



2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 were the four warmest years in worldwide history since the beginning of weather records.*



Scientists for Future

Only if we act quickly and consistently can we limit global warming, halt the mass extinction of animal and plant species, preserve the natural basis for life and win a future worth living for present and future generations.

As scientists, we declare on the basis of reliable scientific findings:

The concerns of the “Fridays for Future” movement are justified and well-founded. The current measures to protect the climate, species, forests, sea and soil are far from sufficient.

Politicians, in the first place, are responsible for creating the necessary framework conditions in a timely manner. In particular, **climate-friendly and sustainable action must become simple and cost-effective**, while climate-damaging action must become unattractive and expensive (e.g. through effective CO₂ prices, cessation of subsidies for climate-damaging actions and products, efficiency regulations and social innovations).

The enormous mobilisation of the “Fridays for Future” movement shows that young people have understood the situation. As scientists, we can only emphatically underline their demand for rapid and consistent action.

Excerpt from a statement signed by more than 700 initial signatories and by 14/3/19 by more than 18 000 German, Austrian and Swiss scientists.
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