

The future we want

Nordic Youth's demands for Nordic Climate Action

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This is a joint letter from Nordic youth organizations to Nordic politicians delivered at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh.

You, the politicians of today, are deciding what *our* future will look like. This is the critical decade for climate action, thus we must act fast and we must act now. That is why we want to decide *with* you today; these decisions will directly impact our future and the future of our children so we must have a say in them.

We have several expectations for our future that we hope you will do your very best to achieve: that we and our children are able to live good lives in a green and just Nordic region; that we have reached the carbon neutrality goal at the latest by 2050; that Nordic countries contribute their fair share of climate finance; and that we are able to handle and help others with the losses and damages due to climate change in a planned, just manner. There is no climate justice without global social justice.

We want to remind you of our previous letter we presented to Nordic politicians at COP25 in Madrid. Although it was presented three years ago, it is unfortunately just as relevant today. There we recited a statement from the declaration [“Our Vision 2030”](#) by the Nordic prime ministers and the Nordic Council saying: “We in the Nordic countries – Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland – are determined *to lead the way* and find good solutions for the future. We listen to our young people and we agree with them that the time has come for concrete climate action.” This declaration is very uplifting, and it is also a promise to the younger generations. It shows the willingness of the Nordic countries to take the lead into the future, which again can inspire and influence the rest of the world. In this very critical decade, we need you to lead the way faster and with more determination. The way to the future we want and need must already start today.

These are some of the critical actions that need to be taken to get us to that future we want.

The Nordic youth have the following demands:

1. The Nordic countries must stop looking for fossil fuels and start to phase out all fossil fuel production in all of the Nordic countries. They must also stop subsidizing and investing in the fossil fuel industry and subsidize and invest in fossil free energy instead. Adequate, science based target for reducing consumption based emissions also need to be set.
2. The Nordic countries must increase their climate finance to the Global South, and the funding needs to be new and additional. Finance for mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage is critically needed.
3. The Nordic countries need to lead by example and take action in Sharm El Sheik and beyond to promote global cooperation and real climate action.



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