

What do we have to do in order to keep the 2°C limit?

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Dear Madam or Sir

For more than 20 years adults have been promising us to keep global warming below 2°C in order to avoid dangerous climate change. They started negotiating before we were born but **still there is no action plan for the necessary emission reductions** in place while worldwide greenhouse gas emissions are increasing. The Kyoto-Protocol expired on December 31, 2012, and the only promise from the last UNFCCC climate conference was that there would be a new treaty implemented in 2020. There is broad scientific consensus that a rise in the global mean temperature above 2°C could lead to **disastrous changes of OUR future living conditions**. This makes us young people quite nervous. We hope you understand our fears.

We are young people from different regions of the world, members of the Global Board of the worldwide children and youth initiative Plant-for-the-Planet (www.plant-for-the-planet.org). On climate protection conferences we, who will have to live in that future, have no voice. Therefore we want to raise our voice and challenge the world community directly for taking action. In our "Global Youth Climate Plan" we are going to propose a way for achieving effective action for climate security. We will launch our **public call for participation and contribution** to our project in the context of **our expedition through the Arctic starting on April 2** also via the media www.expedition-hope.org.

For the process of preparing our climate plan we would like to learn from experts like you whether you still see a way to keep the 2°C limit or even below, and if so, what you would propose as the most important steps into this direction. Based on your recommendations, we intend to develop a 10-point plan for reaching a stable climate for our future which will be discussed and passed by an **international youth conference from May 20 – 25 2015 near the G8 Summit Germany** and then be presented to political leaders from all over the world. Further details on this project and our supporting partners can be found on www.global-youth-climate-plan.org.

We would be very grateful to receive your scientific assessment on a couple of questions that we would kindly ask you to answer briefly (max. 5 pages in total, by September 30st, 2014) and understandably for a young non-scientific audience. **All information received will be treated anonymously** unless you explicitly permit otherwise. We hope to get insights from your input for composing our "Youth Climate Plan".

Concretely we would like you to learn your opinion with regard to the following questions:

- 1) **Which concrete measures could keep global warming below 2°C?**
- 2) **Which political structures would be needed to implement the proposed measures?**
- 3) **Which other planetary boundaries will future generations have to respect?**

If, beyond these questions, you have any recommendations, how specific individuals (like e.g. ordinary citizens or heads of certain governments or companies) could concretely counteract global warming in order to keep the 2°C limit, we would be happy to consider these for our further process.

We would be very grateful to receive your input on these questions and will highly appreciate your contribution to our project. Thank you very much in advance.

With kind regards,

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