouver first city in the world to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

**Kolkata becomes first Indian city to join global treaty to phase out fossil fuel**

Barcelona just endorsed a treaty to end fossil fuels

**Toronto Endorses Fossil Non-Proliferation Treaty**



**101 Nobel laureates call for global fossil  
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# VATICAN CARDINALS

*and 420+ other faith institutions  
in over 55 countries have called for negotiation of a  
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*



*14 September, 2022*



**World Health  
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*WHO joined global call for a binding treaty to end  
'self-sabotage' of addiction to fossil fuels*

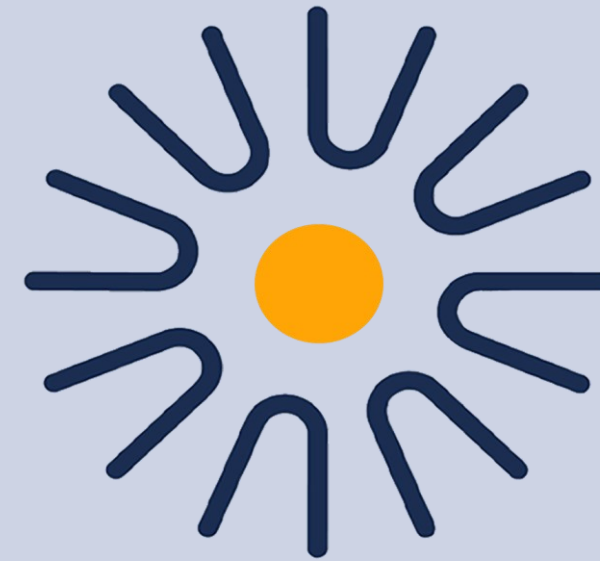
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# *YOUTH ACTIVISTS*

*launched call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*



*12 November, 2022*



**PARLIAMENTARIANS' CALL**  
**FOR A FOSSIL FUEL FREE FUTURE**

*660+ nationally elected officials  
from more than 84 countries*

**COP27**  
**SHARM EL-SHEIKH**

*1 September, 2023*

# *STATE of CALIFORNIA*

*formally endorsed the proposed  
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*



*22 April, 2024*

*A group of seventeen leading banks from the*

# **GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR BANKING ON VALUES**

*endorsed the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*

GLOBAL  
2024

*25 September, 2024*

# ***Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon***

*called on governments to negotiate a  
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*















# WHAT CAN YOU DO?



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Promote the Treaty concept  
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Join a constituency-specific  
**tactic** – active statements calling  
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[Call on cities & subnational  
governments](#) in your region to  
endorse



Invite nationally-elected officials  
to join the [Parliamentarians for a  
Fossil Fuel Free Future](#)



**Call on your national government**  
to formally join the club of  
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