

Dichiarazione dei leader cattolici dei paesi del G20 per consegnare i combustibili fossili alla storia

"Gli investimenti nei combustibili fossili continuano a crescere, anche se gli scienziati ci dicono che i combustibili fossili dovrebbero rimanere sottoterra... Continuiamo su vecchie strade perché siamo intrappolati dalla nostra contabilità difettosa e dalla corruzione degli interessi costituiti. Consideriamo ancora come profitto ciò che minaccia la nostra stessa sopravvivenza. "

(Papa Francesco nel messaggio ai Ministri delle Finanze "Cambiamento Climatico e la nuova evidenza dalla scienza e per la politica" del 27 Maggio 2019)

Le voci delle comunità con cui lavoriamo risuonano. Il cambiamento climatico è una realtà presente che sta colpendo i nostri fratelli e sorelle in tutto il mondo, in particolare quelli delle comunità povere e vulnerabili al clima che meno hanno contribuito a questo problema. Vediamo siccità e inondazioni sempre più gravi e frequenti, perdita di raccolti e distruzione di terreni. Non possiamo e non dobbiamo essere indifferenti di fronte a tale sofferenza e ingiustizia.

La scienza è chiara. Il mondo ha bisogno di mantenere i combustibili fossili nel terreno se vogliamo limitare il riscaldamento globale ad un aumento della temperatura inferiore a 1,5 gradi entro la fine del 2030.

Chiediamo quindi ai nostri governi di partecipare alle riunioni del G20 di ottobre per consegnare i combustibili fossili alla storia:

1. Fermando ogni nuovo sviluppo di carbone, petrolio e gas nei nostri paesi.
2. Mettendo immediatamente fine a tutti i finanziamenti dei combustibili fossili - compresi carbone, petrolio e gas - all'estero.
3. Aumentando massicciamente gli investimenti in forme di energia pulita e sicura come l'energia eolica e solare, che danno priorità all'accesso all'energia per le comunità più povere.
4. Mantenendo le promesse di stanziare finanziamenti per il clima a sostegno delle comunità già colpite dagli impatti del cambiamento climatico.

Il nostro dovere morale è indiscutibile. Le economie avanzate devono agire per prime per affrontare il cambiamento climatico e devono agire rapidamente per proteggere le generazioni presenti e future e la nostra casa comune. Dobbiamo affrontare la nostra responsabilità storica e agire con giustizia, stando in solidarietà con le nostre sorelle e fratelli nei nostri paesi e in tutto il mondo.

Dobbiamo agire ora. Non abbiamo il lusso di avere tempo a disposizione.

Firmato (Vescovi e capi delle comunità religiose dei paesi del G20, vedi lista a seguito della versione in inglese)

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Statement by Catholic leaders in G20 Countries on Consigning Fossil Fuels to History

“Investments in fossil fuels continue to rise, even though scientists tell us that fossil fuels should remain underground... We continue along old paths because we are trapped by our faulty accounting and by the corruption of vested interests. We still reckon as profit what threatens our very survival.”¹ (Pope Francis)

The voices from the communities we work with are ringing out. Climate change is a present reality that is affecting our brothers and sisters around the world, particularly those in poor and climate vulnerable communities who have contributed to this issue the least. We see increasingly severe and frequent droughts and floods, loss of crops, and destruction of land. We cannot and must not be quiet in the face of such suffering and injustice.

The science is clear. The world needs to keep fossil fuels in the ground if we are to limit global warming to a below 1.5 degrees temperature rise by the end of 2030.

We therefore call on our governments to use the G20 meetings in October to consign fossil fuels to history by:

1. Stopping any new developments of coal, oil and gas within our own countries.
2. Immediately ending all funding of fossil fuels – including coal, oil and gas – abroad.
3. Massively scaling up investments in clean and safe forms of energy such as wind and solar power, that prioritise energy access for the poorest communities.
4. Making good on promises to provide climate finance to support communities already affected by the impacts of climate change.

Our moral duty is unquestionable. Advanced economies must act first to tackle climate change and must act quickly to protect current and future generations and our common home. We must face our historic responsibility and act with justice, standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in our own countries and around the world.

We need to act now. We do not have the luxury of time on our side.

Signed (Bishops and Heads of Religious Communities in G20 countries)

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¹ Climate Change and New Evidence from Science, Engineering, And Policy”, Meeting with Finance Ministers from Various Nations, 27 May 2019, Rome.

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