

Newsletter April 2026

Environmental emergency! It's high time to take action

Dear fellow campaigners,

The two years of work by our coordination group in preparation for the International Environmental Council (IEC) 2026 are bearing fruit. Following consultation with many international partner organisations, we have decided to organise the Environmental Council in **Stuttgart, Germany**. It will take place



from 23–25 October 2026. We have outlined the basic schedule and programme, and we are particularly pleased by the large number of international participants who wish to attend in person – there are currently almost 30 registrations.

These interim successes would not have been possible without the commitment of so many people. Of particular importance to us has been the growing support from activists and

friendly organisations from Germany and many other countries. The need to wage the society-transforming environmental struggle internationally, on a global scale, is increasingly confirmed by current political developments.

We are countering this trend with the optimism of international solidarity, including in the global environmental struggle. This newsletter aims to share with you a selection of the international registrations we have received for the IEC 2026 in Stuttgart (We apologise to our international friends whose registrations we are not publishing, but there simply isn't enough space! You are, of course, still very welcome!).



IEC 2026 (International Environmental Council) in Stuttgart, Germany

Here is some initial information regarding the venue, time and programme:

- **Venue:** Arbeiterbildungszentrum Süd (ABZ Süd), Bruckwiesenweg 10, 70327 Stuttgart, Germany
- **Dates:** 23–25 October 2026
- **Catering, accommodation:** affordable catering, bed exchange, rooms at ABZ Süd for international guests

With regard to the thematic structure, and on the advice of international friends, we are departing from the previous format of numerous forums and workshops. There will be three thematic blocks. Here is an overview of the programme:

- **Friday, 23 October:** Afternoon **rally**, evening welcome **reception**
- **Saturday, 24 October: Opening** (environmental emergency, preservation of the foundations of life); **Block 1** (fascism and the threat of war, impact on the environment and social movements, resistance); **Block 2** (protection of people and nature, experiences with mobilisation and struggles); **cultural festival**
- **Sunday, 25 October: Section 3** (Social transformation, prospects, protest, forms of organisation); **Closing session** (resolutions, report from the coordination group, elections)

We are working intensively on further planning and will soon provide you with **more detailed information** via a **flyer** and on our **website**:

<https://umweltstrategiekonferenz.org/>

Help us with the further preparation of the IEC 2026! We need all kinds of support. Assisting international participants with visa applications is a major undertaking; some require financial support and support in Germany. The further content-related and organisational preparation of the IEC 2026 poses significant challenges that the Coordination Group cannot meet on its own. Our principle of financial independence relies on your donations! Our slogan is **“Environmental emergency! High time to take action!”**. Join us!

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I. A. A. S., Yemen

Dear International Relations Team,

My name is Irtefa Amin Ahmed Salam. I am a Yemeni environmental activist and chair of the organisation 'Al-Irtifa'a for the Environment and



Humanitarian Development'. I hereby wish to apply to attend the Environmental Council in Stuttgart in person.

As deputy head of the Clean-up Fund and general secretary of the Environmental Workers' Union, I work under extreme conditions (remnants of war, climate change, greening). Our documented work:

- Report on the landmin disaster
 - Documentary film "Climate Activism Under Siege"
 - Women's Empowerment Centre (self-sufficiency for war victims)
- Despite violence and intimidation, we are fighting for climate justice.

With solidarity, I. A. A. S:



Sana'a, Yemen

M. S. K., CCP, Pakistan

Dear Ms ...,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation and the opportunity to participate in the upcoming International Environmental Conference, including the option of attending in person.

We would like to express our keen interest in attending the conference in person. Face-to-face interaction plays a crucial role in strengthening international solidarity, improving political coordination and fostering long-term cooperation between anti-imperialist and progressive movements.



...By way of introduction: Our organisation, the CCP, is actively engaged in grassroots political work, including organising workers, peasants and students, promoting solidarity among workers, political education and mobilisation against imperialism. We represent working-class students, workers, young people and trade unions, and our efforts aim to strengthen class consciousness, resist imperialist domination and contribute to the broader struggle for social and economic justice...

...Thank you once again for organising this important initiative. We look forward to your reply.

In solidarity, Dr M. K.

E. B., Congo

Good evening, M.,

I welcome the initiative and have replied that I would be happy to attend the environmental conference in person. As my visa expires in September, I require an invitation and other essential documents to extend my visa. I really enjoyed the conference in Potsdam, as there were some excellent presentations.

I am counting on the organisers to facilitate the extension of my visa.

Kind regards, E.

D., J., Canto Vivo, Peru

Dear G,...

...We were delighted to receive the invitation to take part in the two events taking place in Germany this year. I would like to thank you, the 'Unión del Medio Ambiente' group and I. from the bottom of my heart for always taking us into consideration and supporting us.



I have ... looked into the possibility of taking time off for these dates; unfortunately ... which is why I am very sorry to have to confirm that I will not be able to attend in person this year...
...However, I have read that the environmental conference will also be held virtually. In that case, we would very much like to participate in this way... D.

J. O. +2, Växjö's Gnista, Sweden

Hello!

We are three people from Sweden who would like to attend the conference from 23 to 25

October in Stuttgart. We are connected in various ways with the magazine 'Växjö's Gnista'.

J. O., Gothenburg, J. F., Malmö, A. K., Växjö
Kind regards, J. O.



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O. Z., Spontaneous Movement of Afghan Women, Afghanistan

Dear friends of the International Environmental Council,

Thank you very much for your email and the invitation to the International Environmental Conference in Stuttgart in October 2026. The "Spontaneous Movement of Afghan Women" (SMAW) considers it necessary and important to participate in this conference. Afghan women are not only the main victims of the war and the patriarchal system in Afghanistan, but also the population group most at risk from environmental disasters in Afghanistan.

As you know, Afghanistan is currently experiencing one of the most severe climate-related droughts in decades, exacerbated by decades of war which have destroyed the water infrastructure and land management systems.



The consequences are catastrophic desertification, flash floods and an unstoppable decline in agricultural yields.

Yet, as always, the heaviest burden falls on the shoulders of the poor and women...

...But this is not a tragedy to be mourned from afar. It is a struggle we must wage together. The imperialist logic that the na-
ered – whether through unchecked

CO₂ emissions from companies in London or uncontrolled mining concessions in Kabul – is the very logic that is driving our planet to ruin. Governments have failed. From UN climate summits mired in lobbying by the fossil fuel industry to the de facto authorities in Afghanistan, who lack either the capacity or the will, the ruling classes have proven themselves unable or unwilling to act with the necessary urgency.



Therefore, the only force that can turn the tide is global solidarity from below – between ordinary people, farmers, women’s collectives, environmentalists and anti-war activists across borders. The fight for climate justice must not be separated from the fight for peace and women’s rights!
Kind regards, O. Z.

B., XR, Spain

Hello everyone,
here are my login details: B., they/them, Rebelión o Extinción (Extinction Rebellion Spain) https://www.instagram.com/xrebellion_esp/
Building international alliances, campaigns for climate justice, anti-imperialism and anti-militarism... Many thanks, B., they/them



N. M. J. M., Uganda

Dear T.,
Thank you very much for organising the upcoming international environmental conference. However, having encountered many difficulties at the German Embassy in Uganda during the visa application process for the mining conference in Germany, this was a very instructive experience for me. This time, I would ask you to send the letters of invitation to the African delegates who will be attending the conference in good time, so that we can apply for our visas in good time to attend the international environmental conference from 23 to 25 October 2026 and avoid any inconvenience. I hereby confirm that I will be attending the conference. I hope to be able to send you my passport for the invitation letter as soon as I hear from you.
Yours faithfully, N. M. J.

C. M., Pass Net Zero, France / Southern Africa

Dear M., Dear T.,
Thank you very much for the invitation to the International Environmental Council 2026 in Stuttgart. We are writing to you to formally apply to attend and to offer a contribution.

Pass Net Zero (PNZ) is an environmental NGO registered in France that collaboration with universities in the region to develop nature-based solutions for carbon sequestration, ecological restoration, and the mitigation of climate change and adaptation to its



consequences in Southern Africa. Our work focuses on reducing greenhouse gases, accessing carbon credits, and training the next generation of environmental scientists through master's and doctoral scholarships...

to hearing from you and contributing to this important initiative.

With best regards, C. M., Pass Net Zero (PNZ)



R. D., Councillor, Sebkh, Mauritania

Dear Organisers, thank you for your invitation to the International Environmental Council, which will take place in Stuttgart from 23 to 25 October 2026.

I hereby confirm my attendance at this event. It is a great honour for me to take part in this important meeting and to have the opportunity to exchange views with those committed to environmental p

Please find the requested information below:

- Name: R. D.
- Organisation: Municipality of Sebkh
- Brief description: Member of the municipal council of Sebkh in Nouakchott, committed to promoting sustainable waste management, raising awareness of environmental issues within the community and supporting local





Nouakchott, Mauritania

Environmental protection initiatives, particularly in the areas of wastewater management, combating environmental pollution and adapting to climate change...

... Thank you once again for this opportunity, and I look forward to taking part in this event.

Kind regards

M. K., CGLTE-OA, Mali

Good day

I am very pleased to read your message, particularly following our two face-to-face meetings in Belém and, more recently, in Frankfurt in January. I am very much looking forward to attending the international environmental summit in person in October, as this is the first meeting within the framework of the World Social Forum for which I will be responsible for the organisations in Africa, starting in early August in Benin. I am very keen to represent my organisation (the Global Convergence of Struggles for Land, Water and Peasant Seeds in West Africa) CGLTE-OA

, which is represented in 16 West African countries and of which I am the spokesperson.

Given all the work Africa has done in the areas of environmental protection and good governance.

My name is M. K., spokesperson for

CGLTE-OA and the contact person for the organisations of the WSF 2026...

...With militant regards, M. K.



Secretary-General of UACDDDD-MALI,

Coordinator of NO-VOX Africa

Spokesperson for the Malian Convergence Against Land Grabbing

(CMAT) Spokesperson for the Global Convergence of Struggles for Land and Water in West Africa (CGLTE-OA)

Representative of social movements at the International Habitat Coalition (HIC)

K. P.-P. Y.-N., DY.VO.SO, Togo



Hello to the whole team, I am K. P.-P. Y.-N., Director of the NGO DYVOSO, based in Togo, West Africa, and my colleague Mr A. K. T., Managing Director of the NGO ADESA, based in Niger. We are members of the

Organising Committee for the International Environmental Council Conference, which will take place in Stuttgart from 23 to 25 October 2026. We would like to attend in person and share our experiences and the realities of Africa during this conference.

The NGOs DYVOSO and ADESA

- identify the humanitarian and development priorities of communities in the areas of food security and livelihoods, climate change, the environment, education, protection, WASH and technological innovation;
- identify existing protection risks, vulnerabilities, security threats and local capacities to address them, taking into account the specific context of each country (Niger and Togo);
- identify internal and external factors that influence the availability, access and quality of services in the target sectors;
- to analyse the impacts of climate change on the environment and to analyse the impacts of climate change developed by communities (drought and degradation);
- to assess waste management systems and opportunities for the



circular economy in selected urban and peri-urban areas;

- Identify opportunities for technological innovations that promote human development in the fields of education, agriculture, the environment and economic services;...

- Formulate strategic and operational recommendations that meet the actual needs of the communities surveyed in Niger and Togo.

The Executive Director K. P.-P. Y.-N.

J. M. P., Frente Nacional Ecosocialista por la Vida, Venezuela

Kind regards, writes J. M. P. H., representative of the 'Frente Nacional Ecosocialista por la Vida' (FRENESVI) from Venezuela. We met last year at the 'People's Summit', a pre-event to COP30 in Belém, Brazil. I

I would like to express my interest in participating in the International Environmental Council 2026, which will take place from 23 to 25 October 2026 in Stuttgart, Germany. In Venezuela, our organisation is dedicated to environmental protection and we are committed to promoting eco-socialism as an economic model for production and consumption. Thank you very much for the invitation.



D. G., Climáximo, Portugal

Dear friends at the IEC,

I am writing on behalf of Climáximo, a collective for climate justice and anti-capitalism based in Lisbon, Portugal, to register our participation in the International Environmental Council IEC 2026 from 23 to 25 October 2026 in Stuttgart... I will be attending the Council on behalf of the collective...

Please confirm whether my registration can be accepted. Many thanks.

In solidarity, D. on behalf of Climáximo