

THE UBUNTU CLIMATE DECLARATION

I/We _____ support the **Ubuntu Climate Initiative** to reharmonize our relationships with each other and Mother Earth and to heal people, places and the planet. The Ubuntu movement uplifts communal beliefs and lifeways rooted in traditional earth-based and pan-indigenous cultures and invites us to return to:
1) Our Roots, 2) The Land, and 3) The Commons.

i/WE BELIEVE:

- In our oneness, interdependence, and interspecies harmony as expressed and practiced in cultures around the world such as “Ubuntu” (I am because you/we are) throughout Africa, “Mitakuye Oyasin” in Lakota culture; “Kapwa” among Filiinos; “In Lak’Ech” in Mayan Indigenous traditions, “Buen Vivir” or “sumak kawsay” within indigenous cultures in the Andean and Amazon forests, and in many rural and eco-based cultures throughout the world.
- Communal land and economies offer ways to: 1) de-commodify and dematerialize our economy, 2) enhance a healthier quality of life, and 3) mitigate and adapt to major social, economic and climate disruptions.

i/WE SUPPORT A CULTURAL MOVEMENT THAT:

- Focuses on a Just Transition specifically dedicated to ‘building the new’;
- Redefines wealth, ownership, progress, work, and other market-based GDP markers to instead align with well-being to non-GDP measures;
- Reduces levels of non-essential consumer production and consumption to protect Mother Earth;
- Reconnects people to each other and to mother nature;
- Builds sustainable economies that consider the needs of future generations.

i/WE COMMIT

to participate in the Ubuntu Climate Movement by agreeing to at least one of the following movement actions (feel free to check more than one)

Return to Our Roots:

- ___ **Believe and Live By the Ubuntu Ethic** – I am because we are
- ___ **Uplift memories** of family, communal and earth-based traditions to share with others

Return to the Land:

- ___ **Plant a tree/garden** or support other **regenerative land practices** to honor past (ancestors) and future generations.
- ___ **Reduce spending** on non-essential, disposable, or toxic products and materials

Return to the Commons:

- ___ **Build a Commons Culture** by supporting communal, cooperative land and economic policies and practices, for example, by to expanding food cooperatives and energy cooperatives
- ___ **Participate in or start** mutual aid schemes, clothing exchange, buy-nothing campaigns

Ready to join the movement?

Sign the Declaration today