

Invitation letter from Glasgow

The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration: Bringing food systems and subnational governments to COP26 – a call to action!

In November 2021...Glasgow City will host nearly 200 governments for the UNFCCC 26th Conference of the Parties. COP26 will face the monumental task of bridging the gap between countries' current climate commitments and the significant transformation needed to tackle the climate emergency. With food systems currently accounting for 1/3 of total GHG emissions and simultaneously holding the potential to deliver on climate action with co-benefits for biodiversity, health, livelihoods and justice, COP26 is a unique opportunity to bring food systems reform to the forefront of the climate debate.

The Glasgow message, as we head towards COP26, is that climate justice and social justice are inseparable. Social justice and social equity must be driven from climate action. And food is an enormous part of that.

Therefore, since March 2020, Glasgow City Council have been part of a process led by Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food in partnership with Sustainable Food Places, Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, ICLEI and others, aimed at moving local governments and integrated food policies to centre stage. The [Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration](#) is the outcome of this process.

By signing the Declaration, local and sub-national governments renew their commitment to include a food system approach in their local efforts to tackle the climate emergency and to continue to work on developing and implementing integrated sustainable food policies. At the same time, they add their voice behind a call to action aimed at national and international policymakers to put food and farming at the heart of global efforts to tackle the climate and nature emergency.

In the lead up to COP26, the Glasgow Declaration partners will provide platforms for signatories to share best practices and insights on developing and monitoring sustainable integrated food policies and collaborate in promoting the Declaration. At COP26, the Glasgow Process will culminate in a food systems day with high-level events co-hosted by partners and signatories.

As host city of COP26 and, like you, a place that has recognized the need for integrated food policy and action, on behalf of Glasgow City, I would ask you to consider signing the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration ahead of COP26 and joining the commitment and call to action for a food-systems approach to tackling the climate and nature emergency.