

## Open letter to world leaders

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(Solutions Day at COP27)

Dear World Leaders,

### **Re: The urgent need to transform our global food system**

At COP27, the world will be watching our leaders in expectation of urgent action on climate change.

**We, the undersigned, call on you to urgently take action to support and deliver a global agreement on food and farming at the United Nations General Assembly, to move away from industrial animal agriculture, and:**

- Shift to nature-positive farming systems that help restore biodiversity and soils and keep the global increase in average temperatures below 1.5°C
- Reverse over-reliance on animal protein in high consuming populations and support equitable, secure access to nutritious food
- Ensure a just transition to a global food system that provides fair livelihoods for farmers and protects the rights of indigenous peoples, women and vulnerable communities
- Achieve a financial and regulatory environment which helps to secure the above transition
- Deliver high standards of farmed animal welfare.

If the global community is to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement targets and the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity, action must be taken now to end industrial animal farming.

From pollution to the climate crisis and wildlife extinctions. From animal cruelty to human hunger and malnutrition. Take a closer look at almost any global challenge, and you'll find food at its core. A system based on overproduction and unhealthy food is propped up by intensive farming methods.

The livestock sector produces more greenhouse gases than the direct emissions of all the world's planes, trains and cars combined.

Without urgent action, intensive animal agriculture threatens our very survival. We need a food transformation.

Our people, animals and planet cannot wait any longer.

Sincerely,

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