



## Q&A

### Global Alliance for a Green New Deal

#### **Who are the Alliance members?**

At the time of launch, the Alliance has 21 members from 18 different nations all of whom have been working to advance transformative legislation in their respective nations.

#### **Who are the founding members?**

The founding members of the Alliance are: Representative Ilhan Omar (Member of U.S. Congress), Dep. Joenia Wapichana (Brazilian Federal Parliament, and member of the Wapixana tribe of northern Brazil) Manon Aubry MEP (Co-chair of the Left group in the European Parliament), Clive Lewis MP and Caroline Lucas MP (Co-Chairs of the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Green New Deal, UK), and Congresswoman Paola Vega Rodriguez (Chair of the Environment Committee of the Costa Rican congress)

#### **Who are the members?**

The Alliance has 21 members at the time of the launch. In addition to the founding members, they are: EUROPE Sanela Klaric MP, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Ernest Urtusan MEP, Spain, LATIN AMERICA: Senator Jaques Wagner, Brazil ; Esther Cuesta, Ecuador; Leonardo Grosso MP, Argentina; Rep Maria Jose Pizarro, Colombia. AFRICA: Boma Goodhead, Nigeria; **Frank Habineza, Rwanda**; Zitto Kabwe, Tanzania. ASIA: Ibu Mercy Barends MP, Indonesia; Senator Rita Hontaveros, Philippines; Charles Santiago MP, Malaysia. NORTH AMERICA: Elizabeth May, Canada, OCEANIA: Adam Bandt, Australia; Marama Davidson and James Shaw, New Zealand

#### **How were they chosen?**

Alliance members are politicians who see the need for bolder action on the climate, nature and inequality crises and have come together to do what they can to make that happen. Each of the Alliance members has been working to advance ambitious and socially just responses to the climate and nature crises domestically, for a just global response to the Covid-19 pandemic and for a fair and green recovery.

#### **Will the Alliance grow?**

The founding members of the Alliance have invited a number of politicians from around the world who they are hoping may still join the Alliance. The Alliance will not grow beyond 30 members, and will maintain its majority female, majority global South composition. The Alliance is calling on lawmakers around the world to join them by signing the Declaration for a Green New Deal.

### **Does the Alliance have a work plan?**

The Alliance will meet in full for the first time in September, where it will discuss and approve its work plan for the next 6-12 months. The plan will include meetings at key global moments, like the critical COP26 climate meetings in Glasgow in November 2021.

### **Is there a model for the Alliance?**

The Alliance will have its first full meeting in September where its members will discuss and agree ways of working. The Alliance can draw on models of national and regional groups many of its members have brought together including the All Party Parliamentary Group in the UK, the Inter-Group on the Green New Deal in the European Union and the ASEAN Human Rights Intern-parliamentary group that Malaysian Alliance member, Charles Santiago chairs. Another model is the Grupo de Puebla which, in spite of differences, as a group of progressive leaders have maintained a cohesive position on important events in Latin America at a tumultuous time where the voice of progressive figures may otherwise have been drowned out.

There is a power in coming together as an Alliance of progressive voices united around a common set of principles, which the Alliance will use to intervene at key moments, like the COP. In addition to this, and very practically Alliance members will learn from one another's legislative approaches – formalising and strengthening a process that has already been happening informally.

### **What will the Alliance do?**

Alliance members will learn from one another's experience and coordinate legislation across their respective jurisdictions. They will discuss complex global issues like trade and finance in a fora that brings together members from the global South and North in a spirit of solidarity and collaboration and they will gather at key global moments such as COP26 to urge global leaders to further and deeper action. It is the only such grouping that we know of to bring politicians from the global South and North together in a single grouping.

The Alliance intends to add momentum to stalled, slow and insufficient international processes.

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This is just the beginning of them working together to learn from one another's experience, and to coordinate Green New Deal legislation across their respective jurisdictions. It's the only initiative of its kind -that we know of- that seeks to bring together representatives from the global North and South with a view to facilitating debates around the global impact of good climate policy, complete with comparative debates on how this can be best achieved. The Alliance formalises a whole host of ad hoc contacts and collaborations that have already been flourishing only in a more urgent and focused way to introduce legislative measures.

For example: their discussions will inform and further develop Green New Deal legislation tabled by members of the Alliance. Alliance members in the North will learn from Costa Rica's ambitious decarbonisation plan.

- **Alliance members will discuss issues like trade, reparations and debt restructuring in a single fora**

Implementing Green New Deals domestically will require fundamental changes to the way that international finance and trade rules currently work. Any Green New Deal that is globally just will also need to address the questions of debt restructuring and reparations, so that nations in the global South have the resources to address the need to respond to, and rebuild their economies after, COVID-19 and to ensure that the basic needs of their populations can be met. Decarbonisation will also require technology transfer from the global North to the South.

- **Alliance members will convene at significant global moments, to urge global leaders to act further and deeper in response to the interlinked challenges of the climate, nature and inequality crises.** Alliance members will urge global leaders to move from targets to action, and to be much more ambitious in their response to the climate, nature and inequality crises. The Alliance will have a particular focus on the global institutions and processes standing in the way of further and deeper action in response to the interlinked challenges faced by humanity.

- **Domestically and globally, the Alliance will focus on justice.** The Alliance is founded on the belief that the climate crisis and the crisis of inequality are inextricably linked, and that the climate and nature crises can't be solved unless we also address inequalities.

### **What is the value of bringing together members from the North and the South in a single fora?**

Decarbonisation in the North can't happen at the expense of nations in the South – by bringing North and South together in a single fora we can strengthen understanding of the interlinked nature of policies enacted in one jurisdiction and develop practical solidarity between members in the North and the South, better informing our actions and interventions. Only by bringing North and South together can we develop solutions that are globally just. What is needed will differ in the North and the South. Targeted measures and support will be needed for skills and infrastructure in the North to ensure all communities benefit, particularly those currently in precarious employment or dependent on today's high carbon industries, while in the South specific industrial policies – and the transfer of technology - will be needed to help leapfrog the old, dirty technologies. – discussing these together, will strengthen policy responses in the North and the South.

### **How will the Alliance relate to global institutions like the IMF and the World Bank**

If this the Green New Deal is to deliver globally, states will need sufficient space to implement proactive public policies to boost investment, raise living standards and ensure a just transition – which means directly addressing the institutions and the frameworks of global governance that currently stand in the way of such public-led investment.

### **How can we follow the work of the Alliance?**

All of the Alliance's public meetings will be shared on social media, and recordings of the meetings will be available on the Alliance's website. Any publications, guides for lawmakers and links to legislation will also be published on the Alliance site.

### **Will the Alliance work with partner organisations?**

The Alliance has a very specific contribution to make as an Alliance of lawmakers working together for progressive change. Members of the Alliance may call on particular groups for advice, or evidence in response to particular questions they have, but it won't enter into partnerships with civil society groups. The Alliance will have an Advisory Group, drawn from across civil society whose thoughts will inform the work of the Alliance. The Alliance is a response to the many civil society groups who have come together to demand that politicians do more, particularly the world's young people who

have done so much to drive urgent action on the climate and nature crises up the global agenda.