

# GLASGOW FOOD AND CLIMATE DECLARATION FOR A FOOD SYSTEM APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE

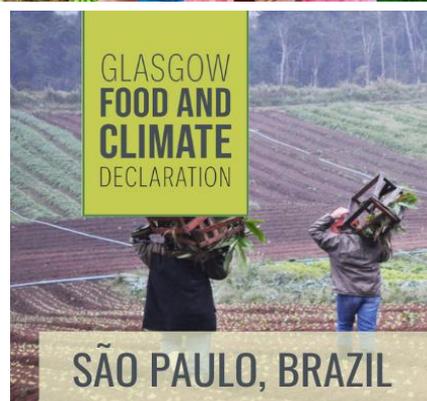
In November 2021, 100 local governments and partners from across six continents united to present the [Glasgow Food & Climate Declaration](#) at the COP26 Nature Day: a commitment by subnational governments to tackle the climate emergency through sustainable food policies and call on national governments to act.



[The Declaration remains open for signatories and partners](#) consider further action to put food high on the climate agenda on the road to the next COP27. The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration is open to signatures from subnational, regional, local and indigenous governments of all sizes across the world. The organizers encourage national governments to endorse the Declaration and its call to action. Non-governmental, private sector and civil society organizations, networks and associations are welcomed to join as partners and supporters.

[The Declaration underlines the need to adopt a food systems approach to fight climate change.](#) Food systems currently account for 1/3 of global GHG emissions, so it is becoming clear that we cannot meet Paris Agreement without addressing food systems. Yet food touches on many different policy areas and this often leads to policy contradictions and friction. Unless all food systems' impacts are considered together, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies associated with food production and consumption are likely to be inefficient. A food systems approach considers the range of actors and underlying socio-cultural, economic, biophysical, and institutional factors that shape our food systems and makes it easier to develop coherent policies, address tensions, and deliver the food systems transformation needed to tackle urgent environmental and nutritional challenges. The [Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration Accompanying Document](#) highlights the main reasons to take a food system approach to climate change.

The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration, [promoted by IPES-Food and Nourish Scotland](#), was drafted in partnership among international networks of subnational governments, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations working with food systems and climate change and in consultation with subnational, city and region governments. The Declaration builds on previous work by many partners to bringing food systems transformation to COP26 as an integrated solution to the climate emergency with co-benefits for biodiversity, ecosystem regeneration, circularity, access to sustainable and healthy diets for all, and the creation of resilient livelihoods for farm and food workers.



This initiative highlights the pioneering efforts of cities and regions in driving food system sustainability working around food procurement, food waste, access to land, or food environments, all while ensuring participation of and accountability to their citizens. The [Case studies presented in the website](#) show the main features of some practices realized by signatories and different monitoring tools adopted to manage their food policies.

The Declaration brings together all types and sizes of local actors to speak with a unified voice in renewing their commitments to develop sustainable food policies, promote mechanisms for joined-up action and call on national governments to put food and farming at the heart of the global response to the climate emergency. Signatories of the Declaration include cities like Bilbao, São Paulo, London, Philadelphia, Paris, Surakarta, Antananarivo, as well as Catalonia, Scotland, and a number of other regions, provinces, and subnational authorities. In December 2021, Honduras became the first state to sign on to the Declaration and step up to the challenge of adopting food policies at all levels.

[Signing the Declaration](#), new local governments and partners will join a platform to share best practices and insights on developing and monitoring sustainable integrated food policies and collaborate to further promoting the role of local and regional governments in building sustainable food systems and this initiative as a whole.

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