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Pledge

We may believe that climate change is a threat, but the real threat against humankind is our own lack of action. We have heard it at length during this conference: Climate change is happening and has a far-reaching impact on the health of us humans. If we don't take massive action, we will face a global warming of at least 1,5°C by the end of the century. Remaining in inaction, we will face a catastrophic scenario at 3,5° or even 5°C.

Now that we're facing it, it looks like an impossible crisis to overcome. But the results of our past collective actions prove otherwise.

History has shown us that it is possible to change the direction of humankind through actions led on a global scale. We prevented nuclear wars, drastically reduced HIV and polio, extended life expectancy, reduced child mortality and so much more. We are POSITIVE that we can overcome the climate crisis and achieve the SDGs, but only if we act together: governments, NGOs, business organizations, media, and civil society.

We now have two objectives:

- Adaptation: dealing with the health impact of climate change that will happen;



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- Mitigation: making sure that we do not make the current situation worse.

As representatives of future generations, we urge all stakeholders to work hand in hand within a common framework and to keep those guiding principles in mind as they take action:

- Intergenerational equity, which is the solidarity between the current generations but also with those to come;
- Non-regression, which is ensuring that current global efforts only go towards achieving a sustainable society;
- Planetary boundaries, which is making sure that our development does not exceed available natural resources;
- Social justice, ensuring that all efforts towards these goals also account for the most vulnerable.

As Youth, we believe that change starts with us and within our local communities. We as the Future Generations Commission pledge to be role models to bring about this change and to pursue our efforts to advocate for action.

But we can't do it without you.

We call upon governments to pledge to:



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- Create more resilient health systems and to set up universal health coverage for your people;
- Promote education on health and climate change;
- Consider health impacts while making climate change policies;

We call upon business organisations to pledge to:

- Critically reflect on your long-term business models to bring social impact to the core of your operations
- Invest in sustainability and empower youth-led initiatives
- Integrate circular economy principles in your whole value chain

We call upon NGOs and Foundations to pledge to:

- Build community awareness through formal and non-formal education;
- Integrate the effects of climate change in health programming to build community resilience
- Ensure nobody is left behind while you upscale the crisis response as vulnerabilities are growing

We call upon the media organizations, may they be the press, game developers and film producers to:

- Dedicate at least 5% of their content to health and climate change;
- Mobilize funds for documentaries on climate change;
- Be sensitive to the impacts of health and climate change while developing content



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And obviously, none of those actions go without drastically reducing our greenhouse gas emissions NOW.

3. Call to action

We commit to creating a strategic plan to be introduced in light of the United Nations General Assembly, including the Climate Action Summit and the High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage. We call on all stakeholders to come up with a plan of action by September 2019.

4. How? We imagined a practical tool

And now I would like to call upon AXEL to present a practical tool we have developed this conference.

PRESENTATION OF AXEL

5. Conclusion:

Thank you very Much, Axel! This is only a glimpse of what we can do, and we can do so much more.



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We hope that you are leaving this conference with hope while sharing our sense of urgency that we have to take action. The climate crisis is by far our biggest challenge, but it is also our biggest opportunity to finally move humankind to the 21st century, where no one is left behind.

Change is not defined by our words, but by our actions. So, what will my actions be, what will your actions be, and what will we do differently tomorrow? Young people are inspired and determined to act. It's our world and our responsibility - will you join us?

We're waiting for your commitment in September 2019.