

Climate Forum will be held at Boğaziçi University on November 12-13,
Climate March will take place in Istanbul on November 14.

We have a message to G20 “Count me in for the Climate”!

G20 countries and the global companies they are intertwined with are responsible for the inequality and injustice we face. Global climate change, which is now an inseparable a part of the social and economic problems we face, is becoming harder and harder to reverse, and is fast becoming the biggest crisis we face.

Governments’ of the G20 countries which are responsible for eighty percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change are accelerating investments that consume even more fossil fuels, namely coal, oil and natural gas which are responsible for climate change. In the process, our nature and our habitat is destroyed, the commons that belong to everyone confiscated all in the name of unsustainable economic growth.

Climate change causes floods in Pacific island countries, more typhoons and hurricanes hit countries from Asia to America, heat waves and droughts ravage the world, especially Africa and Mediterranean countries like Turkey. These impacts threaten the right to live of people and all living beings. Lack of water and problems with access to food, hunger and poverty, increased public health problems and climate change related migrations are among the many results of this major crisis.

And the leaders of the G20 are meeting on November 15-16 2015 in Antalya, Turkey.

The track record of G20 in the face of this crisis is bad. If we don’t raise our voices, they will make decisions about our future in the interests of those polluting industries. They will continue to target unlimited economic growth in a limited world in the name of unsustainable policies. They will ignore the lives of the poor, workers, farmers, women, children, youth, LGBTI, people on the frontlines, indigenous peoples, migrants and other vulnerable sectors of society. Unless we say no.

If we do not say no, the system built on inequality will continue to exploit and destroy nature, human labor, organisms, air, water and soil. All other issues which are the products of the system that cause climate change; fossil fuel-dependent and consumption focused lifestyle in the cities, destructive “mega-projects”, urban transformations, giant buildings that are built one after another, hours we spend in traffic, polluted air we breathe, unsafe jobs and worker deaths, low wages which are not enough for us to continue our lives, mobbing in the workplace, gender inequalities, discrimination turn our lives into a nightmare.

Hydroelectric power plants that dry our creeks in rural areas, mines that poison our water and our land, thermal power plants that poison our air, poor agricultural and livestock applications full with chemical poison, destroyed farmlands, failed crops, changing weather patterns, hails, floods, tornados, the disappearance of forests, wetlands and species make the world a planet on which it is increasingly difficult to live. There is no Noah’s Ark that we can get in to escape. Only we can provide the salvation by struggling together and building a new system. Our time is now!

We will establish the future, not with the words of 20 people gathered in a high-security hall afraid of their people, but by our own will. We the women, youth, children, LGBTI, professional groups, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, civil society organizations, social and political movements, artists, media workers, academics, activists... together we will discuss the effect of the climate change on our habitat, our future, and us. We will review social and economic problems caused by climate change and focus on the solutions and our right to live. We will create our common demands on the Climate Forum that will be held at Boğaziçi University on November 12-13, 2015.

Then we will take to the streets for a big climate march on Nov 14, 2015 to make G20 hear the voices of the Climate Forum, to defend the right to live that will continue for generations after us on this planet.

Join us.

Organize meetings in Climate Forum, let’s discuss together our future and create our common demands and solutions together. Let’s shout out

together that we are greater than the G20, and that we want the future.

Where will the Climate Forum be held?

Climate Forum, which will be held in Istanbul at Nov 12-13. Sessions will be held simultaneously in one big and five smaller halls at Bogazici University Garanti Cultural Center. Turkish-English simultaneous translation will be provided

The Forum.

Climate Forum is organized in line with the principles of the world social forum gatherings. Participating groups, institutions, organizations and initiatives will organize sessions alone or in partnership with other groups or institutions within the framework outlined below. 'Count me in for the climate' will organize the forum with a secretariat open to everybody, will evaluate the session proposals, will offer partnerships to combine the proposals if needed and will provide the fundamental organizational support.

The forum will feature forty sessions and more than a hundred speakers to ensure a rich and dynamic discussion area with the active participation of the attendees over two days. In addition, activism workshops, art activities, stands and other social activities will be featured to create opportunities for climate movements and activists to meet and get to know each other and expand the movement together.

How to apply to organize a session?

You can fill out the attached registration form until September 1, 2015 and email it to info@iklimicin.org or fill out the online meeting participation at the bottom of the page.

What are the themes/topics that you can organize a session about in Climate Forum?

The following subjects aim to draw a framework for sessions that will be held during Climate Forum, and provide some ideas. Suggestions are not limited to this list. You can integrate, make changes or switch between these issues and themes in your session proposal, and you can make suggestions different from the topics below, as long as it complies with the general framework. Session owners will formulate topics in the way they want and they will designate the speaker suggestions.

Sample topics

- CLIMATE JUSTICE
- Impacts and frontline communities
- Local ecology movements and climate change
- Legal struggles, environment and climate cases
- Fight against coal, mining, and thermal coal power plants
- Fight against large dams and hydroelectric power plants.
- *Land-grabbing, extractivism* and plunder of nature
- Local ecology, international cooperation of climate actions and global resistance
- Intergenerational justice and the rights of future generations
- Climate change, the least developed countries and global justice
- The role of climate action in the fight against poverty
- Youth struggles and activism
- Children and climate change

- GENDER
- Women at the frontlines of climate change
- Overlaps of women's struggle and the ecology fight
- International cooperation and global climate action in the field of gender
- LGBTIQ movement and climate change struggle
- Domination of nature and patriarchal system

- LABOR STRUGGLE
- The links between neoliberal deregulation, privatization and precarious work and climate change and the ecological crisis
- The fossil fuel industry, coal mines-oil wells and work safety
- Climate-friendly green jobs and employment
- Developments in the renewable energy sector and the labor movement

- CLIMATE SCIENCE
- New evidence of climate change
- Communicating climate science for everyone
- What is happening in climate science, how can we follow it?

- The effects of climate change, modeling and forecasting
 - Science based options to fight climate change?
 - The drama of scientists as human beings
 - How to deal with deniers?
- SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
 - Climate change and fair access to water resources
 - How do food production, agriculture and livestock affect climate change?
 - How do food production, agriculture and livestock are affected by climate change?
 - The seas, fishing and climate change
 - The effects of climate change on public health
 - Diseases and epidemics caused by climate change
 - What can be done in the health field to fight climate change?
 - War, militarism and climate change
 - Climate refugees and the problems of immigrants
 - The effects of cities on climate change
 - Climate-friendly cities and local governments
- ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE , CLIMATE DISASTERS AND COMPLIANCE POLICIES
 - The extinction of species, biodiversity and the great extinction
 - Climate change and sensitive ecosystems
 - Floods, storms, typhoons and other meteorological disasters and climate change
 - Drought, water scarcity and climate change effects on land
 - Forests and climate change
 - Heat waves and shifting seasons
 - What kind of water policies should be followed to adapt to climate change?
 - Permaculture, agro-ecology and organic farming
 - Community supported agriculture
 - “Back to rural” movement
 - Holistic management and restorative agriculture for the soil to hold more carbon

- CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICIES

- Fossil fuel dependency
- How to deal with coal, oil and natural gas companies domination of energy policies?
- Fossil fuel incentives
- Non-conventional fossil fuels: tar sands, shale gas-oil and new oil drillings in polar regions and oceans
- False solutions: nuclear energy, carbon capture and storage, clean coal and transition fuel rhetoric
- Fossil fuel phase-out and keep coal – oil – natural gas in the ground
- Developments in the field of renewable energy
- One hundred percent renewable energy
- Energy efficiency and energy saving
- Energy for whom and for what?
- Local, collective, community-based energy production

- CLIMATE-FRIENDLY NEW ECONOMY

- The role of the G20 countries in climate change
- Answers of the climate movement to G20 meeting
- The effects of climate change on global and national economies
- Climate change and economic models
- Climate change and social justice
- Trade, global trade and climate change
- TTIP and TTP, the secret trade agreements and climate change
- Which is first in the fight against climate change: mitigation, adaptation or acting together?
- New climate-friendly technologies
- Low carbon economies
- Does emissions trading save the climate or the companies?
- Questioning the growth and development; degrowth
- Enabling a small and local-based economy
- How to build a climate-friendly, sustainable economic system?
- Is the solution in the city or in the countryside?
- Fossil fuel divestment movement

- PHILOSOPHICAL, ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIMENSIONS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

- Nature-human relationship
 - Climate ethics and responsibility
 - Rights of the nature and ecological justice
 - Animal rights, vegetarian – vegan movements response to climate change
 - The effects of increasing meat consumption to climate change and climate-friendly diet
 - How can religions and belief systems respond to climate change?
 - Religious movements, communities and climate action
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- BUILDING TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S CLIMATE ACTION
 - Cooperation between the climate movements, unity and solidarity
 - Politics and climate change
 - International climate change policies, the UNFCCC – COP meetings and climate action
 - How to prevent interference of companies to climate negotiations?
 - Local-Global, North-South, East-West
 - Building the alternative
 - What have we learned from Gezi resistance?
 - Atmosphere as commons and getting it back
 - The struggle for democracy, the struggle for ecology and climate action
 - The problems of climate movements from local to global
 - Revolution or reform?
 - Communication of climate change
 - Art, performance and activism in climate fight
 - Movie of climate, music of climate, painting of climate
 - Education and awareness activities to fight climate change
 - Media and climate change
 - Open platform