

G8/G20

Climate Action Checklist

G8 and G20 leaders can prevent catastrophic climate change.

Following the abysmal failure of world leaders to take bold action at the UN Copenhagen climate conference last December, time is running out to avert the worst possible effects of a warming world.

The time for world leaders to take real climate action is now: it is absolutely vital that their governments stop financing polluting oil giants like BP and the tar sands producers who are wreaking ever greater havoc on our environment. Rather than prop up big oil and big coal money should be channeled into climate protection by saving our forests, protecting developing countries from climate change, and to spark an energy revolution.

While the historical responsibility for climate change lies largely with the developed G8 countries, G20 countries are also responsible for a large share of ongoing greenhouse gas emissions.

At the summits, G8 and G20 leaders have the opportunity and responsibility to **move the planet towards a green low-carbon economy.**

Inaction by the leaders of the world's richest countries is putting millions of peoples' lives at risk. Already, around 300,000 people die every year due to climate change. If it continues unchecked the death toll will rise as climate change devastates economies and causes widespread species extinction.

While the G8 and G20 leaders meet in Canada, BP's Deepwater Horizon well continues to gush oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The BP disaster is a harsh reminder of the need for us to end our addiction to fossil fuels, but this is not about one company, it is about our addiction to fossil fuels.

As long as G8 and G20 leaders finance the fossil fuel industry, disasters like this will continue to happen. The G8 and G20 leaders are responsible for the fate of billions of people, species and the world as we know it. **They can and must take action now.**

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To be considered a success the Canadian Summits must meet the following demands*:

*Greenpeace bases these demands on the definitive climate science in the IPCC's 4th Assessment Report (2007).

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G8 leaders must honor their promise to keep global temperature rise below 2°C. Current emission reduction pledges put us on a pathway to a 3°C world and climate chaos. They must act to close this gap by ensuring global greenhouse gas emissions peak by 2015 and fall close to zero by 2050 (at 1990 levels).



G8 and G20 leaders must phase out subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, something they committed to last year, producing clear evidence this is happening.



To lead the world in building a green energy future, the **G20 must create the financial and regulatory conditions** that incentivise a green economy and agree on the indicators and reporting mechanisms needed to monitor progress.



Developed **G20 leaders must switch priorities from subsidising fossil fuels to the fast-tracking of significant funds** so the world's poorest countries can adapt to climate change, switch to a clean energy economy and stop deforestation. This finance needs to be both new and additional.

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