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# **MANIFESTO**

## **Ecology for the Future**

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# **MANIFESTO ECOLOGY FOR THE FUTURE**

## **OUR COMMITMENT IN HELPING SHAPE THE REDEFINITION OF THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION.**

The world we live in today has no boundaries. All facets of life are interconnected and interrelate to each other as do organisms within an ecosystem. Within this context, the ecological transition is the product of the relationships that we as a society have with each other and with our natural world. Given this link between societies and the natural world, the ecological transition could only be built on principles of solidarity and territories as the living spaces of human values and actions.

Solidarity is a principle that should characterize not only the ecological transition but also the way in which ecology should be viewed in the future: by including all citizens of the world and all spheres of government to work together and to share responsibility in the needed ecological transition. Solidarity principles need a unified vision between all local actors whereby each one's responsibilities is structured via multi-governance mechanisms. This unified vision is empowered by the 2030 Agenda and other global agendas. Said mechanisms should reflect the different dimensions of this shared vision redefined by the climate emergency.

Today's climate emergency is the departure of policy making and ecological measures. They have to consider the natural world and,

- Climate Change and local and natural resources;
- The quality and protection of the natural environment (air, land, water);
- Structure of our society and production and consumption patterns;
- Size of cities, segregation and the rural-urban continuum;
- Food Security and guaranteeing subsistence;
- Multi-stakeholder solutions and knowledge sharing;
- Humans and ecosystems and the role of solidarity.

(Guiding Principles)

1. We call on the Cities of the world to make their policies known; concerning Climate and the Ecological transition;
2. We call upon the citizens of the world to rethink their daily patterns of living and life systems to center them around a logic of balance between consumption and production, as one of the paradigms to the Ecological transition to be fair, honest and equal;
3. We call upon national governments to empower these paradigms and ensure that complementarity between National and local policies is structuring the implementation of the 2030 agenda; especially the SDGs linked to Ecology;
4. We call upon all Climate driven initiatives by International Institutions to integrate in it solidarity as a transversal paradigm that can ensure the link between all levels of governance and citizens as well.

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