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Governor Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

Saint-Cloud, November 2, 2026

Subject: Call for Action – QCR #6

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of ATELIERS DU FUTUR (ADF), a Paris-based NGO dedicated to climate action, with a focus on mobilizing nations and corporations toward “Net Zero.”

Humanity stands at a pivotal moment to protect future generations. With 38 months left before 2030 and the remaining 1.5°C carbon budget (130–170 $GtCO_2$) on track to be exhausted by 2029, UNEP now concludes that warming will exceed 1.5°C; what remains to be decided is the size and duration of the overshoot.

ATELIERS DU FUTUR launched global **Quarterly Climate Reviews** at the beginning of 2024, akin to **“Shadow COPs”,** to raise awareness of the universal transformation required to preserve the climate.

For this sixth review, we have prepared a summary of recent developments across five areas:

- Climate and natural catastrophes trends,
- Greenhouse gas emissions,
- Decarbonization technology development,
- Green finance,
- Climate-related public policies.

This summary is available for download on our website: https://lesateliersdufutur.org/publications/

Among this cycle's findings, UNEP records the largest national emissions increase of 2025 in the United States (+133 $MtCO_2e$). Our Call for Action asks that the coalition of US governors — 24 states, 57% of the US economy — be recognised as an interlocutor of the UNFCCC process.

Our attached Call for Action synthesizes the priorities we believe essential for raising ambitions and efforts among all nations, particularly the most developed ones.

We sincerely hope you will recognize the potential of these recommendations and promote them to help meet the urgent climate challenge so critical for future generations.

We remain at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely,

Thierry Langreney
President





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OUR CALL FOR ACTION TO GLOBAL LEADERS

RAISE THE BAR

From Pledges to Binding Action

1 NDCs covering 76% of emissions but projecting 2.6°C (2.8°C under current policies — UNEP EGR 2026). **Missing NDCs — Saudi Arabia and Argentina are the last G20 Parties without a 2035 target — must be published urgently. All NDCs must be strengthened to get onto the lowest-overshoot path back to 1.5°C: −18% by 2030 and −45% by 2035 vs 2025, against −11 to −15% delivered by current pledges**. NDCs must include a detailed policy mix and a **binding implementation timeline.**

2 **As part of more ambitious new NDCs, mandatory transition plans, aligned with Paris Agreement targets, must be required, with a precise compliance timeline.** Governments should prioritize power infrastructure, energy storage (×6 needed for NZE), and critical mineral extraction/refining amid shortage risks (lithium, copper).

3 In the absence of such an audited transition plan, **corporates dividend distribution and share buy-back should be capped** e.g. to 20% of net income. The most critical sectors, such as energy production, should be targeted first. Transition plans should include adequate **internal carbon pricing and energy efficiency KPIs**.

4 The COP28 methane pledge from the global energy industry should be closely monitored, with **additional investment needed to reduce methane emissions in the industry by 75% by 2030.** Start working on a global convention requiring good practices implementation from all energy players.

5 **Global Climate Governance System:** US Paris withdrawal creates a critical gap. Quarterly inter-COP meetings of the world leaders should focus on climate urgency to improve decision-making and monitoring. **Institutionalize the US governors coalition (24 states, 57% of US economy)** as recognized UNFCCC interlocutors. Strengthen the **Open Coalition on Carbon Markets (16 countries, 40% of emissions)** launched at Belém.

MONEY WHERE THE CLIMATE IS

Redirecting Trillions, Not Billions

6 **Multilateral Development Banks:** climate finance needs will reach $5.1T by 2030 (vs $1.6T in 2023). **The New Collective Quantified Goal of $300B/yr confirmed at Belém is insufficient (target $1.3T/yr by 2035). Multilateral Development Banks must at least triple their climate commitments,** with preferential rates for power infrastructure ($1T pledged at Belém) and energy storage. Developed countries must collectively bear the cost.

7 Raise conditions to develop **private and Multilateral Development Bank financing in least developed countries** including through global risk insurance as well as secure local regulations.

INVEST IN SOLUTIONS

8 Increase R&D to develop **solutions to reach 2050 targets** (e.g. next-generation batteries, low-carbon hydrogen, Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Small Modular nuclear Reactors, Carbon Capture Usage & Storage) by requiring large corporations of high-emission sectors to invest a minimum of **10% of net cash flows.**



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R&D, Storage, Modelling for 2050

9 In order to reach 18% of renewable heat by 2035, **massively increase subsidies for heat pumps and electrification of industrial heat** amid declining heat pump sales and slowing energy efficiency. Increase subsidies to step up efforts in **geothermal, thermal storage and biogas.** O&G companies should be prescribed growing targets for biogas production as a % of fossil gas sales.

10 Urgently increase investment in **climate data and modelling.** US budget cuts are now being implemented (>25% NOAA reduction, job cuts, closure of research offices). **Europe and other Parties must immediately fill this gap** to preserve CMIP6+ model continuity and leverage new capabilities (EarthCARE satellite, km-scale models, climate AI). Investing in models to avoid investing in disaster.