



Media Advisory

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Launch of “Fossil Free Zones” global climate action framework

When: 17 November at 11:00-11:45 a.m. Egypt time (GMT+2)

Where: online ([Zoom link](#)), COP27, Blue Zone, Area E, Meeting room BR1

Photo/video/interview opportunity at COP venue: 12:15 pm Egypt time, in front of the COP27 media center building

Press release: [“Fossil Free Zones” - new global bottom-up climate action framework launched](#)

An alliance of NGOs will launch “Fossil Free Zones” as a new framework for bottom-up climate action to effectively respond to the climate emergency, by ending fossil fuels step by step.

Fossil Free Zones are places of any scale that do not burn or extract oil, gas or coal. The example of these “fossil free” pioneers can guide efforts in other locations. A website and a global map will be introduced that shows the places that have ended oil, gas and coal. 250 Fossil Free Zones in 30 countries have already been identified (see list of countries with Fossil Free Zones below). They range from Fossil Free Homes, Fossil Extraction Free Communities, Coal Free Countries to a Fossil Extraction Free Continent.

At the launch event at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh, pioneers of the movement beyond the fossil fuel age will share examples of existing Fossil Free Zones and call upon the climate movement to establish more Fossil Free Zones everywhere.

Who:

Dr. Fergus Green, University College London, UK

Naglaa Ahmed, SEKEM, Egypt

Kjell Kühne, Leave it in the Ground Initiative (LINGO), Germany

Helena Gualinga, Community leader, Sarayacu, Ecuador (tbc)

Bill McKibben, author, US (tbc)

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Countries & Territories with Fossil Free Zones identified:

1. Antarctica
2. Australia
3. Belgium
4. Belize
5. Bolivia
6. Botswana
7. Canada
8. Costa Rica
9. Denmark
10. Ecuador
11. Egypt
12. Eritrea
13. Finland
14. France
15. Germany
16. Ireland
17. Italy
18. Mexico
19. Netherlands
20. New Zealand
21. North Macedonia
22. Paraguay
23. Portugal
24. Spain
25. Sweden
26. Switzerland
27. Syria
28. UK
29. Uruguay
30. USA

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