

## 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 organisations 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 can 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.

Partners confirmed as of 9 April 2018:

Countries, states and cities	Businesses and other organisations <sup>1</sup>
1. Provincia of Alberta	37. Abraaj Group
2. Angola	38. Alterra Power Corp
3. Austria	39. ArcTern Ventures
4. Belgium	40. Autodesk
5. Province of British Columbia	41. Avant Garde Innovations
6. Canada	42. BT
7. State of California	43. Canadian GeoExchange Coalition
8. Costa Rica	44. CCLA
9. Denmark	45. Diageo
10. El Salvador	46. Drax
11. Ethiopia	47. DSM
12. Fiji	48. Econet Group
13. Finland	49. EcoSmart
14. France	50. EDF
15. Great Britain	51. Engie
16. Ireland	52. Kering
17. Italy	53. Green Science
18. Latvia	54. Iberdrola
19. Liechtenstein	55. Marks and Spencer
20. Lithuania	56. Natura Cosmetics
21. Luxembourg	57. Pacific Island Development Organisation
22. Marshall Islands	58. Ørsted
23. Mexico	59. Salesforce
24. Netherlands	60. SSE
25. New Zealand	61. Storebrand
26. Niue	62. Unilever
27. Province of Ontario	63. Virgin Group
28. State of Oregon	64. XPND Capital
29. Portugal	
30. Province of Québec	
31. Sweden	
32. Switzerland	
33. Tuvalu	
34. City of Vancouver	
35. Vanuatu	
36. State of Washington	

<sup>1</sup> Private sector partners are expected to make a specific commitment by joining the alliance that would contribute to the phase out of unabated coal from the power sector within a timeframe compatible with the Powering Past Coal declaration. The commitment depends on the nature of their business.

- Large consumers of electricity commit to:** Powering their operations without unabated coal-fired electricity. Recognizing that businesses must often connect to the grid in countries that still use coal, fulfilling this commitment can take the form of clean electricity contracts with utilities, Power Purchase Agreements that exclude coal, or the purchase of clean electricity certificates for a company's operations. For example, commitments such as those made under the RE100 would enable a company to be a partner in the Alliance.
- Electricity suppliers or generators commit to:** Phasing out unabated coal-fired power stations from their asset base within a timeframe compatible with the Paris Agreement, and not building new unabated coal-fired power stations without operational carbon capture and storage.
- Investors commit to:** Restricting financing to existing unabated coal fired power stations to promote their phase-out within a timeframe compatible with the Paris Agreement, and restricting finance to new unabated coal fired power stations without operational carbon capture and storage.