



EFTA CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN 2021

CONCEPT PAPER

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Caused by an economic system based on the overuse of natural resources, the climate crisis is also exacerbating global inequalities: those who are least responsible for it - the populations of the Global South - are the most affected by its consequences.

More than a purely environmental issue, the climate crisis is thus also an ethical and political issue, that cannot be solved without changing the fundamentals of the global economic system. The response to the crisis should be built on the key principle of Climate Justice.

Pursuing Climate Justice means making the ecological transition fairer: on top of acting on the causes of the crisis (such as the carbon emissions), we need to re-balance the distribution of its consequences.

The task of policy makers, governments and civil society is to re-define how we treat each other and the resources of our Planet: how we produce and consume, move around, which technologies we give priority to; and – definitely - how we trade goods. Reducing poverty and inequalities are necessary steps to reduce unsustainable practices.

Fair Trade is contributing to the solution, by giving the means to small scale producers to adopt environmental-friendly practices, and to become more resilient facing the effects of the climate crisis. Over the last 40 years, millions of consumers have been supporting our alternative trading model, and helped us to build more balanced supply chains.

Our partners in the Global South are increasingly taking a variety of measures to counter-act the crisis and to contribute to climate protection. Yet, the magnitude of the climate emergency now requires us all to renew our call for a fairer economic system. We need committed consumers and citizens; we need responsible companies; and we need courageous political decision-makers to enable the path to a future in which the protection of natural resources goes along with the reduction of global inequalities.

Join us to set the course for an ecological transition based on solidarity, fairness and respect for human rights. Let's together build a future which is both Planet-friendly and socially just.

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