

POWERING PAST COAL ALLIANCE: DECLARATION

In 2015, the world gathered in Paris and committed to take action to spur clean growth and avoid catastrophic climate change.

Coal-fired power plants produce almost 40 per cent of global electricity today, making carbon pollution from coal a leading contributor to climate change.

The [health](#) effects of air pollution from burning coal, including respiratory diseases and premature deaths, impose massive costs in both human and economic terms. Recent analysis has found that more than 800,000 people die each year around the world from the pollution generated by burning coal.

As a result, phasing out traditional coal power is one of the most important steps governments can take to tackle climate change and meet our commitment to keep global temperature increase well below 2°C, and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.

To meet the Paris Agreement, [analysis shows](#) that coal phase-out is needed no later than by 2030 in the OECD and EU28, and no later than by 2050 in the rest of the world.

The cost of generating electricity from wind and solar have plummeted, with the result that clean power is the low-cost option in a growing number of jurisdictions worldwide. Global investments in new renewable power now significantly surpass those in new coal-fired electricity, and clean growth represents an opportunity worth trillions of dollars.

Countries moving to low-carbon, climate-resilient economies are already seeing environmental, economic and human health benefits. Our coalition wants to help accelerate that transition.

Powering Past Coal brings together a diverse range of governments, businesses and organizations that are **united in taking action to accelerate clean growth and climate protection through the rapid phase-out of traditional coal power**. We commit to achieve that phase-out in a sustainable and economically inclusive way, including appropriate support for workers and communities.

More specifically:

- **Government partners commit** to phasing out existing traditional coal power in their jurisdictions, and to a moratorium on any new traditional coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage within their jurisdictions.
- **Business and other non-government partners commit** to powering their operations without coal.
- **All partners commit** to supporting clean power through their policies (whether public or corporate, as appropriate) and investments, and to restricting financing for traditional coal power without carbon capture and storage.

To support these goals, the partners in Powering Past Coal will work together to share real-world examples and best practices to support the phase-out of coal, including through climate financing, and to adopt practical initiatives to support this transition, including developing clean energy plans and targets.

We will also encourage our peers to join us in powering past coal to build a better world for our kids and grandkids.

As founding partners, we will work to grow the alliance to 50 partners by COP24, to continue the momentum towards a safer climate, healthier people, and a clean economy.

Partner countries, states and organisations confirmed as of 16 November – **as of 10am:**

1. Alberta
2. Angola
3. Austria
4. Belgium
5. British Columbia
6. Canada
7. Costa Rica
8. Denmark
9. Finland
10. Fiji
11. France
12. Italy
13. Luxembourg
14. Marshall Islands
15. Mexico
16. Netherlands
17. New Zealand
18. Niue
19. Ontario
20. Portugal
21. Quebec
22. Switzerland
23. United Kingdom
24. Vancouver
25. Washington