



The pending climate agenda of Mexico's new president

The next six-year term will begin with a woman as the president of Mexico. From the México Resiliente Coalition, we recognize this historic event in a context where the country has been characterized by the patriarchal exercise of power, and among its consequences, the accelerated deterioration of nature.

Claudia Sheinbaum, besides being the first woman to become president of Mexico, is a person trained in science. Her knowledge is reflected in reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an important scientific body whose data contributes to the construction of climate public policy in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). With this profile we cannot justify decision-making or inaction based on lack of knowledge during the resolution of the country's environmental and climate problems.

It is therefore expected that the next president will exercise power based on science and in compliance with important core principles of our democratic system, including justice, inclusion, participation, freedom, transparency, accountability, peace, and equality. Although she has supported policies in the past that contradict climate change mitigation, we hope that in this role she places attention to the issues at the center of her proposals. Beyond resuming leadership in UNFCCC negotiations, as outlined in her “100 Steps for Transformation”, **it must be a PRIORITY to ensure sufficient climate budget and the implementation of public policies for mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage from climate change, and environmental conservation, be at the center of her government agenda.**

To this end, from the México Resiliente Coalition and for the next six years, we make an energetic and respectful call, based on the *Decarbonization and “Climate Resilience Plan”* developed by the Coalition, to:

1. Respect, protect, and guarantee the **human right to a healthy environment, the human right to water, and the human right to housing** as human rights intimately linked to climate action.
2. Create a **favorable and safe environment** for environmental and territorial defenders, both persons as well as organizations, with special emphasis on people from indigenous and



equivalent communities, and journalists, in compliance with the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, known as the Escazú Agreement.

3. Promote a radical **fiscal reform** that redistributes wealth and protects natural heritage, as well as to increase the **public budget** allocated to the environmental and climate agenda, understanding that this agenda is NOT only sectorized to the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources and its deconcentrated and decentralized bodies, but is a **CROSS-CUTTING government agenda**.
4. Maintain and respect a system of **checks and balances** that allows the balanced exercise of power as mandated by our Political Constitution.
5. Engage with **civil society, academia, social and private sectors**, not only in the implementation but also in the creation of climate public policy that guides the actions of her mandate, in a context where science and facts have informed us of the severity of the climate crisis we are living through.

This is without disregarding the substantive actions that should permeate the climate and environmental agenda of the next six years. From the México Resiliente Coalition, we will closely follow the progress that Claudia Sheinbaum's agenda may bring in terms of social and climate justice. We do not want, and cannot afford, to lose another six years.

Reactions

“Sheinbaum won, and with it, Mexicans face a dilemma in the environmental agenda. Will we have to cooperate and support the climate scientist, or will we have to confront and overcome the developmental and ecocidal continuity of the 4T?”

What is certain is that –knowing that a climate expert now governs– we will not hesitate to demand from her that she puts life protection and our future at the center of her policies”.

Juan Mayorga, independent journalist specializing in environmental and climate issues.

“With the first woman at the helm of the nation, we expect a government where solidarity among women is manifested, capable of overcoming gender inequalities in the countryside and all areas, for



the good of the women who care for life, water, and the land, and who suffer the consequences of climate change more acutely. In the hands of hundreds of entrepreneurial women lies the strength of a green, friendly, resilient, just, and equitable economy that promotes local jobs. We need to foster the creation of resilient and self-managed communities led by women, so we need to see her govern with her own project that marks her tenure with true female autonomy”.

Beatriz Acevedo, Con Sentido Verde Initiative

“The feminist and human rights approach of Mexico's first female president is essential. Her decisions must protect the land, water, and value our ecosystems. To achieve this, it is vital that her team and the public budget promote the regenerative development of our cities and rural areas, ensuring quality transport systems, safe streets, and spaces for everyone, regardless of their mode of mobility; as well as reconciling care with productive life”.

Mariana Orozco, CityEs

“Claudia Sheinbaum becomes the first female president of Mexico and the person with the most votes in history to reach this position. But the votes will not be a blank check; it is vital that our first female president commits to a feminist agenda as well as a climate agenda. She makes decisions based on data and is aware of the challenges posed by climate change. Hopefully, she and her team will be open to weaving networks with civil society allies to face these challenges with innovative and collaborative solutions, ensuring a sustainable and equitable future for all”.

Brenda Pequeño, Consultant in financing.

“In the face of the urgent threat of climate change, and with the last six-year term to stop it, it is essential that the first female president and climate expert fulfills what is expected of her: to have a climate action agenda from the first day of her mandate. This agenda must include natural solutions to climate change that promote the empowerment of women and the creation of green and blue jobs to build climate-resilient communities”.

Paula Tussie, COSTASALVAJE

“The arrival of Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum to the Presidency of Mexico is a unique opportunity to place nature-based solutions at the center of the strategy against the climate crisis. As an organization working to reconnect, restore, and rewild ecosystems, at Wildlands Network Mexico we believe it is crucial to focus actions on the effective protection of biodiversity and habitat conservation, and to promote comprehensive public policies that ensure Mexico as a leader in environmental conservation.



We urge Dr. Sheinbaum to commit to firm, determined, and bold actions to protect our invaluable natural wealth and to guarantee the right to a healthy environment for present and future generations.”

Wildlands Network México

“From NOSSA, we urge Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum's administration to maintain a government that creates dialogues and works with academia and organized civil society. Given her experience and trajectory, we trust that, in the face of the enormous challenge of our time, she and her team will know how to take measures to address the climate crisis and the loss of biodiversity and ecosystems in the country. We urge that this agenda be built jointly, and that it prioritizes the strengthening of the federal budget and public policies that support the environmental sector”

Daniel Martín, NOSSA

“The current reality requires firm decisions in favor of the environment. Therefore, it is necessary for the person leading this nation to be very clear that there is no time to lose and that the climate agenda must be the transversal axis of all public policies undertaken. The work must be carried out in conjunction with civil society, academia, and economic and political actors so that together we can face the climate emergency. It is the time of women, it is the time for the environment, it is the time to promote a cognitive empathic regeneration with an environmental perspective”

Paco Ayala, Huerto Roma Verde

“After witnessing the hottest months recorded in centuries, the most devastating hurricane on the Pacific coast, thousands of displaced people, and with more than 80% of the country in drought, the president-elect in Mexico faces a true urgency in the matter of climate crisis in the middle of a divided country. With the legislature in her favor, we are awaiting reforms and projects that build a country that bets on decarbonization, and that promotes an ambitious, just, and sustainable transition with a focus on human rights and land defense.”

Comité Ecológico Integral de Nuevo León.



“The arrival of Claudia Sheinbaum as the first female president of Mexico is a historic precedent for the women of the country. However, we call on her to fully commit, as a woman and a scientist, to the environmental and climate agenda, placing the topics at the center of social and economic policies. From the México Resiliente Coalition, we have developed a National Decarbonization and Climate Resilience Plan to support the transformation of Mexico with a focus on climate justice.”

Sandra Guzmán, Finance Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (GFLAC).

“All eyes of Mexicans are on Dr. Sheinbaum: the first woman at the helm of Mexico who also has scientific degrees related to climate change. The political force she will represent during the next six years will also govern 24 of the 32 states of the country, and will take part as Congress majority. As witnesses to the severe effects of climate change that are already hitting the country, our expectation is that she leads the climate action efforts that Mexico needs to pursue low-emission and climate-resilient development. She understands the urgency and knows that the next six years of her government are crucial to tackling climate change”.

Alin Moncada, Climate change consultant.