

Country of origin

Brazil

Name of the proposed action

*CUR - Letter of Universal Responsibilities and the emergency of substituting environmental objectives for climate change (original title: Carta de las Responsabilidades Universales, y la urgencia de la sustitución de los objetivos ambientales por el cambio climático)*

Name of the organization group or network proposing the action

FER - Foro Ética y Responsabilidad (Forum Ethics and Responsibilities)

Organization's website

[www.ethica-respons.net](http://www.ethica-respons.net)

Description and motive for the action

All cultures around the world expect from the governments to overcome their national interests and solve current crisis having an international text on the **obligation of responsibility** as a referent. We can tell individuals and organizations to support our petition for a **Letter of Universal Responsibilities**.

We propose a **Common Transforming Action (ACT)** to accompany and promote the subscription to the Responsibilities Letter as a third pillar. This ACT is the demand to the existing governments to assume their common responsibilities regarding climate change through two specific actions:

- 1) The definition in the year 2012 of an ONU Project proposing a specific solution for the population of all countries under the threat of disappearing as a consequence of the climate change, and more specifically the islands States in the Pacific Ocean, particularly symbolized in Kiribati, a country of 130.000 people endangered to disappear under the water this century, according to the specialized international studies. Until today, no government in the world assumes its shared, distinct and universal responsibility according to its level of power and impact and they all postpone their compromise acquired with the UN General Secretary to elaborate this plan.
- 2) The preparation during the year 2012 of a Protocol to make governments recognize environmental displacements as a reason for countries to grant displaced people asylum. Since 2008, all environmental displaced increase those from war conflicts, reaching

50 million people nowadays. According to specialized international institutions, it is estimated that they will be 250 million people in 2020. The fact that most of them are and will be African, the continent having least responsibility on climate change (the one sending less CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere) that causes displacement, proves the need to assume universal responsibilities through a Universal Letter and reinforces the urgency of it. More specifically, it consists on demanding all governments to urge UN to elaborate on this 2012 the Protocol in order to declare all prejudicial effects of climate change, such as desertification, deforestation and lack of water as lawful causes for refugees to migrate to other countries.

- 3) The examination of all signed pacts, agreements and compromises as ratified by governments and civil societies. This would allow gathering, summarizing and arguing in a more specific way the individual and, thus, shared responsibilities.
- 4) At least 10 principles of social action regarding all issues and concerns to be observed relating to each developed principle are introduced.

Including the organization of a “Citizenship global meeting for responsibility and the urgency of environmental displacement due to a climate change” in the Peoples Summit+ 20 in June 2012.

#### Specific result expected from the action

It is expected that Governments compromise to follow and respect a new and more specific approach for the creation of a “destination community” based on the acknowledgement of challenges and responsibilities to be shared.

**To this aim, the campaign is accompanied with the Common Transforming Action so that it is all developed globally and at the same time and, therefore, demand from all governments in this 2012 world to write down their responsibilities whereas shared, common and distinguished accordingly to their degree of power and effect, in the preparation of a Plan for the population of Kiribatu. People who will lose their territory during this century as a consequence of the climate change. And also in the elaboration of a Protocol to make lawful refugee causes for all displacements due to climate change.**

#### Kind of action

Elaboration of alternatives

#### Citizenship participation

Global pressure: individuals and organizations: by signing the document “Llamado a los Gobiernos” and spreading it through their social networks. To urge for action globally demand your representatives before the UN the conservation of the document “emendas para la CUR” submitted by Brazil in the proposals of civil society sent by the Instituto Ágora de São Paulo - Brazil, by the French Committee for RIO+20 and by all 17 international networks in the Forum E&R Ethics and responsibilities for Rio+20’s Zero Draft. Launching to the public through local media a month before Rio+20 Conference next May 20th.

The network Ethic & Responsibility assumes the compromise of organizing, as one of its activities, the Peoples Summit Rio+20, a global citizens’ meeting to support this campaign.

### Term / Agenda

A 30 days campaign -20<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June, being the last one the day of the Official UN Conference Summit Rio+20- and International pressure, which would end with a citizen global Meeting asking for responsibility and urgent action against the environmental displacement.

### Organizations that could become collaborators

FPH - Fondation Charles Leopold Mayer in France, Instituto Ágora em Defesa do Eleitor e da Democracia Alampype - Associação das Pequenas e Micro Empresas da América Latina - Capitulo Brasil Instituto Ecoar para a Cidadania SP Brasil Idec Instituto Brasileiro em Defesa do Consumidor OAB - Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil and all the other organizations signing the document “Llamado a los gobiernos” every day. We will move institutions and networks together in Act 2012, those of Barcelona consensus and specialized networks on human displacement, such as the Alianza Mundial de Migrantes which signed in Goré, Senegal, the Migrant Worldwide Letter and those specifically involved in the environmental displacement, such as Solidaridad Internacional, IPADE and Fundación CEAR Habitáfrica, among others.