

The Madrid Declaration

Preventing a future poly crisis- Taking action for an inclusive Global New Deal

The series of crises humanity has faced in the past decade – from economic downturns to climate change, population displacement, the COVID-19 pandemic, and energy shortages, the geopolitical crisis – have starkly demonstrated the inadequacy of our current global framework. These multiple crises, compounded by the effects of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, have exacerbated inequalities, particularly between genders, and strained the resilience of our democratic systems. Yet, many of these challenges were foreseeable and could have been mitigated with timely interventions.

The Socialist International has long been outspoken in identifying the underlying causes of today's pressing issues. As far back as 2003, in the Sao Paulo Declaration, we highlighted the perils of rapid globalization, which, while fostering wealth creation and technological advancement, has widened the gap between nations and within societies, including disparities between men and women, both in the North and South.

Simultaneously, the world has witnessed a surge in threats to peace, ranging from regional conflicts to the rise of terrorism, religious extremism, and discriminatory attitudes. It's evident that the current global governance system, established post-World War II, requires significant reform to address the complexities of the 21st century. Neoconservative forces seek to exploit these crises to dismantle international cooperation, diminish the role of the United Nations, undermine multilateral institutions, and champion unilateralism and market dominance, all while imposing the will of the powerful on the fate of humanity.

Considering all the above we Socialist International council gathered in Madrid 24-25 February 2024 declare that:

- We resolve to prioritize the establishment of a low carbon society over solely focusing on a low carbon economy, recognizing the imperative to restructure societies in harmony with nature.
- We commit to fostering global cooperation and participation from all sectors of society, including North and South regions, women, youth, business, and labour, in the pursuit of a New Deal aligned with ecological sustainability.
- We acknowledge the urgency of addressing increasing inequality and affirm the importance of implementing comprehensive policies to combat gender disparities and other forms of inequality.
- We advocate for measures that mitigate inequalities such as ending tax havens, implementing progressive taxation, tackling capital-wage disparities, and reforming international institutions to reflect contemporary realities.

- We emphasize the integral role of education in reducing inequality and advocate for measures to end discrimination based on gender, nationality, and ethnicity.
- We support the integration of economic justice with climate justice, including efforts to reduce emissions and combat corruption.
- We advocate for universal healthcare, including sexual and reproductive healthcare, and for tying minimum wages to median income to address gender pay and pension gaps.
- We support conflict resolution efforts to foster stability and reduce inequality, referencing UN Resolution 1325 as a guiding principle.
- We endorse the UN Secretary-General's call for courageous action to address global challenges in the interest of present and future generations.
- We recognize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a comprehensive framework for addressing global challenges, including the importance of democratic institutions.
- We commit to investing in foresight, developing a new global architecture, regulating technology and AI, and improving the quality of democracies to address current and future challenges.
- We resolve to uphold and protect democracy, the rule of law, and human rights as fundamental pillars of society, committing to safeguarding democratic institutions and promoting accountability at all levels of governance.