



ENGLISH VERSION

This document arises in the context of the First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels, held in Santa Marta, Colombia, in April 2026. Taking into account the three pillars of the conference—Overcoming economic dependence; Transforming supply and demand; and International cooperation and multilateralism—these contributions were developed based on the understanding that these pillars are deeply interconnected.

From the perspective of the organizations that make up the Ecumenical, Interreligious, and Eco-Spiritualities Coalition, there is a common approach that recognizes the need for a comprehensive and systemic view of reality, whose principles inspire the arguments presented in this document. Building on this collective convergence, and following numerous dialogues, presentations, and testimonies, we have come to the understanding that a Transition process away from fossil fuels must take into account all the aspects detailed here in order to be just, inclusive, transparent, and based on solidarity.

Faith communities and spiritual traditions around the world represent millions of people across borders, so our decisions have a significant political impact; therefore, we want to harness this strength to unite around the following vision, demands, and commitments:

1. We have inherited from our ancestors a living Earth, populated by deeply interconnected beings—minerals, plants, animals, and people—that are in crisis or facing mass extinction. For centuries, concentrated powers have unjustly used the levers of states, religion, colonialism, racism, patriarchy, militarism, and economic extractivism to divide and conquer the peoples of every continent, as well as to extract and hoard wealth through the exploitation of people and nature. Fossil fuels—part of the living Earth’s mineral heritage and overexploited for just over a century—are now at the heart of the existential crisis facing all interconnected beings.
2. We recognize that the climate crisis facing the planet is not only an environmental problem, but also a profound spiritual, ethical, and moral crisis, demanding not only economic restructuring but also cultural transformation. The current context of wars over fossil fuels and the increasingly visible profound psychological effects

on society make it clear that the Transition is non-negotiable, urgent, and vital for peace.

3. From this conviction, we affirm that in addition to technical adjustments and agreements between governments, the Just Transition seeks to transform the way we relate to Earth and to one another. Earth is a sacred gift that must be cared for with responsibility, love for all creatures, and a commitment to the world's future generations. We emphasize that this crisis reflects a profound disconnection from the wisdom of Earth and from one another; and that the response must be a practice of active compassion, responsibility, and collective wisdom.
4. We recognize that this disconnection has sometimes stemmed from narratives and beliefs within faith communities themselves; undermining the urgent and comprehensive climate action the world needs and perpetuating injustice. Recognizing the integrity of the cries of Earth and of vulnerable communities is part of an ethical and spiritual duty. We affirm that climate misinformation is not neutral: it undermines urgent action and perpetuates injustice, so the integrity of information is essential both within and outside of faith communities and spiritualities.
5. We recognize that true transformation begins in the human heart and in connection with the community. Without this inner, cultural, and spiritual conversion, no policy will be enough. This change requires pedagogical processes, holistic education, and ecological formation—starting within faith communities—that allow us to transform our ways of life and rebuild the fabric of life in harmony with Earth as a whole.
6. The transition beyond fossil fuels is a courageous moral action. We commit to continuing to transform our religious and ethical narratives beyond anthropocentric visions and hierarchical positions; we will continue working to promote an ethics of relationality and an eco-spirituality that celebrates the sacredness of life on Earth, reconciliation among religions and peoples; and the strengthening of community initiatives and collective rights, to contribute to a holistic, solidarity-based, and people-centered transition.
7. We recognize the ancestral wisdom of Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, and other traditional peoples of the Global South and North as a fundamental guide.

Therefore, we call for collaborative, democratic processes and fair, transparent financing mechanisms oriented toward historical reparations and the care of their territories. We also demand immediate measures to guarantee the protection of socio-environmental rights defenders.

8. Structural inequalities deepen existing injustices; therefore, a transition must work to address them, placing life, human dignity, and the integrity of ecosystems at the center. There is no climate justice without social justice. To deny this is to accelerate the impacts of the climate crisis that are already disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable communities. The inclusion of all parties in the process ensures solidarity and transparency. It is imperative that these vulnerable communities be active participants in the decision-making process. Recognizing their central role and particular vulnerability to the climate crisis, children and youth—who are frequently overlooked in these processes—must be considered and addressed in any decision-making process. Similarly, women must be at the center of the debate, specifically those of African descent, Indigenous women, rural women, and women from traditional or peripheral communities.
9. We denounce the plight of millions of people who are forced to leave their homes and territories due to the effects of the climate crisis. Mitigation, adaptation, and financing efforts to address loss and damage are urgently needed to tackle the multifaceted impacts of climate-induced migration and forced displacement, which continue to rise worldwide.
10. We call for absolute respect for the sovereignty of peoples, vigorously rejecting the arms race and the use of force to secure energy sources. Excessive military spending must be redirected toward causes that benefit the environment and life. We call on all States, institutions, and communities to identify and dismantle militarism, which causes immense suffering and is incompatible with harmony and environmental stewardship.
11. We point out that changing the energy source without transforming the power structure is a “paper transition,” which continues to sacrifice territories in the name of progress; it masks the collapse of ecosystems and creates new victims. The use of the same tools of dispossession, driven by the Global North, only perpetuates capitalism, biodiversity loss, colonialism, extractivism, and overconsumption, turning into false solutions.

12. We propose overcoming economic dependence by healing the ecological debt of the Global North and the oligarchies; by promoting care economies in which all people live with what is just, have decent work and vocations that sustain prosperous communities, and provide all beings with the opportunity to express themselves fully; strengthening international cooperation through a pact with life based on justice, interdependence, democracy, and the dignity of peoples. For this reason, we demand divestment from fossil fuels and investment in comprehensive development based on '*buen vivir*' (community well being) and the common good.
13. We demand an end to the conditions that impose austerity measures, privatizations, and the surrender of common goods as collateral for payments to interests that do not serve our peoples. We can no longer accept that external debts become mechanisms of pressure that dictate our sovereign decisions and the fate of our territories.
14. We reaffirm our commitment to accompany these processes with active hope, resisting through the ethics of care and concrete action, promoting a comprehensive transformation that does not merely swap one energy source for another, but rather transforms the very system of life, remembering that another way of relating to the world is still possible and indispensable. We call upon States, institutions, and society as a whole to act with courage, consistency, and urgency.

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