

# CLIMATE DAY OF ACTION

# N30

Climate change threatens to turn our world upside down with water shortages, crop failures, sea level rise and ecosystem collapse. A million species face extinction by the end of the century, and the people who have contributed least to the problem will continue to be the hardest hit.

*We urgently need to implement real solutions like ending excessive consumption, keeping fossil fuels in the ground, re-localizing production and consumption, and drastically reducing greenhouse emissions. We must also protect the rights of workers, displaced peoples, and others affected by the transition.*

*In recent months, people of the world have taken valiant action for climate solutions. On Oct. 24th, people in 181 countries staged over 5,200 actions calling for global action on climate change. And on November 4, African delegates walked out of pre-Copenhagen negotiations in Barcelona – demanding that rich countries commit to deeper and faster emissions cuts.*

**Join the Global Day of Action for Climate justice on Monday, November 30, 2009. Take the day off, get together with friends, & take a stand for real, just & effective solutions to the climate crisis!**

**On November 30 (N30) 1999,** protests shut down the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Seattle.

The WTO, which exists to impose Free Trade rules and in the process override democracy, workers rights and environmental protection, has struggled to hold successful meetings since - as developing countries stand up to bullying by the rich and powerful. The incredible power of collective action seen in Seattle was part of a long tradition; the rights and freedoms we take for granted were not given to us-they were fought for.

1989 - 10 years previously, people power toppled the Berlin Wall...  
2009 - 10 years on, and the world is preparing for the Copenhagen UN Climate Summit.

The summit is supposed to create an agreement to follow the Kyoto Protocol, and cut greenhouse gas emissions. But every indication is that any agreement that does emerge from Copenhagen will be nothing more than business as usual. The current approach is based on carbon trading and offsets - a new carbon market designed by and for corporations. This does not address the root causes of global warming, or reduce emissions - the approach is a dangerous distraction that should be abandoned.

Throughout history, social change has come about when regular people get fed up with business as usual, get organized, and take to the streets. If we leave climate solutions up to politicians and corporations, then we will lose: the time to act is now.

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