

The Nordic and Baltic Key Youth Demands for COP28

We call on the Nordic and Baltic governments to listen to and act upon these presented demands.

We urge Nordic and Baltic governments to:

1. Recognize the Nordic and Baltic Youth working Group for climate and Environment as a Nordic-Baltic youth council.
2. Ensure a respectful and solidary transition, with full respect for gender equality, human rights, and the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities. Incorporate local and indigenous practices and knowledge in environmental governance.
3. Implement measures for accountability in regards to large-scale environmental destruction, by proposing and supporting an ecocide law in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as a region.
4. Commit to reaching the yearly 100 billion dollars target on climate finance for each year in the period of 2020-2025. We urge the Nordic and Baltic Countries to explicitly call out other developed countries who consistently fall short on contributing their adequate share of this target.
5. Show a bigger global leadership in the phase out of all fossil fuels, by for example supporting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
6. Recognize that a state's inaction to act to stop global warming or other forms of environmental destruction is itself a violation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
7. Enable funded, youth-led and representative UNFCCC youth delegate programmes for every Nordic and Baltic country. Additionally, advocate for youth delegates in all Party states and support them by means of finance and knowledge transfer.
8. Institutionalize youth in a meaningful way in decision making processes, to ensure involvement of youth throughout the whole process, by giving youth mandate and long term funded opportunities. Deliberate seek-out marginalized communities including people with disabilities, indigenous people and all genders.
9. Ensure the representation of Sámi youth and people in decision making processes, by including a Sámi representative in the delegations to COP.
10. Take an active role in the operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund at COP28. The fund(s) should be predictable, needs-based, obligatory, new and additional, grant-based, and accessible for affected communities.

