

COP26

THE MISSING LINK – DIETS MUST CHANGE TO PROTECT THE PLANET

Joint position statement

“COP26 is bringing together world leaders to tackle the dangerous and unprecedented climate emergency. We urge governments to seize COP Nature Day on 6th November to properly address the impact of food and animal agriculture. People are relying on their leadership – we need a commitment to immediate global action towards creating sustainable, healthy food systems for the benefit of animals, people and the planet.

“Our planet is in crisis. The issue of food and agriculture impact needs to form a central part of the discussion and world leaders need to be ready to bring about serious change.

“If the way we eat does not change substantially, as a matter of urgency, we will fail to meet climate targets and the science says the repercussions will be catastrophic. Global meat and dairy consumption must be greatly reduced if we are to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A move to higher-welfare, nature-friendly agriculture is also essential if we are to reduce biodiversity loss. The world is watching.”

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Animal Defenders International
Animal Interfaith Alliance
Aquatic Life Institute
Animal Protection Agency
Born Free Foundation
Brighter Green
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
Catholic Concern for Animals
Christian Vegetarian Association
Compassion in World Farming International
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation
Crustacean Compassion
Eating Better
Eurogroup for Animals
Food Ethics Council
Food Research Collaboration
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Green Alliance
Greenpeace UK
Humane Society International
Labour Animal Welfare Society
League Against Cruel Sports
Lega Anti Vivisezione
Mahavir Trust
Nature Friendly Farming Network
Naturewatch Foundation
NESEHNUTÍ (Independent Social Ecological Movement)
Nourish Scotland

OBRAZ - Obránci zvířat, z. s. (Animal Defenders)

OneKind

Otevři oči z.s. (Open Your Eyes)

ProVeg International

RSPB

RSPCA

Save The Asian Elephants

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SPANNA

Sustain

Svoboda zvířat (Animal Freedom Czechia)

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The Food Foundation

The Humane League UK

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