

On a road map for phase-out of fossil fuel

Summary. We propose a road map for phasing out fossil fuel is adopted and that the approximately 100 fossil-fuel producing companies, half are state-owned, are invited to a workshop in order to achieve a signed 'Declaration of interest'. A global decommissioning plan for fossil fuel industry is required for "Transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science" (point 28 of the Global Stocktake decision).

Already at COP28 "Beginning of the End" of the fossil fuel era was the headline on [UNFCCC's website](#). Simon Stiell, the UN Climate Change Executive Secretary, said "Now all governments and businesses need to turn these pledges into real-economy outcomes, without delay." The agreement contains important [statements](#), where signing countries have committed "to accelerate action in this critical decade" (point 6) and that it "requires deep, rapid and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions of 43 per cent by 2030 and 60 per cent by 2035" (point 27). Yet emission increase in 2025!

Science is very clear: [A rapid and managed fossil fuel phase-out is required to stay within the Paris agreement target range](#). "The committed CO2 emissions expected from existing fossil fuel infrastructure exceed the remaining carbon budget consistent with the Paris Agreement target temperature range. Yet governments, companies and investors continue expanding infrastructure for production and consumption of fossil fuels. Governments should implement a managed and equitable phase-out of fossil fuel production and consumption." The remaining global emission space is decreasing rapidly and with current emissions there are doubts about the 1.5 degree target. A global decommissioning plan, a roadmap for phasing out fossil fuel, is required!

To consider:

- ICJ (Int Court of Justice) declared July 23rd 2025: states are obliged to tackle climate change
- an immediate phase-out must take place with the industry that extracts coal, oil and gas
- we propose that the 100 fossil-fuel producing companies, of which half are state-owned, are invited to a workshop in order to achieve a signed 'Declaration of interest'
- the fossil-fuel producing companies should be offered professional help, at and before the workshop, similar to how many companies, that are not themselves producing fossil fuels, are successfully reducing their own dependency of fossile fuels through help and tools like the '1,5°C Business Playbook' or 'Transition plan template' ([Exponential Roadmap Initiative](#)).
- fossil fuel company profits can be used to finance, in exchange for not being prosecuted

If the fossile-fuel producing companies do not accept invitations to workshop, a road map should be designed without them, with the companies only as a reference group. A plan for "rapid and managed fossile fuel phase-out" must describe how lost jobs are replaced with investments in renewable energy. From a fairness perspective, the spotlight should be on first phasing out fossil extraction by the companies in the US, Canada, Australia, UK and Norway, which have among the world's highest cumulative per capita emissions and yet plan to increase their extraction. Other parties to be invited to workshop could be those who demand a fossil fuel end and a [treaty on the non-proliferation of fossil fuels](#), and from proactive initiatives such as Beyond Oil & Gas Alliance ([BOGA](#)) and [highambitioncoalition.org](#). The aim should be to achieve a draft for a roadmap for phasing out fossil fuel, before COP31.