



Beyond Oil & Gas Alliance adds new members and announces funding for Global South producer countries to catalyse a just transition away from oil and gas

In a major acceleration of action towards delivering a just transition away from oil and gas, the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) today announces that it is awarding grants of an initial \$1 million to support Kenya and Colombia to plan for a just, managed and orderly transition away from oil and gas dependency.

This is the beginning of the implementation of the BOGA fund, first announced at COP27 as a USD10 million seed fund led by Sequoia Climate Foundation alongside other philanthropies. The fund has recently received additional support from the Robertson Foundation. The fund is designed to provide rapid technical assistance to Global South governments wanting to develop their vision of a beyond oil and gas economy and catalyse bilateral and multilateral funding in the process. The fund addresses a significant operational barrier for Global South producer countries seeking to transition away from oil and gas. The distribution of the first money by the BOGA fund represents a major milestone in action to begin delivering the phase-out of fossil fuels now, supporting governments to transform their economies in line with 1.5°C.

The Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) is an international alliance of governments, working together to facilitate the managed phase-out of oil and gas production. As global momentum grows towards addressing the phase-out of all fossil fuels, the issue at the heart of negotiations at this year's COP28 gathering of world leaders, BOGA also announces a significant growth in its membership.

The Alliance today welcomes three new members, including **Spain, Kenya, and Samoa**. Since it launched at COP26 in 2021, BOGA has more than doubled in size. The Alliance has now grown to 24 Members and Friends and is working with partners at COP28 to secure an agreement to deliver the just, managed phase-out of all fossil fuels.

Dan Jorgensen, Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy for Denmark:

"We will not achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement without phasing out oil and gas. Science confirms this time and again. Therefore, it is an important step in the right direction that Spain, Kenya, Samoa joined BOGA today. Additionally, the welcoming of Quebec as our new co-chair further strengthens our collective efforts towards a fossil-free future. With new members from different parts of the world, including national and subnational leaders, BOGA shows that the desire for a sustainable future - without dependence on fossil fuels production - is uniting governments."

Andres Camacho, Minister of Mines and Energy for Colombia:

"We are committed to the reindustrialisation of the country with the objective of strengthening our economy and territorial development through the Just Energy Transition. Because of these commitments, Colombia joined the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) as a friend and will now be a beneficiary of the BOGA Fund. The Just Energy Transition is an opportunity to strengthen our economy and, in this sense, BOGA's support will be essential to phasing out oil and gas and making the development of renewable energy projects a reality for the benefit of communities and territories."

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"Samoa has joined the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance because for our country the phase out of fossil fuels is existential. We want to lead in an alliance of like minded countries at this COP and beyond to ensure that phase out becomes a reality. It is only by speaking up together against those with vested interest in the status quo will we get the outcome we need here in Dubai."

Teresa Ribera, Vice-President of Spain and Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, Denmark Minister for the Ecological Transition:

"We have agreed to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030 and double energy efficiency efforts. None of this will be worthwhile if we do not tackle gradually phasing out fossil fuels. Spain has shown that it is technically, socially and economically feasible to do this with coal fired power plants, we need to tackle the next steps, gas and oil."

Ali Mohamed, Climate Envoy for Kenya:

"Kenya is pleased to join this action-oriented Alliance which aligns with our green development strategy and ambition to pursue a development pathway that prioritizes our planet and heritage of future generations of Kenyans. We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with like-minded partner governments to tap into our immense renewable energy resources to drive green industrialization to sustainably transform our economies and the lives of our people."

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