

# ***LET'S BE PARTNERS***

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# OUR **DECADE** OF **AMBITION!**

## COP 25 triggers the countdown to achieving 1.5°C

The IPCC's trifecta of Special Reports confirm the urgency of addressing climate change.

- **1.5°C (2018)**
- **Oceans and Cryosphere (SROCC, 2019)**
- **Climate Change and Land (SRCCL, 2019)**

These reports make the irrefutable case for the 2020s to be a landmark decade of uncompromising global action.

The future of our world, especially for small island and low-lying coastal developing states, depends on bolder national plans and decisive action to hold global temperature rise well below 1.5°C.

While every COP is an opportunity to raise ambition, the rapidly narrowing window of opportunity to act means COP 25 must trigger our "Decade of Ambition."

COP 25 is our opportunity to raise ambition and mobilize action consistent with our fight for a viable 1.5-degree world.

Let us seize this opportunity to make COP 25 a springboard for heightened global ambition and decisive action in 2020 and beyond.

Our Decade of Ambition will be a partnership success story that secures our climate legacy. Together, we can rise to the challenges imposed by the climate emergency and thrive!

## Our Decade of Ambition must:

- 1 **Close the mitigation gap to safeguard the Paris goal of achieving 1.5°C**
- 2 **Enhance action and support for Loss & Damage through a fit-for-purpose Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss & Damage**
- 3 **Fulfill the climate finance pledge of US\$100B per year by 2020 & ambitious replenishment of the Green Climate Fund**
- 4 **Deliver a new climate finance goal that reflects our ambition for a 1.5°C world**
- 5 **Guarantee robust guidance and rules on markets under Article 6 that:**
  - *Moves beyond the zero-sum game of pure offsetting*
  - *Fosters ambition*
  - *Ensures environmental integrity; and*
  - *Deliver overall reduction in global emissions*

## OUR CASE FOR ACTION

The SROCC adds a whole new dimension to our view of the climate crisis and our climate legacy. Our actions are undermining the future of our blue planet for generations to come through:

Dwindling carbon budget due to continued greenhouse gas emissions



Accelerating sea level rise, melting glaciers, polar ice sheets and permafrost soils



Intensification of extreme events, from marine heat waves to tropical cyclones, that could imperil the very existence of ecosystems and whole societies



## If we do not act decisively now to limit global warming to 1.5°C

We will lose all tropical coral reefs, other unique and precious ecosystems, and the livelihoods dependent on them.

Long-term sea level rise may also exceed 5m by 2100 and we run the risk of crossing several irrevocable tipping-points in the climate system.

Many small islands will experience historical centennial extreme sea level events at least annually by 2050 and reach limits of adaptation in the second half of the century.



*The best available science says there is still a narrow window of opportunity to act.*

***We can win! We must win!***