Greetings and solidarity from Canada

No to NATO rallies across Canada from July 5-11

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Join us and sign our declaration “Women Against NATO”

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Global Women for Peace United Against NATO:
https://womenagainstnato.org/
NATO wars & military spending have exacerbated global warming. For 25 years, NATO has delayed climate action, sustainable development & cooperation!

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Climate Summit COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt

October 2022

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COP 27
Opening
Plenary of leaders

Libyan President Al-Menfi

Libya can’t manage climate impacts today

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NATO’s war against Libya 2011 and severe impacts on climate & environment
Report from Liberation News

Libya in ruins: The legacy of NATO intervention
2022 - 2024: NATO leaders have agreed to increase high readiness troops 500,000 troops to counter Russia, the country designated by the alliance as posing the greatest threat over the next decade.

Source: NATO
Around 30 allied surveillance & fighter jets are in the air at any one time.

Source: NATO
Camp Adazi Military Base, Latvia

Canada leads NATO battlegroup in Latvia

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Camp Adazi Military Base, Latvia

Tank warfare exercises

NATO Exercise Crystal Arrow 2023, 2024

Italian armored vehicles attend the NATO military exercises Crystal arrow 2022 at the Adazi military range, Latvia, Friday, March 11, 2022. (Martins Zilgalvis/F64 via AP)
Camp Adazi Military Base, Latvia

Decimated forest

Loss of carbon sink

Environmentally destroyed training area
August 2022
First time NATO Secretary General visited Canada’s Arctic – NATO’s “northern flank”
*Canada announces NORAD modernization for $38.6 billion

Source: NATO
At U.S. Embassy in Ottawa

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NATO, Climate & Security Timeline

• In 2021, NATO released its first Climate Change and Security Action Plan
• NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg attended COP 26 in Glasgow in 2021
• In 2022, NATO mentions “climate change” for the first time in its Strategic Concept
• At COP 27 in Egypt, German Pavilion hosted NATO climate & security panel
• In 2023, at the NATO Summit in Vilnius, alliance released NATO’s 2nd Climate Change and Security Action Plan - Compendium of “Best” Practices
• Climate Change & Security Impact Assessment
• NATO Greenhouse Gas Emission Mapping and Analytical Methodology
• Canada establishing a new NATO Centre of Excellence for Climate Change and Security (CCASCOE) in Montreal, Quebec
The Secretary General’s Report

NATO Climate Change and Security Impact Assessment

Second Edition 2023

The NATO Greenhouse Gases Emission Mapping and Analytical Methodology
Canada is greenwashing NATO!

NATO Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence

Updates on the initiative

At the July 2023 NATO Summit in Vilnius, Canada’s Minister of Defence and representatives from 11 other Sponsoring Nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence Agreement for 2023.

Background

Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time and poses both direct and indirect threats to human and national security worldwide. The consequences of climate change threaten human life and wellbeing, economic security, political stability and more.

The effects of climate change also shape state and non-state actors and how they are understood. Women, girls, Indigenous populations, those living in vulnerable and fragile environments and vulnerable populations are often particularly at risk from the direct and indirect effects of climate change. Canada and many of our global partners acknowledge the need to manage and assess climate security challenges.

Canada’s Defence Policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged (SSE), recognizes the changing nature of security and the threats posed by climate change. In Canada, climate change effects are transforming our society and economy, and our evolving set of challenges. Severe effects such as floods, drought, and extreme weather are threatening critical infrastructure. This places more demands on first responders, emergency services, and the Canadian Armed Forces.
Too little, too late: Overall assessment of NATO’s climate reports

• NATO’s wars over past 25 years have derailed Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement
• Action plans and assessments are very weak and ignore gravity of climate crisis
• NATO is focused on research and data collection now, very little mitigation and adaptation taking place = **outside of the UNFCCC system**
• NATO is concerned about climate change on its installations and operations
• Emissions reductions / mitigation **minimal** for buildings and non-tactical vehicles
• There are no near-term solutions for replacing fossil fuel for tactical vehicles
• Reports and accounting **not transparent, not independently verified**
• NATO describes climate change as a “threat multiplier” to justify its military operations – it’s NATO that is a threat to the climate!
WHERE’S THE $100 BILLION FOR CLIMATE FINANCE?

IT’S IN MILITARY SPENDING.

WEALTHY, WESTERN NATO COUNTRIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR WAR BUDGETS BY OVER $200 BILLION ANNUALLY SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN 2015.

NO TO NATO’S 2% GDP TARGET. INVEST IN #PEACE & #CLIMATEACTION NOT MILITARISM.

TOTAL ANNUAL NATO MILITARY SPENDING (US DOLLARS)

2015: $896 BILLION
2016: $911 BILLION
2017: $918 BILLION
2018: $972 BILLION
2019: $1,052 BILLION
2020: $1,096 BILLION
2021: $1,182 BILLION
2022: $1,190 BILLION
2023: $1,294 BILLION
2024: $1,474 BILLION

No to NATO’s 2% GDP target = Invest in Nature Not NATO!

Report

Transnational Institute, Tipping Point & others

www.tni.org/en/publication/climate-crossfire

CLIMATE CROSSFIRE

How NATO’s 2% military spending targets contribute to climate breakdown
NATO is impeding these 2030 Global Goals for Climate & Sustainable Development

IPCC Synthesis Report

SDG Report 2024
c) The extent to which current and future generations will experience a hotter and different world depends on choices now and in the near-term.
“International cooperation is a critical enabler for achieving ambitious climate change mitigation, adaptation, and climate resilient development (high confidence). Climate resilient development is enabled by increased international cooperation including mobilising and enhancing access to finance, particularly for developing countries, vulnerable regions, sectors and groups and aligning finance flows for climate action to be consistent with ambition levels and funding needs (high confidence). Enhancing international cooperation on finance, technology and capacity building can enable greater ambition and can act as a catalyst for accelerating mitigation and adaptation, and shifting development pathways towards sustainability (high confidence).”

– IPCC, Sixth Assessment Report on Climate Change

March 2023
“Our failure to secure peace, to confront climate change, and to boost international finance is undermining development. We must accelerate action for the Sustainable Development Goals – and we don’t have a moment to lose. Only 17 per cent of the SDG targets are on track....

*First, we need action for peace. From Gaza to Sudan, Ukraine and beyond, it’s time to silence the guns, to support the displaced, and to pivot from spending on destruction and war to investing in people and peace.”
What Can We do?

- We can’t green NATO and war – we have to abolish it! Speak to environmentalists about NATO’s adverse impact on the climate.
- Join the movement to abolish NATO “**No to War, No to NATO**”: [www.no-to-nato.org](http://www.no-to-nato.org)  Follow on social media: @No_to_NATO
- Join and sign the **Women United for Peace Against NATO**: [womenagainstnato.org](http://womenagainstnato.org)
- Have the courage to call for your country to withdraw from the alliance
- **BUILD PEACE:** Refuse to accept a new Cold War. Make friends. Go to Russia. Go to China. Go to Iran. Go to Venezuela! Go!

Kick NATO out of COP, the climate summits!
US “won” the dishonour of the Colossal Fossil Award from civil society at COP 27 and COP 28

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US Pavilion at COP 28 in Dubai

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China Pavilion in Dubai

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China world leader on renewable energy technologies, solar panels, high speed rail – we must cooperate with China on climate!
ABOLISH NATO

The US-led, nuclear-armed military alliance destroyed Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Libya and now Ukraine.

75 years is enough. Women say NO to NATO. #AbolishNATO#BuildPeace