

Humanity's Response to Climate Change is Merely Rhetorical

1- Introduction

Thesis Statement: While there is widespread acknowledgment of climate change, humanity's response remains superficial, marked by lofty declarations, empty promises and inadequate actions.

2- Rhetoric vs. Action in climate change Response

a- Global Summits and Agreements appear merely a rhetoric

Case study: Paris Agreement (2015) with lofty goals of limiting global warming to 1.5°C lacks enforceable mechanisms.

b- The Rhetoric of Corporate Social Responsibility

Case study: Greenwashing in corporate and political narrative that is using misleading campaigns to promote environmentally friendly practices.

c- The Rhetoric of Various Earth Summits

Case study: COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan allocated only \$500 billion per year that fall too short than needed amount of 1.5 trillion Dollar

d- The Rhetoric of Individual Actions

Case study: The limitations of individual consumer choices in driving systemic change.

iii- Case Studies Highlighting Rhetoric and Inaction in Climate Change Response:

a- Deforestation and Biodiversity loss due to Inaction
Case Study: Increasing Deforestation of Amazon Rainforest (Brazil)

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Millions of hectares of forest were destroyed in first six months of 2024.

b- Surge in Dependency of Fossil Fuels

Case Study: Canada's continued expansion of tar sands despite climate pledges

c- Slow progress in Renewable Energy Adoption

d- Energy Crises and Reliance on Coal

Case Study: 2022 Energy Crises caused by Russia-Ukraine Conflict, several EU countries (e.g. Germany and Poland) reverted to coal-fired power plants to meet energy demands.

e- Empty promises of "Net-Zero" emission targets by various countries

Case Studies: UK pledges to achieve 'net-zero' by 2050

- China vows to achieve 'Net-zero' by 2030
- Saudi Arabia pledges to achieve 'Net-zero' by 2060.

IV- Consequences of Rhetorical Responses.

a- Extreme weather events due to Inaction

Case Study: Pakistan's 2022 floods led to US \$ 14.9 billion loss according to Finance

Division Reports compounded with 1700 people's demise

ii- Florida's Milton Hurricane 2024

b- Rising sea levels due to melting glaciers and ice caps that result in flooding, land losses and displacement of people

c- Climate Refugees and Inadequate Global Response

Case Study: sub-Saharan Africa's desertification and migration pressures.

d- Environmental Damage that are wildfires, bleached corals and coastal erosion.

e. Thawing Permafrost climate change can cause permafrost to thaw

V- Moving Beyond Rhetoric: Recommendations for effective Actions

a- Enforceable Global Agreements must be made.

b- Developed countries must pay heed to this existential threat of climate change.

c- Localized and equitable solutions

Case study: Community-led reforestation in Kenya

ii- Billion Tree Afforestation Project of Pakistan

d- Technological Innovation and Green Financing

Case Study: Transition Initiatives in Scandinavian Countries.

e- Strengthening Climate Education and Advocacy

vi- Conclusion.

In shadow of rising seas and burning forests, melting glaciers and inundated land, humanity's response to climate change echoes a tragic paradox: words float freely, yet actions falter. The earth, human's shared sanctuary, is caught in a storm of promises that are global summits, reports with declaration of hope, governments under multiple goals and corporations tout ~~ambitious~~ green initiatives. But beneath this symphony of rhetoric lies a grim truth: the fires rage on, glaciers retreat, and the planet warms unabated. The rhetorics of international agreements like Paris Agreement, 2015 of limiting global warming at 1.5°C are like a mirage in desert of inaction. Countries tout "net-zero" ambitions even as coal plants roar to life. Additionally, corporate giants flaunt their green credentials while secretly expanding fossil fuel operations. The Amazon burns while speeches proclaim its protection, and nations from Pakistan to sub-Saharan Africa are left drowning or parched. In the cacophony of summits and slogans, it is evident: humanity's response to climate change remains a tale of words divorced from action, with devastating consequences for planet and its people. But this rhetoric can be transformed into resolve by taking effective actions.

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Concluding whole, humanity stands at a precipice, where the chasm between words and actions on climate change threatens to consume the very future it seeks to preserve. The promises inked on paper in global summits, like Paris Agreement, COP29, and various other Earth summits remain ephemeral. From deforested jungles of Amazon to submerged villages of Africa, the devastating impact of rhetorical responses are not just statistics but are living testimonies of human failure. But all is not lost. Within shadows of inaction lie seeds of redemption. Grassroots movements in Kenya, Billion Tree Tsunami breathe life into barren soil. Scandinavian nations model transitions to renewable energy, and communities worldwide remind us that change is rooted in collective will. Yet, the path forward demands more than mere words. It calls for enforceable commitments, equitable solutions, technological ingenuity, and extended faith in shared responsibility. Let the ink of our declarations no longer fade; let it shape a future worth living.

Good all the best luck

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