

CALL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL 2026



„The time for awareness, courage and action is now! We need a socially transformative fight!“

This final declaration marked the end of the two-day global strategy conference on April 20/21, 2024 in Potsdam, Germany. With around 500 participants and delegations from 13 countries, this conference was something new in many respects and a **hopeful beginning of a worldwide alliance against the developing global environmental catastrophe!**

The final declaration goes on to say:

„It was a contrast to the annual world climate conferences, which send out deceptive hopes and have even become a marketplace for environmentally harmful projects. The 450 named supporters in the runup came from over 40 organizations and five parties (...)“, including „(...) delegations from the international miners' movement or from car, metal and electrical companies (...) helped shape the discussion. Critical and progressive scientists participated just as actively as representatives of the refugee movement. **International delegations came from 13 countries:** Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Russia, India, Western Sahara, Morocco, Peru, Congo, Austria, Togo, Ukraine and France. We strongly protest against the refusal of entry of a delegate from Yemen by the German government and the obstruction of entry from Malawi.

Nevertheless, we were able to cover a wide range of topics across national borders.

It was a conference of getting to know each other, building trust and mutual appreciation! (...) The common denominator was: The environmental struggle must be socially transformative! (...)“



HERE'S THE COMPLETE FINAL STATEMENT



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Who are our friends?

Only together will the labor movement and the environmental movement – nationally and internationally – be successful. They enrich each other, learn from each other and can thus achieve synergistic effects. Environmental protection and nature conservation, social justice and the cause of climate justice (i.e. making polluters pay) belong together. That is why, in addition to environmental protection, we are committed to social rights, the right to strike, secure jobs and a redistribution of wealth. Those responsible for environmental catastrophes should pay for the damage. For social rights, jobs and environmental protection and social justice – at the expense of profits! For the right to strike! We need a great alliance of all those who want to save humanity – including the women's, peace, refugee and youth movements.

Who are our opponents?

All those who are driving us and the world into the brick wall with their eyes open.

We will focus on the major international corporations and their governments, which are driven by profit and power interests. We demand consistent and radical environmental protection and effective, concrete immediate and protective measures.

We are against any form of denial of the dramatic development of the man-made environmental catastrophe, including by the AfD (German fascist party), the delay of effective climate protection measures and any kind of „greenwashing“.

We are protesting against the increasing global repression of environmental activists.

Let's have a forceful and convincing discussion with people who are influenced by this. The anti-fascist movement and the environmental movement belong closely together.

What are our perspectives, what forms of society do we need? The environmental movement needs optimism and positive visions of a future worth living in unity with nature – free from exploitation and oppression! ➡

The proven principles of the Environmental Strategy Conference:

- Democratic and solidary culture of debate about the common cause;
- Non-partisanship and ideological openness – against any form of discrimination;
- Financial independence;
- Organization of the conference – based on all the forces involved;
- Accountability of all elected bodies – including treasury management;
- Everyone decides for themselves whether to take on responsibility, but is obliged to carry out the tasks reliably.

An important result of the conference was the election of a non-partisan **coordination group**. Its task is to organize a democratic decision-making process on a follow-up conference and its international preparation.

With this in mind, we call on you:

Support the preparation of an International Environmental Council 2026!

We want to increase and strengthen the organization of the national environmental movement and achieve international coordination and bundling of forces.



So far, 5 „pillars“ have been proposed for the multi-day meeting:

1. Plenum as a strategy conference
2. Working groups and workshops on individual topics
3. Resolution for more binding global coordination and cooperation in activities and struggles
4. International cultural festival with mass participation from the surrounding area
5. Environmental market (information stands, exhibitions)

In spring 2025, there will be a preparatory conference as a global video call. Among other things, the host conference country and city will be determined there. The election of an extended coordination group is also planned.

We call on all environmentally-minded people in the world:

- Take part in the preparatory conference! Take part in the extended coordination group!
- Make suggestions for the country and location of the International Environmental Council 2026 by then!



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