

Plant-for-the-Planet

Student initiative Plant-for-the-Planet invites...

Plant-for-the-Planet / Student initiative Plant-for-the-Planet invites ministers of the environment of 42 nations at the Petersberg climate dialogue to promote climate justice processed and transmitted by Hugin AS. The issuer is solely responsible for the content of this announcement.

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Bonn, Germany, 4(th) of May 2010 - The children from the student initiative Plant-for-the-Planet are seeking to plant a million trees in every country on the earth, each tree standing as a symbol for climate justice. In Germany, their goal has been achieved:
On the 4(th) of May, 2010, in Bonn, the millionth tree was planted on Mt. Petersberg. This occurred alongside the Petersberg climate dialogue, the preparatory meeting for the climate summit in December 2010 in Cancun, Mexico.

The children from Plant-for-the-Planet, who have organized themselves into a world-wide network, have achieved their goal of establishing their planting campaign as an official event of the Petersberg climate dialogue. Together with ministers and delegates of the environment from 42 participating nations they planted the tree of the year, a four-meter high bird cherry, which like other trees will not only remove an average of three tons of CO2 from the atmosphere, but is above all a symbol for climate justice.

Children appoint the ministers of the environment as "Ambassadors for Climate Justice"
Then the children appointed the ministers "Ambassadors for Climate Justice," and brought them into the Plant-for-the-Planet community. At the same time, the children gave the ministers an important task to take along to Cancun: The central concern of the children, in addition to a total reduction of greenhouse gases, is the establishment of global climate justice in terms of a single amount of CO2 emission from every person. They find it unfair that people in the industrialized nations do not have to pay for their higher CO2 emissions than people in poorer countries, who have to suffer much harsher consequences from the climate crisis.
The children asked the ministers of the environment to officially agree to a world treaty based on the principles of climate justice, in the months leading up to the climate summit in Cancun in December 2010. On this point, Isabel (12,

Mexico) and Felix (12, Germany) stressed that thousands of children will be watching very critically, to see how seriously the ministers take their concerns and how much priority they are given. After the failure of Copenhagen, the children have particularly high expectations for Cancun.

Engagement under the Motto "Stop talking. Start planting."

For three years now, the student initiative has known the need for both the public and politicians to finally do something about the climate crisis.

Their

motto, "Stop Talking. Start Planting." stands as a call to action. It is also

the name of their communication campaign, which seeks to stimulate public support and awareness of the childrens' efforts. On their eye-catching poster

designs, the children illustrate their point in a dramatic way by holding their

hand in front of politicians' mouths. The Petersberg climate dialogue incorporated new designs with the current ministers of the environment.

New goals for the future are already planned

The million trees planted in Germany and the recording of the planting campaign

in the agenda of the Petersberg climate dialogue show how much

Plant-for-the-Planet has already achieved. However, the children are not stopping there - they have already planned their next goal. Of course the effort

to plant a million trees in every country of the world will continue, including

as many more trees in Germany as possible. Moreover, the children are working to

increase the size of their international Network of Ambassadors for Climate Justice to over a million individuals before 2020. Just today, they have successfully gained 42 new ambassadors.

The student initiative Plant-for-the-Planet was launched in January of 2007 and

had its origins in a school paper of the then 9-year-old Felix Finkbeiner about

the climate crisis. At the end of his presentation of his paper, Felix envisioned a future in which children could plant a million trees in every country on Earth, in order to compensate for increased CO2 in the air.

During

the following three years, Plant-for-the-Planet became a global movement, supported by the UNEP and it now has high international political recognition.

Particularly important is the commitment of the children to the idea of climate

justice, in the sense of an overall reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as

well as a uniform distribution of these emissions for all people, especially

given the fact that the consequences of the climate crisis have much harsher

effects on developing countries.

Currently Plant-for-the-Planet is working on building a well-organized international network and thus to become an initiative of world-citizens promoting climate justice. Already present in 72 countries, children are pursuing the goal to plant one million trees in their country and to set up world family signs for climate justice. Since the 31(st) of January, 2010, Plant-for-the-Planet has been organized as a foundation. The foundation is headed by a board of youth members, who themselves are all ambassadors for climate justice, organizing planting sessions and giving lectures.

The worldwide communication campaign operates with the slogan, "Stop Talking. Start Planting."
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