

Contribution to COP30 Roadmap on Transition Away from Fossil Fuels
from the Volunteer Team Foundation for Humanitarian Action

Dear COP30 Presidency Team,

I, Ambassador Dr. Mostafa Elsayed, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at The Volunteer Team Foundation for Humanitarian Action (VTFHA), am honored to provide input to the COP30 Roadmap on transitioning away from fossil fuels in a just, orderly, and equitable manner.

Critical barriers include reliance on fossil-fuel infrastructure, limited access to sustainable finance in developing regions, and potential social impacts on communities dependent on fossil-fuel employment. Accelerating the transition requires targeted financial mechanisms, technology transfer, capacity-building for workforce adaptation, and inclusive policy frameworks that engage all stakeholders.

Best practices from countries that have implemented renewable energy roadmaps and sectoral transition plans illustrate the importance of integrated approaches combining technological innovation, economic diversification, and social protections. A just transition should reflect differentiated pathways, considering the unique energy profiles, development stages, and social contexts of each nation.

We emphasize that global cooperation, equitable access to clean energy technologies, and comprehensive planning are critical to ensure that no country or community is left behind in the transition.

We look forward to supporting and engaging further in this initiative to advance sustainable and inclusive energy systems worldwide.

Kind regards,

Ambassador Dr. Mostafa Elsayed

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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