

Recommendations from ForUM to the Norwegian delegation to Stockholm +50

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The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM), a network of close to 60 Norwegian NGOs, appreciates this opportunity to provide input to the Norwegian delegation to the international meeting Stockholm +50. In 1972, the Stockholm conference was a turning point, placing the environment front and centre and giving civil society a place on the same stage. We welcome Stockholm +50 as an opportunity to honour both these legacies. Despite there not being a negotiated outcome or declaration of this international meeting, the messages delivered by Norway and other Member States will send important signals.

ForUM has the following overall recommendations for Stockholm +50:

- The right to a healthy and safe environment, as recognised by the UN Human Rights Council, should be clearly reflected in statements.
- Rich countries must reduce their ecological footprint significantly, including their overconsumption of nature.
- Substantial cuts in greenhouse gas emissions need to be made across all sectors to keep the 1.5-degree target alive, with wealthy states taking the lead.
- No new investments in fossil fuels must be made, and all nations must prepare for a fossil free future within 2050 at the latest.
- Nature based solutions should only be recognised as such if the impact on nature is positive and actions are in line with human rights, the rights of local communities and Indigenous Peoples rights.
- Food security should be increased through strengthening sustainable food systems, in close cooperation with small scale producers.
- Accelerating the implementation of sustainable ocean plans and the establishment of marine protected areas will be central to protecting marine biodiversity and securing the livelihood of coastal communities.
- Norway should support a global moratorium on all deep seabed mining activities. Extraction must not go ahead until the environmental, social and economic risks are understood, and all alternatives to deep sea minerals have been explored. Then appropriate regulation will be needed to protect the marine environment and human well-being