



CLIMATE  
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MOVEMENT



## Press Statement

### Earth day: Call for SALGA, local and provincial governments to adopt the Climate Justice Charter

21 April 2021

For the first time in recorded history, Atmospheric Carbon dioxide levels reached a record of more than 420 parts per million<sup>1</sup>. The window of opportunity for us to act on climate change and ecological breakdown is becoming ever narrower. Persistent warming and the breakdown of ecosystems indicate that emissions targets set for 2050 are too far away for the transformative and systemic change that is needed now. The Climate Justice Charter is a pathway towards a deep just transition. It places the needs of workers, the poor and the most vulnerable at the centre of decarbonisation, systemic change and capabilities building. On this critical Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April), we call on local government, provincial governments and SALGA to lead the fight against human-led climate change, together with communities and workplaces.

Communities across the country (see the list below) will be taking to the streets, engaging in dialogue and approaching their local municipalities to hand over the Climate Justice Charter, the Climate Science Document and the People's Food Sovereignty Act, along with the following demands:

#### **We demand the following from our local government:**

1. **Climate science be taken seriously:** Just as the government has depended on the latest science in its response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we demand that local governments and SALGA respond in accordance with the climate science in their response to the climate crisis.
2. **The Climate Justice Charter be adopted:** On 16 October 2020 we called on parliament to use section 234 of the constitution and adopt the Climate Justice Charter. Parliament's lack of responsiveness confirms the need to intensify the climate justice struggle. On this #EarthDay we call on local governments and SALGA to endorse the Climate Justice Charter (#AdoptCJC) as we demand a climate conscious local government (#ClimateJusticeNow). This is just the first step to achieve a people driven climate justice state.
3. **Adopt the People's Food Sovereignty Act:** Monocultural industrialised agriculture has failed. 30 million people are food stressed and 14 million go to bed hungry every night in South Africa. This food crisis cannot continue. Adopt the People's Food Sovereignty Act to help build a more just food system in communities, villages, towns and cities.
4. **Support Community Just transitions:** Such just transitions are about decarbonising, building life sustaining systems and capabilities to deal with climate shocks. In this regard the following demands are important:

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<sup>1</sup> as recorded by the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii

- Unlock the commons for small scale fishers and informal traders. They feed our communities and are part of the solidarity economy and food sovereignty system. Give small scale fishers and informal traders their rights in our cities and towns;
- Democratise the water commons so communities can control water systems and affirm their rights;
- Support socially/community owned renewable energy systems, invest in climate jobs, clean energy mass transport systems and eco-housing;
- Support community and workplace led deep just transition planning.
- Support the need for a [universal basic income grant](#) (#UBIGNOW)

5. **Take active steps to end corruption:** Corruption is destroying our democracy. It is undermining service delivery in communities. It is setting us back in the fight for climate justice. We stand by the Constitutional Court and all criminal justice institutions acting against the corrupt. Looters and criminals must go to jail. We call on local governments and SALGA to remove and punish the corrupt.

We encourage the public to join in the following local actions where they can, keeping in mind Covid safety protocols. All actions are on **Thursday, 22 April**, unless otherwise specified:

Organisation	Action	Time and Place	Province	Contact	Number
1. Sekgosese Community Advice Office	Climate Change Awareness campaign	10 am next to Mamaila Global Garage next Chief Mamaila KS (Tribal Office)	Limpopo	Shadrack Ramoba	0785650942
2. Abanebhongo Persons with Disabilities	Climate Change awareness Campaign	10 am at Nqamakhwe Primary School	Eastern Cape	Nosintu Kwepile	0604979783
3. Earth child Project	Climate Awareness Day and Mother 'Earth celebration	2pm at Yomelela Primary School, SiteB Khayelitsha in Cape Town	Western Cape	Xoli Fuyani	0731446475
4. Indigenous House Traditional Leaders	Climate Change awareness	9am Outside Parliament in Cape Town	Western Cape	Andre Naidoo	0735740732
5. Dr Mphephu Sustainable Developments NPC	Picketing at Nwamitwa tribal offices	9am Nwamitwa tribal offices	Limpopo	Mathebula Doctor	0836375889
6. West Coast Food Sovereignty and Solidarity Forum	Presentation of demands to the Major, councillors and Municipal manager	9am at Lutzville Community hall	Western Cape	Davine Cloete	0715922361
7. Nala Women4Women	Discussion on food sovereignty in the wake of the climate crisis	10am at Plot 56 Waterpan, Westonaria	Gauteng	Janine Bosch-Wessels	0836453173
8. Daggakraal Advice Centre and Community Development	Discussion on The climate crisis	starts at 10am, at the Daggakraal Advice Centre And Community Development (DAC)	Mpumalanga	Jabulani Nkosi	0790452295
9. SAITA (South African Informal Traders Alliance)	Picketing for the rights of SAITA	Grand Parade trading Area in cape Town CBD	Western Cape	Rosheda Muller	0817642251
10. South Durban Community Environmental Alliance	Creative demonstration	Durban City Hall	KwaZulu-Natal	Shanice Firmin	0817990971

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11. Climate Justice Charter Youth Movement	Beach Cleaning	From 9am in Mladen Cove Cape Town.	Western Cape	Raeesah Noor-Mahomed	0798028521
12. Independent Komani Residents Association (iKORA)	Presenting demands to the mayor.	Sub-region Enoch Mgijima	Eastern Cape	Thulani Bukani	0763134254
13. The Collective Movement	Planting Trees and Climate Justice talks	Parktown High school For Girls, Johannesburg	Gauteng	Sera Farista	0662047515
14. The Collective Movement	Climate Change and Climate Justice Awareness raising	Putting up posters and handing out Charters, Hatfield	Gauteng	Natalie Kapsosideris	0643930587
15. Science Faculty Council	Online Webinar on the climate crisis	Online		Nkosazana Makoti	Witsapesco uncil@gmail.com
16. Green Hope Foundation SA	Climate change and water conservation education campaign	Diepsloot ext 1 and Riverside View	Gauteng	David Marokane	0810999035
17. ECWC #uNolali	Seed Saving workshop	Elundini Community from 9 am.	Eastern Cape	Nts'ka Mateta	0632140539
18. The Lower Tugela Association of Retired Teachers (Part of Active Citizens Movement)	Placard Demonstration	Opposite Engen Garage in Stanger Manor from 7-8 am.	Kwazulu-Natal	Kalay	0829213130
19. House of the People	Climate Change awareness campaign	(Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> ) 1pm at the corner of corner of Leekop Street Roseday Upington	Northern Cape	Ryan Snyman	0768184494
20. Abanebhongo Persons with disabilities	Climate change education campaign	Nqamakwe rural areas starting at 10am	Eastern Cape	Nosintu Kwepile	0604979783
21. Housing Assembly	Climate Justice Charter Distribution campaign	Khayelitsha Township from 10 am	Western Cape	Stephen Maciko	0621519501
22. Botle Ba Tlhalo Environmental Group	Protesting about Quarries and distributing the Climate Justice Charter	(Saturday the 27 <sup>th</sup> ) at the quarries in Sebokeng from 10 am.	Gauteng	Mduduzi Tshabalala	0613559614
23. University of the Free State Food Sovereignty Campaign	Rally for Community Kitchens	Main Gate University of Free State from 3-4 pm.	Free state	Tshiamo Malatji	0629486136
24. Phoenix Child Welfare	Food sovereignty Education	(Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> ) Phoenix township 5pm	KwaZulu-Natal	Dr Muni Kooblal	0827866430
25. Sustainable Agriculture and Permaculture	Education campaign on permaculture and food sovereignty	Khayelitsha Site C from 1pm	Western Cape	Siphe Rawe	0768184494
26. COPAC	Virtual workshop with SALGA	10 am-12 pm	Online	Charles Simane	0732841126
27 - 42. Children's Resource Centre	Eco-street groups and climate justice demonstrations, more details below	Children's resource centre will be hosting 16 decentralised activities from 22 – 24 April. Eco-street groups with selected themes by child/youth	National (see list below for specific locations)	Shanaaz Viljoen	0833731179

		members with banners, poster, feeding programme, planting and promoting and exhibiting items manufactured by children.			
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### Children's Resource Centre Actions

Theme	Time and Place	Province	Contact	Number
27. Eco Street Group and climate justice demonstration	Thursday, 22 April, 12pm at 4 Foxglove, Lentegeur, Mitchell's Plain	Western Cape	Porscha Green	0844303612
28. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 11am at 8343A Zone 6, Mkwanzani Street, Diepkloof, Johannesburg	Gauteng	Nozipho Radebe	0611436487
29. Restore our Earth	Saturday, 24 April, 1.30pm at 3217 Ludwe Street, Makhaza, Khayelitsha	Western Cape	Thabisa Meslaan	0729477862
30. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 2pm at 3574 lukhwe street, Kwazakhele, Port Elizabeth	Eastern Cape	Felicia Lethese	0837553707
31. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 4pm at 32246 Kodwa Street, Makhaza, Khayelitsha	Western Cape	Ntombizanele Ndiki	0738448599
32. Eco Street Group and climate justice demonstration	Friday, 23 April, 10am at 18 Fallstaff Crescent, Eastridge, Mitchell's Plain	Western Cape	Charmaine Dodgen	0780208119
33. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 3pm at Site C, Khayelitsha	Western Cape	Nolunisile Mtheto	0780027455
34. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 2.30pm at 59642 Joyce Modimeng, Kuyasa, Khayelitsha	Western Cape	Nonthombizakhe Nogoazola	0839631254
35. Restore our Earth	Friday, 23 April, 2pm at OR Tambo Drive Kwa-Mandlenkosi, Beaufort West	Western Cape	Noksi Asavela	0736199729
36. Restore our Earth	Thursday, 22 April, 2pm at Amoti Hall, Inanda	KwaZulu-Natal	Nomusa Khumalo	0837817158
37. Eco Street Group and climate justice demonstration	Saturday, 24 April, 2pm at 40 Vliegtuig Avenue, Factreton	Western Cape	Josephine de Klerk	0767495467
38. Healthy Environment	Thursday, 22 April, 2pm at NY 147 No. 2 Gugulethu	Western Cape	Nombulelo Ndlela	0767495467
39. Cleaning and Recycling	Thursday, 22 April, 3.30pm at 48 Renoste street, Lyden, Delft	Western Cape	Thelma Busch	0845240321
40. Restore our Earth	Saturday, 24 April, 1pm at 1556, Nyanga	Western Cape	Nomhle Kiti	0626656998
41. Earth Day	Thursday, 22 April, 12pm at 278 Matroos Stree, Thembaletu, George	Western Cape	Simnikiwe Geja	0782346031
42. Eco Street Group and climate justice demonstration	Thursday, 22 April, 2pm, 48 Pandora Road, Woodlands, Mitchell's Plain	Western Cape	Bonita du Plessis	0653570866

**For more information** about local events, contact individuals/communities hosting events. Their contact details are listed above.

For further information about the Climate Justice Charter Movement and the events more generally, contact:

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