

Newsletter November 2025

Dear colleagues,

From 10 to 21 November 2025, COP 30 – officially known as the UN Climate Change Conference – will take place in Belém, Brazil.

"UN Climate Change Conference". Yes, this COP, like its predecessors, has a lot to do with climate change, but in completely the wrong direction. The COPs have degenerated into a promotional event and sales fair for fossil fuels

and have become a prime example of greenwashing. There will be counter-events in Belém organised by activists together with the local population, and the IEC coordination group will also send a delegation to Brazil to publicise our programme and our goals and to recruit fellow campaigners (see appeal for donations at the end).

15 November is International Day of Action against the further destruction of our natural resources. Plan joint actions, demonstrate against reactionary environmental policies and for the elimination of the causes of global environmental destruction. Global resistance for the environment, peace and against fascism! Send us photos and reports of your actions so that we can publish them on our website. ICOR Europe invites you to an international protest event on 15 November at 2 p.m. at Rotterdam Central Station.

We also welcome the call by Fridays for Future (FFF) to hold an international climate strike on 14 November (here is the link: <https://fridaysforfuture.de/klimastreik/>) and call on you to participate!

On 15 September, we held the successful 2nd International Preparatory Conference for IEC 2026 in Munich. This newsletter provides a summary of the results, and we would like to point out that important documents developed in Munich, such as our financial guidelines and proposals for forums and workshops, can be found on our website <https://umweltstrategiekonfe-renz.org/> under the heading "Materials". On the website, you will also find our call for the International Environmental Council 2026 (IEC 2026)



National demonstration in Lima, Peru

Canto Vivo is a very active environmental organisation from Peru that is particularly committed to the rights of indigenous peoples. In an email, they told us about the large demonstration in Lima against the reactionary government and its disastrous environmental policy. Here is an (translated) excerpt:

"We also took part in the national demonstration on 15 October. Please find attached a link to a video we made with images of the large mobilisation, which saw enormous participation from students. The police repression was very brutal. One young man was killed, another is in a coma and more than 100 demonstrators and police officers were injured. Some of the images were taken by us in Lima

, others by Jesús in Huancayo.



The main demand is the removal of the current president (who is accused of rape and corruption) and the dissolution of the corrupt Congress.

The current president Dina Boluarte, who was removed from office. All this has led to new crises in all areas.

I must repeat that the government is not concerned about the environmental crisis at all, but neither are the political organisations and even the environmental associations in practice. The political and economic crisis has attracted all the attention. Peru is in a state of permanent uncertainty."

Here is the link to a video about the demonstration:

<https://youtu.be/74Hfffos54Y?si=DYomeH2qrti6Gwto>

Ecocide in Gaza

In its call for an international day of environmental action on 15 November under the slogan *"Global resistance for the environment, peace and against fascism! Workers' strikes show the way,"* the environmental union draws attention to the ecocide in Gaza:

Ever heard of "ecocide"? Ecocide is when a war involves not only fighting enemy troops, but also systematically destroying the entire natural basis of life for the population: soil, groundwater, plants, livestock, energy and sewage systems, even the air we breathe becomes life-threatening with every gust of wind due to contaminated and poisoned debris from millions of grenade explosions and fires. This is exactly the situation in Gaza! But Gaza will live on!

Ecocide is a new dimension of imperialist warfare – and a further accelerating factor in the global environmental catastrophe. The same applies to the enormous new wave of rearmament that the fascists



Trump and Putin. Governments and corporations in Germany, France, Poland, Turkey and China are also arming themselves

"as fast as they can". Where is all this leading?

Never before in recent history has the threat of world war been as great as it is today. The environmental movement and the peace movement face the same enemy. Their international alliance is the order of the day!

Millions of people forced the warmongers to agree to a ceasefire in Gaza. The labour movement was also an important force: in Italy, Greece and Spain, there were general strikes lasting several days against Israel's inhumane warfare in Gaza and against the

support from their governments. In France and Sweden, dockworkers' unions also successfully blocked the loading of war material onto ships. That's right!

"Unimaginable – Utopias!"

This enticing topic is the subject of a conference organised by the Open Academy from 7–9 November at the University of Göttingen on solutions for social crises. Here is an excerpt from the press release and a link for those interested:



"The aim of the conference is to highlight visionary ideas, historical experiences and practical perspectives for a just, ecological and peaceful world – free from taboos.

What could a future without environmental destruction, social inequality, the erosion of democracy and the threat of war look like? What scientific findings and research approaches are already available to us? And why, despite all the technological advances, is humanity at a turning point?"

<https://offene-akademie.org/unvorstellbar-utopien-programm-wochen-endtagung/>

"Widersetzen"

"Resist" is an anti-fascist alliance calling for resistance against the founding of a new, fascist youth organisation of the AfD in Giessen.

A new organisation with the same old fascists – not us! On 29 and 30 November, the AfD wants to found a new youth organisation in Giessen – with a modified imperial eagle and names such as "Young Patriots" or "Patriotic Youth". The AfD wants to recruit a new generation of violent fascists. We stand in the way of the normalisation of the AfD and the re-establishment of its youth organisation in Giessen!



Next departure resist! We are organising a celebration of diversity and solidarity to make the founding of the AfD youth organisation impossible. Preparations for travel and actions are underway – **join the nationwide resistance groups and cities!**

From travel arrangements to demonstration registrations to concerts, everything is currently in full swing. Block the weekend in your calendar and follow us on social media or check the website regularly for all the information you need about travel and the actions on 29 November 2025! (<https://widersetzen.com/>)

New symptoms of the global environmental catastrophe

The Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), (in Bremerhaven, Germany) is renowned worldwide in the field of polar and marine research. Following its



recently completed two-month polar expedition with the icebreaker "Polarstern" in September, the AWI issued a press release with unexpected content. Firstly, it comes as no surprise that due to the increasing warming of the atmosphere, the ice concentration in the

The area under investigation has decreased further compared to previous studies. More alarming, however, is the result of investigations showing that the ice algae that used to be abundant have largely disappeared.

Ice algae are single-celled organisms that form large carpets and are at the base of the food chain for marine life. As recently as 2016, the AWI wrote: "Ice algae: the engine of life in the central Arctic Ocean.

What happens if this engine fails? In its issue dated 5 September 2025, the German magazine Der Spiegel writes under the headline "*Eco-alarm in the Arctic Ocean*

"...have come across evidence that could signal an ecological disaster."

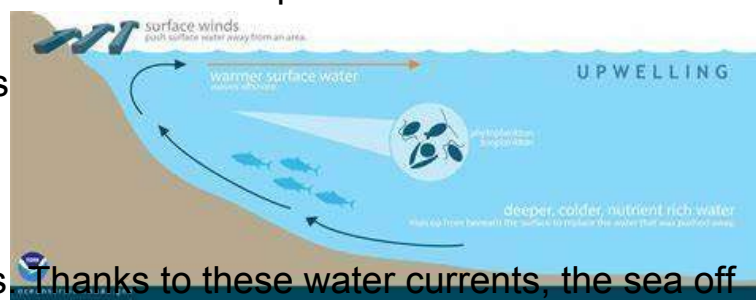
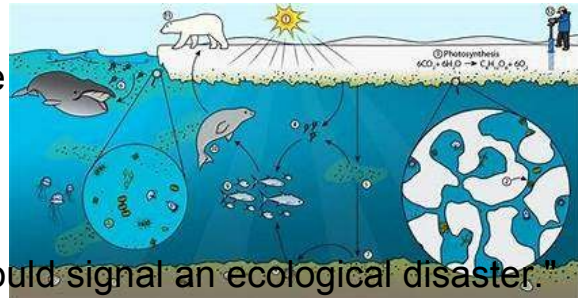
Yes, this is a real disaster alert, because if you remove the bottom cards from the house of cards that is the food pyramid, everything collapses and the livelihoods of both marine life and the humans at the top of the food pyramid disappear.

From the polar sea to the equatorial region, to the Gulf of Panama. The German Max Planck Society, which conducts research on biology and climate issues, among other things, announced at the beginning of September: "Cold ocean currents off Panama fail to materialise. For the first time in 40 years, the cold, nutrient-rich deep water of the Gulf of Panama did not reach the sea surface."

The institute goes on to write: "During the dry season in Panama, north-easterly trade winds cause nutrient-rich deep water to rise to the surface of the Gulf of Panama.

This upwelling dynamic promotes highly productive fishing and helps protect coral reefs from heat stress

Thanks to these water currents, the sea off Panama's Pacific beaches remains cooler even during the



summer months." This absence of the Panama Current has been observed for the first time since records began, and scientists assume that it is due to a climate-related weakening of the trade winds. They point to the feared enormous effects on algae growth and the food chain and fear drastic negative effects on fisheries.

In both cases, in the Arctic and in the Gulf of Panama, scientists are unable to make any predictions based on their current findings. This is understandable, as researchers naturally want to observe such unprecedented events over a longer period of time.

Nevertheless, such individual events are so alarming in terms of the further catastrophic damage to our environment that one would wish that science – with all due respect for its excellent work – would network and join forces more, thus arriving at a common overall view of developments.

Scientists should take a stand as a group and help people around the world to recognise the seriousness of the situation and resist the accelerated path to climate catastrophe.

We invite scientists to participate in the strategic discussion of the environmental struggle and in the preparation and implementation of the International Environmental Council 2026 (IEC 2026).

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We are fairly certain that we are already facing a global environmental catastrophe that will destroy the biosphere and end life on Earth. The above-mentioned research results confirm this. And we

believe that our current social system, whose economic laws and boundless pursuit of profit are jeopardising the foundations of our existence, must be overcome in order to preserve our

preserve our livelihoods. We need a global environmental struggle that will change society!

Information on the results of the 2nd IEC 2026 Preparatory Conference

The 2nd Preparatory Conference for the International Environmental Council (IEC 2026) was **successfully** held on 14 September 2025 with around **50 participants from 12 countries!** It was mainly conducted as an international ZOOM meeting. In addition, two individual meetings were held on the same day (due to scheduling reasons). The atmosphere at the conference was positive, with discussions characterised by solidarity and a focus on results.

The preparatory process has been further consolidated in terms of content and expanded internationally.

Weak points were the low participation of industrial workers and trade unionists as well as young people. Due to the last-minute cancellation of translators, not all international participants were able to follow the discussion, for which the coordination group would like to apologise once again!

Online participants came from the following countries:

Italy, Portugal, Peru, Chile, Pakistan, Togo, Nigeria, Mauritania, another person from Africa (country unclear), Germany. Individual discussions in the morning with environmental activists from Afghanistan (now in Germany) and the Netherlands, both of whom were unable to attend the conference but wish to collaborate in the future. Cancellations due to scheduling conflicts, but with continued interest, came from South Africa, Russia and China.

The most important results:

- The topics of **the forums and workshops** proposed so far were confirmed in their entirety and defined in more detail during the discussion. The number of forums was reduced by combining similar topics. Above all, the discussion showed that the increasing fascist attacks on the environmental movement are a global problem and that the struggle against them must be given greater weight at the IEC. (The updated list of forums and workshops will be published here in multiple languages as soon as it has been translated).

- The proposed **financial guidelines** and the **principle of**

self-organisation and self-financing were confirmed. At the same time, a graduated system of solidarity-based support for the travel costs of participants with limited financial means was established. (The financial guidelines will also be published here shortly).

- No decision has yet been reached on the question **of the IEC country**. Concerns about long flight times for a large number of participants and security concerns in view of global fascist developments were seriously discussed, and in this respect, countries in Europe were favoured, but not exclusively.
- Strengthening the **coordination group**: S., an environmental activist from Togo, decided at the end of the conference to join the coordination group, which now has an international composition.
- **Practical cooperation** among IEC2026 supporters: it is proposed that on International **Environmental Action Day on 15 November**, in conjunction with **participation in a delegation to the COP30 protests** in Belém, Brazil, actions be carried out everywhere according to the capabilities of each location.
These actions should raise awareness of IEC 2026 and recruit new supporters. IEC2026 posters in several languages are available on the homepage and should be used in every country and city for a mobilisation photo – for later publication on the homepage and on social media.

CALL FOR DONATIONS!

Support the **delegation trip** of members/supporters of the IEC2026 coordination group to the World Climate Conference protests in Belém, Brazil!

We want to take this opportunity to raise awareness of IEC 2026 among the tens of thousands of participants expected from all over the world – both at COP30 itself and at the "counter-summit" – and to win new allies in personal conversations!

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