



Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change

The stars, the sun and moon, and this earth in all the diversity, richness and vitality of its communities of living beings, reflect and manifest the boundless glory and mercy of their Creator. All by nature serve and glorify their Maker, all bow to their Lord's will. We humans are created to serve the Lord of all beings, to work the greatest good we can for all the species, individuals, and generations of God's creatures.

WE AFFIRM

ALLAH IS THE LORD AND SUSTAINER (RABB) OF ALL BEINGS

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Praise be to Allah, Lord and Sustainer of all beings (Qur'an 1: 1)

هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ

He is Allah – the Creator, the Maker, the Giver of Form (Qur'an 59: 24)

الَّذِي أَحْسَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ

Who has perfected every thing He has created (Qur'an 32: 7)

NOTHING THAT HE CREATES IS WITHOUT VALUE

وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لَاحِبِينَ

And We did not create the heavens and earth and all that is between them in jest.

We have not created them but in truth (Qur'an 44: 38-39)

وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّحِيطًا

All that is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah. Allah encompasses all things (Qur'an 4: 126)

وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا فِي الْمِيزَانِ وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ

وَلَا تَخْسَرُوا الْمِيزَانَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَضَعَهَا لِلْأَنَامِ

He raised the heaven and established the balance so that you would not transgress the balance.

Give just weight – do not skimp in the balance. He laid out the earth for all living creatures (Qur'an 55: 7-10)

THE NATURAL STATE (FITRAH) OF ALLAH'S CREATION

فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ

ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيُّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

So set your face firmly to the faith in pure devotion, the natural pattern on which Allah made humankind.

There shall be no changing Allah's creation. That is the true Way, but most people do not know (Qur'an 30: 30)

WE RECOGNISE

THE CORRUPTION (FASĀD) THAT HUMANS HAVE CAUSED ON EARTH IN OUR RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CONSUMPTION

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمَلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ

Corruption has appeared on land and sea by what people's own hands have wrought, that He may let them taste some consequences of their deeds, so that they may turn back. (Qur'an 30: 41)

Disruption of the global climate is a consequence of our corruption in the earth. We are but one of the multitude of living beings with whom we share the earth, and a minuscule part of the divine order, yet we have exceptional power, and bear the responsibility to establish good and avert evil in every way we can.

لَخَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

The creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than the creation of humankind, but most people do not know (Qur'an 40: 57)

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ بِجَنَاحَيْهِ إِلَّا أُمَمٌ أَمْثَلُكُمْ

There is no animal on the earth, nor any bird that wings its flight, but is a community like you (Qur'an 6: 38)

We have no right to abuse the creation or impair it. Our faith commands us to treat all things with care and awe (taqwā) of their Creator, compassion (rahmah) and utmost good (ihsān).

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL OUR ACTIONS

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

Then whoever has done an atom's weight of good, shall see it, and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil, shall see it (Qur'an 99: 7-8)

OUR CALL

We call on all muslims, wherever they may be, to tackle the root causes of climate change, environmental degradation, and the loss of biodiversity, following the example of The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), who was, in the words of the Qur'an, "a mercy to all beings."

We bear in mind the words of our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)
The world is sweet and verdant, and verily Allah has made you stewards in it, and He sees how you acquit yourselves.
(Hadith related by Muslim from Abū Sa'īd Al-Khudrī)

