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The Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Kausea Natano stated in an [a global open letter](#) signed by more than 230,000 people that *"the warming seas are starting to swallow our lands – inch by inch. But the world's addiction to oil, gas and coal can't sink our dreams under the waves. We, therefore, unite with a hundred Nobel Peace Prize laureates and thousands of scientists worldwide and urge world leaders to join the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to manage a just transition away from fossil fuels."*

During his formal address at the UN Climate Talks in Sharm El-Sheikh, Prime Minister Kausea Natano took the main plenary stage and stated: *"We all know that the leading cause of the climate crisis is fossil fuels. Tuvalu has joined Vanuatu and other nations in calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to steer our development model to pursue renewables and a just transition away from fossil fuels."*

The speech came after the Tuvalu Government formally passed a motion supporting the Fossil Fuel Treaty proposal earlier this month.

Tuvalu joins Vanuatu as an initial block of nation-states calling for the negotiation of a new international treaty to complement the Paris Agreement by managing a fast and fair global transition away from coal, oil and gas.

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty proposal has also been backed by the World Health Organisation, the European Parliament, the Vatican and Presidents and Ministers in Timor-Leste and New Zealand.

We welcome anyone to use this communication pack to amplify Tuvalu's call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to help build further momentum behind the proposal and the need for ending the fossil fuel era at COP27.

In case useful, talking points and social media content are included that can be used or tailored for your region.

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Key Messages

- **The Government of Tuvalu has formally called for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** during their Prime Minister's formal address at the UN Climate Talks in Sharm El-Sheikh.
- **This means Tuvalu has joined forces with fellow Pacific nation [Vanuatu](#) in calling for nation states to negotiate a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**, a proposed international mechanism that would complement the Paris Agreement by managing a fast and fair global transition away from coal, oil and gas. His appeal, framed as an [open letter](#), has grabbed support from over 230,000 citizens worldwide within a few hours.
- The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty proposal has also been backed by the [World Health Organisation](#), the [European Parliament](#), the [Vatican](#) along with the President of Timor Leste and the Climate Minister of New Zealand.
- The Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Kausea Natano stated that "The warming seas are starting to swallow our lands – inch by inch. But the world's addiction to oil, gas and coal can't sink our dreams under the waves. We, therefore, unite with a hundred Nobel Peace Prize laureates and thousands of scientists worldwide and urge world leaders to join the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to manage a just transition away from fossil fuels." He took to the main plenary stage of COP27 on Tuesday to re-emphasise this call for Treaty.
- **Tuvalu's announcement reflects Pacific leadership that has been essential to international climate policy for decades**, having championed the need for justice within the UNFCCC, its Kyoto Protocol, and more recently helping secure 1.5°C target within the Paris Agreement.
- Despite warnings from scientists and civil society that emissions must fall, **even without any new fossil fuels there is enough coal, oil and gas under production to take global heating beyond 1.5°C**. The most recent estimates are that, for even a 50% chance of staying below 1.5°C, expansion of fossil fuels must end and ~40% of current reserves must stay in the ground.
- Current international climate agreements primarily focus on emissions reductions and make no explicit mention of fossil fuels. **The Paris Agreement** sets the benchmark for global climate action through its global temperature goal but **can be complemented by a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty with three clear pillars**: 1) end expansion of fossil fuel production, 2) phase down existing production in line with 1.5°C, and 3) enable a global just transition for every worker, community and country.
- **Loss and damage is a major focus of COP27. Fossil fuels are the primary cause of that loss and damage**. Unless the world transitions away from coal, oil and gas we will see further destruction and devastation globally.
- **The push for a Treaty to manage a just transition draws significant lessons from other treaties to manage global threats**, such as nuclear weapons, landmines and ozone depleting substances. Pacific policy leadership was critical to securing many of these mechanisms and now we are seeing them also lead the push for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- **We call on other nation-states to join Tuvalu and Vanuatu in building formal momentum towards securing a negotiation mandate for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

Press Release

View the [press release in English here](#) and [Spanish version here](#). Feel free to adapt this to a version specific to your region.

Petition

Tuvalu have launched a global open letter with their demands. In a matter of hours it has been signed by over 230,000 people. [You can add your name and amplify using this link.](#)

Content for social media

For social media, please use the hashtag **#FossilFuelTreaty** and **#COP27**
Use the URL **fossilfueltreaty.org/tuvalu**

[Social media graphics about Tuvalu's call for a Fossil Fuel Treaty can be downloaded here.](#)

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Huge news from #COP27 where Tuvalu just formally called for nation states to negotiate a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

They are the 2nd nation to back the proposal for a treaty to manage a global just transition away from coal, oil & gas.

More: fossilfuel treaty.org/tuvalu

The PM of Tuvalu just took to the main stage at #COP27 and called on world leader's to join them and Vanuatu in developing a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

This is a major next step in the #FossilFuelTreaty.

Find out more & get involved at fossilfuel treaty.org/tuvalu

In just a few hours, over 200,000 people have backed the Prime Minister' of Tuvalu's urgent call on nation states to negotiate a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Read his demands to #COP27 and add your name here
https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/tuvalu_loc/

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The #FossilFuelTreaty is a proposed international mechanism that would complement the Paris Agreement by managing a fast and fair global transition away from coal, oil and gas.

The proposal has also been backed by the World Health Organisation, the European Parliament, the Vatican along with the President of Timor Leste and the Climate Minister of New Zealand.

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- 2) phase down existing production in line with 1.5°C, and
- 3) enable a global just transition for every worker, community and country.

The push for a Treaty to manage a global just transition draws significant lessons from other treaties to manage global threats, such as nuclear weapons, landmines and ozone depleting substances. Pacific policy leadership was critical to securing many of these mechanisms and now we are seeing them also lead the push for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

We call on other nation-states to join Tuvalu, Vanuatu and the Vatican in building formal momentum towards securing a negotiation mandate for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Find out more about this major development at COP27 here: fossilfuel treaty.org/tuvalu

Quotes (please add)

Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu “The warming seas are starting to swallow our lands – inch by inch. But the world’s addiction to oil, gas and coal can’t sink our dreams under the waves. We, therefore, unite with a hundred Nobel Peace Prize laureates and thousands of scientists worldwide and urge world leaders to join the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to manage a just transition away from fossil fuels.” He took to the main plenary stage of COP27 on Tuesday to re-emphasise this call for Treaty.

Tzeporah Berman, Chair of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative said “Vanuatu and Tuvalu are the first countries to call for a new Treaty as a companion to the Paris Agreement to align oil, gas and coal production with a global carbon budget. We will look back on this in history as the moment of reckoning with overproduction that is locking in further emissions and holding us back from bending the curve”

Alexia Leclercq, youth climate activist and co-founder of Start:Empowerment, USA “The fossil fuel industry has not only caused the climate crisis but their pollution has led to the death of hundreds of thousands of people in communities of color across the U.S and global south. It is time we have a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty and hold the industry accountable” (Alexia.leclercq@gmail.com AlexiaLeclercq.com)

Harjeet Singh, Political Lead, Climate Action Network International, said: “Big ocean states have provided so much leadership to international policy-making. Big ocean states pushed for the 1.5C target, they’ve pushed for loss and damage, and now they’re pushing for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. This is the next necessary step in international climate policy for climate justice.”

Nathan Météner, Climate Justice & LGBTQI2S+ activist and UNSG’s Youth Advisor: “It’s time for more and more countries to back up the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty especially from the G20. Islands are sinking, most affected communities are dying from environmental catastrophes,