

# Human Rights Language Cheat Sheet

**Human rights obligations  
must be front and center  
in climate action**

States must hold the line and defend what are already fundamental human rights obligations. Backtracking threatens to weaken existing commitments and risks undermining the very foundation of just and effective climate action. Without explicit recognition and protection of human rights, climate measures risk leading to widespread violations, harming the very communities these actions are meant to protect

## Hold the line on human rights

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Give a clear signal that **all future climate action will be human rights-aligned: no backtracking!** Keep and strengthen existing commitments in the texts.

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Don't compromise on **strong guarantees for women environmental human rights defenders** in the gender work programme.

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Ensure **both needs-based quantity and human rights-centered quality in the new climate finance goal**. This is a matter of justice & human rights obligations.

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**Stop disregarding human rights and gender** in the formulation of **adaptation** indicators.

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