

Paris Related Events and Actions

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Primary Paris events 350.org is focusing on in the United States

[\(For Canadian plans see special note below\)](#)

Below is an overview of the series of actions 350.org focusing on in the lead up to COP 21 in Paris and through spring of 2016.

1. **350.org Keep it in the Ground Launch Event (Sept 10).** 350.org is planning a major campaign launch event on September 10 to kick off a Keep it in the Ground narrative that will shape much of our work through Paris and into next year. This event will be a "Do the Math" style speaking event, that includes voices from the global movement. The idea is to use this event to build up a clear global narrative and kick off the sprint to Paris. This will take place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) in New York and **the event will be live streamed.**
 - Event Seating is only 2100 - so this is not a big recruitment event.
 - Reserve tickets will be offered online.
 - Local Groups may choose to organize live streaming watch parties.
 - The live stream will be available after the event to watch it anytime after the live launch
 - Talking points and organizing tools will be available.
2. **Power Through Paris Workshops (Sept 26).** 350.org will support groups and individuals around the world to hold workshops to plan events during COP 21 and a major Spring 2016 global mobilization. Because the French coalition has called for September 26 to be a global day of action many of these workshops will be on that date, while others may be **during that week.** The content of these workshops will follow content from the Keep in the Ground launch above. The agenda will focus on organizing events and actions during COP 21 and introduce plans to escalate Keep it in the Ground and 100% Renewables actions in April of 2016.
 - Distributed workshops organized all around the world and across North America
 - Host training calls weekly on Thursday Evenings at 5:00 PM PDT
 - Event registration begins August 18th
 - Report back and follow up action planning meetup on October 1st
3. **Global Day of Action (November 28-29).** Avaaz and 350.org, with a large coalition of international and local organizations are organizing a massive collective show of people power on the streets of Paris with solidarity actions staged around the world. Though this action is over Thanksgiving weekend in the US, there will be a organized support here for individuals, families and communities to express to their leaders that the time for resolve and action is long overdue.
 - Huge show of force in Paris - distributed actions all around the world.
 - Planning and organizing during the Power Through Paris workshops (above)
 - Lead regional organizer trainings and ongoing support calls
 - Event registration begins during August
4. **Closing mobilization in Paris with global solidarity (~December 12).** A global coalition is planning a surging mass action on the streets of Paris on the final weekend of COP 21 targeting fossil fuel polluters and calling for a just transition to 100% clean energy. While this

action may be more spontaneous than orchestrated, the expectation is that it may be a powerful demonstration of movement resolve - regardless of what happens inside the COP. In sync with the spontaneity of this moment we'll support local leaders to organize teams to plan action scenarios and be ready to support the global demonstration of movement resolve, here is North America.

- Forming action affinity teams in local groups
- Planning local action scenarios
- Action planning workshops and trainings
- Rapid response media and communications training

5. **Mass Mobilization (April 2016).** Next April, the 350.org network and partners will execute 10 - 15 major large scale mobilizations around the world to demonstrate movement resolve to keep fossil fuels in the ground and demand a Just Transition to 100% clean energy for all. Picture thousands of people walking onto the largest fossil fuel projects around the world or whole communities demonstrating support for locally owned renewable energy and other solutions projects. These actions will be globally coordinated escalated actions. Planning for this escalation is in full gear already, but will begin at the local level during the Power Through Paris Workshops (above).

- Planning workgroup forming in September
- Organizing hubs forming in October
- Action Planning November with local organizing hubs
- Event Recruitment begins in January 2016

Solidarity Events that 350.org or local groups are supporting

1. **Katrina Commemoration (August 29).** Efforts are underway from various groups to partner with local organizations in the Gulf South Region to organize events to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The focus is to highlight local and regional demands in connection to the climate and environmental crises that the Gulf South Region faces on a daily basis and connect them with national and global demands to address climate change. 350.org's focus for this action is on supporting local groups from the region. For more information and solidarity actions please visit Gulf South Rising's website here: <http://www.gulfsouthrising.org>
2. **Pope Visits in Philadelphia, NYC, DC (Sept 22-27).** Pope Francis is scheduled to visit the US between September 22-27. During this time the Pope is scheduled to meet president Obama, speak to the US congress, speak to the UNGA and conduct masses in NY and in Philadelphia ([full schedule](#)). The Pope's visit is a great opportunity to push forward the Divest the Vatican campaign among US audience and to encourage faithful people to launch new divestment campaigns. With the volume of events in September, 350.org focus will be to support local organizers in these cities as they join events organized by local faith leaders. Local 350 groups will engage to highlight the divestment message.
3. **Moral March on Washington (Sept 24).** A group of grassroots activists and interfaith folks have called for a rally at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. -- just after the Pope plans to speak to Congress. The goal is to bring attention to the moral and justice aspects of climate change. Other activities happening Sept 21-25. Website is here: <http://www.moralactiononclimate.org>
4. **National Day of Action (October 14).** PCM organizers are calling for local organizations, activists, faith leaders, student movements to call out leaders that have blocked or failed to act to

address one of the greatest crises our planet and communities has ever faced. Timed to coincide with the October Congressional recess, the last one before the Paris COP, communities across the country will directly confront elected officials to communicate to the world that everyday Americans demand action on climate. There are various events coming together around this that could be useful for local groups seeking to build relationships with labor and EJ groups whose local affiliates are joining this day of action. There are "tables" or coalitions being formed in different cities around the country, who will be planning actions together. 350.org staff will share info about the different city-wide or regional tables as they are formed by the PCM organizers.

Special Note regarding Canadian organizing around Paris

Because of the Canadian election cycle, the Paris related plans for Canada are following a different script from the U.S. For the latest plans and info on the plans around the election and lead up to Paris in Canada go to [this site](#).