

Der Senegalese Mamadou Mbodji, Vizepräsident der NaturFreunde Internationale und Vorsitzender des Afrika-Netzwerkes der NaturFreunde, machte in seiner [Rede auf der Abschlusskundgebung](#) deutlich, dass die Zeit des Redens nun vorüber sein müsse:

“Die Zeit für endlose politisch-diplomatische Gespräche ist vorbei! Die Zeit zum Handeln ist jetzt, morgen wird es zu spät sein!”

Mamadou Mbodji, Vizepräsident der NaturFreunde Internationale

Mbodji verglich die Auswirkungen der fossilen Energiegewinnung auf das globale Klima mit einem Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit und warnte vor dramatischen Flüchtlingsbewegungen, insbesondere aus Afrika:

„Die Auswirkungen des Klimawandels sind so dramatisch in Afrika, dass wir in naher Zukunft ein ‚Afrika ohne Afrikaner‘ haben könnten. Weder Frontex noch Stacheldraht noch Polizeigewalt wird die Klimaflüchtlinge stoppen können, die die Politik der Industrienationen hervorgerufen hat. Lasst uns Klimagerechtigkeit in Solidarität leben, um den Frieden in der Welt zu wahren.“

Mamadou Mbodji, Vizepräsident der NaturFreunde Internationale

Bilder von Demo: Klima schützen - Kohle stoppen!

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"Our hope for climate justice is becoming an utopia"

Rede von Mamadou Mbodji, Vizepräsident der NaturFreunde Internationale und Vorsitzender des Afrika-Netzwerkes der NaturFreunde, zur Abschlusskundgebung der COP23-Klimademo am 4. November in Bonn



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I couldn't imagine a minute how freezing it could be here because I come from a continent that is boiling hot – between 35 to 45 degrees. Had I known I would have brought some sunlight to warm you up. Anyway, let me tell how proud I am to be part of this gathering that wants to say to the leaders of the world: Enough Is Enough!

Today, it is worldwide admitted that climate change has destroyed the lives of millions of people throughout global south. Their livelihoods are being continuously jeopardized. It has reached its climax.

The impacts are so drastic there, we may, in a very near future, have "Africa without Africans" – a ghost continent. I have met "dead people walking". They have no more perspectives locally and the only solution left is to go, to migrate. They tried it locally, regionally without any success and the option left is global north. No FRONTEX, no barbed wire walls, no police violence can prevent that flood to invade you.

From Copenhagen to Paris and recently Marrakech our hope for climate justice, let's say for social justice, is becoming an utopia.

Remember the 2008 banks financial crash: Only 4 great political world leaders met in emergency and refueled them. They said "These banks are too big to fail". What about the 100 billion dollars a year for the global south adaptation fund? We are still waiting and they seem to say: "These are too weak and poor to live". It's a pity they refuse to learn from history.

The time for action is now, tomorrow will be too late! Too many children, too many women and men have died and are still dying while leaders go on chatting, parading, taking their time. Open your eyes, leaders of our world! We all live in one global village and while your neighbors compound are on fire you look at elsewhere. What a cynical behavior! How many drowned and how many corpses along the Mediterranean shores will it take till they know that it high time to act?

Time for endless politico-diplomatic talks is over!

The results of fossil energy on humankind can be compared to a crime against humanity. So we address the industrial and emerging countries to leave the oil in the soil. USA, Great Britain, Germany – shut down all these coal-fired power stations!

Green is the future so let's start now! Let us live climate justice in solidarity for the exclusive benefit of the peace of the world.

Mamadou Mbodji
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