



PHOTO: A community in the Philippines. Paul Jeffrey/ACT.

CLIMATE JUSTICE and the Care of Creation

"We are motivated by our faith and our love of God's creation to amplify the voices of those in need and to speak out and act when creation is threatened. This is an expression of love, justice and dignity, and a key concern for ecumenical diakonia. We are called to care for all creation."

**Genesis 2:15; Psalm 23:2-3, NIV;
Revelation 4:11, NIV.**

Climate Justice

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

Our justice work is based in Scripture (John 3:17; Matthew 25:40 (NIV).

Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa, suffer the most from the climate crisis yet have contributed the least to it.

Their states have the fewest resources to help communities adapt, prepare for disasters, or move when land or livelihoods are lost due to the climate crisis. This is an ethical and political issue. Local communities have fine-grained knowledge of local conditions and how to adapt.

ACT believes that financing must both reach and meaningfully engage local communities, especially women and girls in all their diversity. They are, within their own communities, among those most affected by a changing climate. Women and girls forced to migrate by climate-induced loss and damage are at further risk.



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ACT Alliance encourages members to build disaster risk-reduction and climate change adaptation into their work. This is an integral part of building resilient societies and promoting sustainable solutions for better development. It will lead to eradicating poverty in the long term.

Climate Justice Advocacy

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves..." Proverbs 31:8-9

ACT amplifies the voices and needs of the most vulnerable communities in areas that are most affected by the climate crisis. Such advocacy is part of the Biblical call for justice (Psalm 19: 1-4; Psalm 82:3 (NIV); Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV)).

ACT focuses its climate justice advocacy on change at the global level through our campaign ACT Now for Climate Justice. We are present at the United Nations' global climate change conference (the UNFCCC's Framework Convention on Climate Change) known as COP (Conference of the Parties), which takes place each fall. We advocate on behalf of communities with key decision-makers at pre-COP sessions as well as during COP. ACT members advocate with their governments regarding their COP strategies.

One of our key concerns is adequate financing for communities in the Global South that suffer from loss and damage (of livelihoods, of land and of homes and communities), noting particularly the needs of girls and women in all their diversity and of those forced to migrate due to the cascading effects of the climate crisis.

In addition to our advocacy at global, regional and national levels, ACT Climate Justice and members advocate for the care of creation as members of the Season of Creation, the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

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