

## QUOTE SHEET

"We are not 196 countries facing climate change. We are one people, collectively calling on world leaders to keep temperatures from rising past the two-degree Celsius mark. We march because we do not want to live in fear of the next storm, nor the time when rising oceans will swallow up our islands. We march because we know that our collective call can convince COP-21's leaders to do the right thing."

**Joel Palma, President and CEO**

*World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-Philippines)*

"The time for responsible climate action has long been overdue. We are one with the people in calling on government leaders to avert climate catastrophe and make the fossil fuel industry liable for the injustices being wrought by their polluting activities. We hope that Paris will not let us down."

**Anna Abad, Climate Justice Campaigner**

*Greenpeace Southeast Asia*

"While cutting down greenhouse gas emissions is every country's responsibility based on their respective capacities and national circumstances, those who have the historical responsibility in causing climate change have the moral obligation of providing support to enable the adaptation actions particularly of vulnerable developing countries who are suffering the most from the adverse effects of climate change."

**Shubert Ciencia, Economic Justice Policy and Campaigns Manager**

*Oxfam in the Philippines*

"The youth are ready. We will not wait for our turn in involving ourselves and taking the lead in the issue of climate justice. The problem of dirty and harmful energy and the crisis of climate is a problem which cuts across generations and countries."

**Arvin Buenaagua**

*Samahan ng Progresibong Kabataan*

"We are marching in the Philippines because it is about our survival – thousands of Filipinos have lost their lives because of climate change. We are marching because of the urgency – we only have a small window of time to prevent climate chaos. We are marching to demand justice – those who were least responsible for climate change suffer its worst impacts, those who contributed the most to the problem are pledging the least of their fair share of the efforts to solve it. We are marching because it takes the power of collective action to dismantle the power of corporations, to compel politicians to do the right thing or step aside, to pursue our vision for a better world."

**Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator**

*Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development*



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"We have had it with mere posturing and pandering statements from world leaders, including our own, when it comes to the climate. If they are truly committed to solving this crisis, they will heed the call for changing the system of energy, production and their paradigm of development. The time to act was yesterday. The time for system change is now."

**Gerry Arances, National Coordinator**

*Philippine Movement for Climate Justice*

"Marching for climate justice today means aligning ourselves to the side of the many who live with the reality where too much rain, or too little, means the difference between a life fulfilled and a life blighted by hunger and poor nutrition because of climate change."

**Chuck Baclagon, Digital Communications Campaigner**

*350.org East Asia*

"As world leaders' pursuit for development intensifies, let our voices be heard to urge them to explore concrete and practicable ways of organizing and coordinating their efforts, so that available resources might be shared with others. In this way, genuine bonds between nations might be forged and concerted joint efforts in addressing climate crisis and protecting our common home may become the utmost priority for all."

**Bishop Julito Cortes**

*Diocese of Dumaguete*

"Pope Francis has always insisted on the need to come up with a common plan that would address the issue of climate change. The time to act is NOW. What we need is a strong political will that is geared towards the protection of our common home. "

**Fr. Dexter Toledo, OFM, National Coordinator**

*Ecological Justice Interfaith Movement*

"We are in the throes of a historical juncture that is irreversible if we do not act now and acknowledge that each person and/or country has varied responsibility to the destruction of environment. It is therefore a must that those most responsible should commit greater to climate change causes and support those that are most vulnerable to the impact of climate change. This is not only about generosity or compassion. This is about justice."

**Yolanda Esguerra, National Coordinator**

*Philippine Misereor Partnership*