

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!



I SUPPORT THE PREPARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL 2026

First name/Last name:

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Contact data (email):

I will make a practical contribution:

- ☐ Donations ☐ Spread the word / Distribute this call
☐ Factual contribution ☐ Gain other people and forces
☐ Cultural ☐ Research

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Financial principles of IEC 2026

(24 October 2025)

1. The International Environmental Council (IEC 2026) is self-financing. This is the basis of its **political and organisational independence**.

2. The **principle of self-financing and self-organisation** on a voluntary basis aims to generate a surplus for further work after IEC 2026.

3. **Income** – there are the following main sources of funding:

3.1. **Personal donations** from supporters. In particular, we are building up a network of regular donors (e.g. £10/10\$ per month) in order to create a predictable source of income. We organise large-scale fundraising campaigns at certain key moments in individual countries (events, demonstrations) and during the IEC. We utilise and promote the possibilities of donations via smartphone/internet.

3.2. **Contributions** from participants in the IEC 2026.

3.3. Grants from foundations or other non-partisan organisations are welcome, provided they are not tied to conditions.

4. **Expenses** – all expenses must be documented (receipt, invoice, etc.). Expenses exceeding €50/\$50 must be approved by the IEC Coordination Group. The principle of economy applies.

5. The IEC Coordination Group appoints a **finance team** of at least two people to manage the IEC treasury. This team is accountable to the Coordination Group and to IEC 2026. The treasury is audited twice a year by a team of auditors.

6. Participants in IEC 2026 are generally responsible for financing their own **travel, accommodation and meals**. However, participation should not be prevented by financial obstacles. All possibilities for self-financing travel costs, e.g. through various donation and sponsorship activities linked to IEC publicity in the respective country, should be exploited. The **principle of solidarity** applies: participants from poor countries and regions in particular will be supported according to the following rules:

6.1. General **personal contribution** in the amount that would normally be required to cover living expenses.

6.2. Subsidy from **the supporting organisation/preparation group in the country concerned**;

6.3. **Sponsorship** by a strong preparatory group in one country for individuals with limited financial resources from another country. The coordination group will arrange a suitable contact upon request.

6.4 Establishment of a solidarity fund by the coordination group.

IEC 2026 forums and workshops

(24.10.25)



What is a **forum** and what is a **workshop**? The forums are scheduled to last 4 hours.

In an intensive consultation, we want to draw on the wealth of expertise of the activists

and, in a creative international strategy discussion on the individual topics, arrive at joint assessments, demands and proposals for cooperation.

These will be presented by each forum in the final plenary session.

Forums and workshops, **working titles** (as of September 2025):

F1	Labour and environmental movements: together against the exploitation of people and nature. a) Miners against the exploitation of raw materials, b) automotive workers and electromobility.
F2	Against war and arms build-up (danger of a renaissance of nuclear power)
F3	Against world hunger! Successful concepts for alternative agriculture
F4	Perspectives and forms of protest in the environmental struggle to change society
F5	Corruption vs. climate justice. The threat to indigenous peoples and the disruption of entire countries
F6	We develop an energy scenario for the future
F7	Transport – how to create an environmentally friendly transport system
F8	Ecological local politics – global exchange of experiences
F9	Real environmental protection is health protection
F10	Youth, climate justice and peace education in conflict-affected regions.
F11	Climate psychology
F12	How we counter the lies of climate deniers and greenwashing
F13	Green capitalism – goal or fairy tale?
F14	Decades of environmental activism – successes, problems, prospects
F15	Girl power to save the environment
F16	Water scarcity – a matter of survival for humanity
F17	Waste and waste management in Africa
F18	Environmental protection is not a crime! – what to do about repression and oppression of environmental activists

Workshops – on the fringes of the conference, approx. 1 hour:

Working title:

W1	Beautiful Earth – threatened Earth. About the biosphere system
W2	Art and artists in the service of preserving our natural resources
W3	We paint the environment and protest
W4	The five pillars of Chinese medicine
W5	The recycling project in the refugee camp on Lesbos
W6	Future project: Sargassum plantation