

10 Years of the Paris Agreement: Stay the Course

As geopolitical crises intensify and short-term interests take precedence, the fight for peace has become a global challenge. So where does climate action stand?

The answer is clear: at the very core. Without climate action, there will be no lasting peace, no long-term stability.

Ten years ago, 196 countries came together in a historic moment of unity to sign the Paris Agreement, setting a crucial goal: to limit global warming to 1.5°C, well below 2°C. It was proof that multilateralism can prevail, that cooperation is possible in the face of systemic threats.

Today, that commitment is wavering. Some are turning back, but we cannot afford to.

The facts are indisputable: the laws of physics do not negotiate, and climate disruption accelerates whether we look away or not. We have reached a point where inaction will shape the fate of generations to come.

But we are not powerless. As leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, and engaged citizens, we form a critical mass that refuses to back down. Across the world, solutions are scaling, alliances are strengthening, and ecosystems are rising to meet the challenge.

The Paris Agreement is more than an accord—it is a vision, a compass, a collective responsibility. Invoking it is not enough; we must defend it, uphold its ambition, and bring it fully to life. Every decision, every action must strengthen its impact and drive real, tangible change.

At ChangeNOW 2025—the first official milestone of this pivotal anniversary year—we, the signatories of this declaration, reaffirm our commitment. We will stay the course, align with science, and fight for the living world. Because every fraction of a degree counts.

Together, we hold the line.

An op-ed co-signed by [40 prominent leaders](#) from the impact, institutional, and business sectors, brought together by ChangeNOW.