

STATEMENT

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The [African Climate Foundation \(ACF\)](#), and the [Africa-Europe Foundation](#) urge world leaders to increase ambition and foster global cooperation on climate at the 26th [United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties \(COP26\)](#). As a group of foundations and networks with a strong focus on Africa working towards greater socio-economic and climate resilience on the continent, we view COP26 as a critical opportunity for the international community to draw lessons from the ongoing climate crisis and COVID-19 pandemic to prioritise the needs of the world's most vulnerable people. As such, we strongly support the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) in its call for greater emphasis to be placed on adaptation, loss and damage, and climate finance.

We are encouraged by recent announcements by African leaders to take progressive and bold measures to respond to the objectives of the Paris Agreement. We recognise that while high-emitting African countries must work towards reducing emissions, international support is needed to minimize the transition risks inherent for developing economies.

We believe that Africa's potential to meaningfully contribute to lowering emissions, both current and future, will lie in its ability to catalyse economic diversification and enhance competitiveness through clean technologies. Importantly this necessitates an international climate and trade architecture that enables African countries to become producers and not just consumers of value-added low carbon technologies and products.

As COP26 paves the way for the Africa COP in 2022, we will continue to work closely with our partners to ensure that COP27 centres the voice and needs of our people and those from other parts of the developing world.

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