



Children Speak in Front of the UN General Assembly

Plant-For-The-Planet Developed a 3-Point-Plan to Tackle Poverty and the Climate Crisis

If the children were government leaders who had to make decisions at the next climate summit, they would need to have a plan to safeguard their future. On July 1, 2010, **they presented this “3-Point-Plan” at 133 embassies in Berlin** - together with a request to the government leaders to disclose what they themselves wanted to do to solve the climate crisis and thereby protect the children’s future. In a speech at the UN General Assembly on February 2, 2011 the children from Plant-for-the-Planet presented their plan to the United Nations:

- 1) **Plant a trillion trees.** As additional carbon reservoirs, 1 trillion trees will bind one quarter of the human-made CO₂ emissions every year. A trillion trees sounds like a lot, but it is possible: starting 1978, the Chinese government planted more than 60 billion trees as part of the “Great Green Wall”. That is 1.6 million trees per year.



- 2) **Leave the fossil fuels in the ground.** The technology for a CO₂-free future has existed for a long time. **Mankind must reduce the CO₂ emissions to zero by 2050.** That means: no more burning coal, oil, or natural gas. Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture. Reduce the use of CO₂ intensive materials like cement.

- 3) **Put poverty in the museum using Climate Justice.** In order to limit further warming to the pledged 2 °C, only 420 billion tons more CO₂ can be emitted by 2050. 420 divided by 33 years makes 12.7 billion tons CO₂ per year. This must be fairly divided among the world population: everyone receives the same, **namely 1.5 tons CO₂ per person per year.** Whoever wants more must pay. This principle of climate justice ensures that poverty too is put in a museum.

Plant-for-the-Planet - described in 2:50 min.: youtu.be/iYABG1vSeF0

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About Plant-for-the-Planet

The **Plant-for-the-Planet children and youth initiative** was launched in January 2007. At the end of his school presentation about the current climate crisis, nine-year-old Felix Finkbeiner announced his vision to his classmates: **“Let’s plant one million trees in every country on earth!”**

The current goal of the children and youth initiative is to plant a trillion trees worldwide. Trees are the **cheapest and most effective means of binding CO₂**, allowing us more time to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero and mitigate the climate crisis.

In 2011, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) handed over **the long-established Billion Tree Campaign**, along with the official world tree counter, to Plant-for-the-Planet. As the children’s aim is now to plant a trillion trees, they transformed the Billion Tree Campaign into the **Trillion Tree Campaign** and developed an interactive online tool that motivates others to get involved in planting (trilliontreecampaign.org).

So far, with the help of many adults, Plant-for-the-Planet youths have already planted more than **14 billion trees in 193 countries**. These children teach and empower others to become Climate Justice Ambassadors. More than **75,000 children from 71 countries** are already participating.

On the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, Plant-for-the-Planet plants **a new tree every 15 seconds**. This project demonstrates just how easy it is to make planting trees so effective on a large scale. The initiative uses its own products (i.e. the Change Chocolate) and campaigns (such as "Stop talking. Start planting.") in order to independently plant trees and motivate others to get involved in planting.

Please note - thank you!

The name of this organization is written like this: Plant-for-the-Planet
Please don’t abbreviate it, otherwise Google won’t find us!

We are focused on the **“climate crisis”** because it threatens the lives of us children and adults worldwide! We are not talking about climate change. “Change” is something positive that is necessary and good. We don’t think this can be said about the climate crisis!

We children did not plant 14 billion trees alone, **but with the help of many adults**.

We educate each other to become **Climate Justice Ambassadors**.

Please use only the children’s first names! In order to protect minors, we forego using their last names in publications.



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