

Part 1

We are XY and XY from Fridays for Future Heidelberg.

We are standing here today because each of the next 5 years will decide whether we can keep the Paris Climate Agreement. We are standing here today because the next legislative session will decide whether we can comply with the Paris Climate Agreement. This agreement is not about a piece of paper and mere CO2 emissions, but about global justice, which can only be achieved through consistent system change.

On Sunday, a new state government was elected. Now it comes down to the coalition negotiations. We demand a crisis-proof coalition agreement that does not dig the way out of the Corona crisis deeper into the climate crisis.

Because we won't be stalled with empty words and lazy compromises, that's why we're in the streets today saying #NoMoreEmptyPromises. We have reached a point where we can no longer afford empty promises. We need a social ecological change in politics and we need it now!

While many talk about leaving a livable planet for today's youth, our children and grandchildren, the consequences of the climate crisis are already a brutal reality for millions of people. Natural disasters such as droughts, storms and floods are occurring with greater intensity and frequency. The number of disasters has almost doubled since 2000, according to a 2020 UN report. More and more people are affected, many multiple times. The disasters claim many lives. Food becomes scarce and, in the worst cases, triggers violent conflicts. At the same time, these people have been fighting against these inconceivable injustices for much longer than we have here in Germany!

These regions and people who are most affected by the consequences of the climate disaster are called MAPA- most affected people and areas.

Many MAPAs are located in countries that have contributed least to the climate crisis and continue to do so today. This is because it is mainly rich industrialized nations that are fueling the man-made climate crisis. It is Western industrialized countries, such as Germany, that have gained or increased their prosperity through the colonization and exploitation of many of today's MAPA regions. It is countries like Baden-Wuerttemberg that want to hold on to their 'prosperity' at all costs through the car or cement industries that export destruction around the world. But we already know that a different world is possible: local energy supply in the hands of citizens, mobility change from the combustion engine to fair public transport, the stop of fossil subsidies would finally make climate justice accessible.

We are standing here today because we are fighting for the climate and for justice. We have to finally get started in a crisis-oriented way, in Heidelberg, in Baden-Württemberg, in Germany, in Europe. People are suffering because politicians are not taking action. The first step must be that we here in Baden-Württemberg commit to the 1.5 degrees. It is now 5 years since 176 countries signed the Paris Climate Agreement. MAPA has always been fobbed off with excuses and empty promises: consistent measures are not politically feasible, compromises have to be found. Paris was the compromise, climate justice is the solution!

We say, 1.5 degrees are not negotiable! We have to act and we have to act now!

What do we want? Climate justice

When do we want it? Now

Taking responsibility means not only looking at emissions figures, but also getting to the root of the underlying justice crisis. It means fighting racism, sexism, classism and other forms of discrimination and showing solidarity with the people affected. These problems must not be played off against each other. On the contrary, they belong together. What the Corona crisis

already shows in all its harshness, the climate crisis scales up: Those who are at the bottom of society feel crises all the harder.