



Climate Crisis Paper Petition #2395 Background, Instructions, and Talking Points

Background :

Adaptation is about coping with the consequences of climate change.

Mitigation is about reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

Adaptation involves projects and actions that help communities adapt to weather variability in a changing climate. It is also about building resilience to the impacts and improving disaster risk reduction and preparedness.

Some examples of Adaptation and Resilience (taken from the UN Global Environment Facility Report, 2018):

- Digging deeper wells (and rehabilitating older wells)
- Diversification of financial resources and income generating activities
- Modification of farming practices, planting early-maturing crops, irrigation agriculture, use of crop residues for livestock feed
- Preserving / storing grains /saving traditional drought-resistant seeds
- More effective and participatory management of natural resources
- Conservation of water
- Construction of water infrastructure
- Reforestation / tree planting
- Coastal protection, including dykes and drainage channels, land restoration
- Supporting farmers in using traditional knowledge re: farming during droughts
- Establishing community groups to strengthen social ties and community-level safety nets
- Building awareness through education

Instructions:

- Print out copies of the petition (available on GRAN's website under the Campaigns tab → The Climate Crisis) and get as many signatures as you can from friends, family, personal networks, and community groups. (Note: there is no minimum age requirement; children and youth are welcome to sign too.)
- Explain GRAN's interest in supporting this petition. You can use the talking points developed by CARE Canada which are included below.
- Ensure you capture all the info required for the form – signatures plus addresses.
- Mail in original copies of the signed petitions **by April 20th**, postage free to:

Elizabeth May O.C., M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6

The paper petitions will be presented in the House of Commons by MP Elizabeth May. (She is the sponsor of the online e-petition.)

Talking Points (taken from CARE's tool kit):

- The world must embark on a better path for our planet and people, in which the poor -- particularly women and girls -- are not left behind in efforts to address the climate crisis.
- Every nation must embrace ambitious climate mitigation actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We also need to make significant investments in efforts to help countries adapt to the impacts of climate change which are already being felt.
- The climate crisis is having a profound impact on the grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa. The increasing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events has had a multiplier effect on the other challenges they face, including in the areas of health, education, violence, and poverty.
- Slow-burning disasters like drought and famine all affect vulnerable communities, especially women and girls.
- Developing countries are already bearing up to 80% of the cost of climate change.
- Without urgent action to support climate change adaptation in developing countries, 100 million more people could be pushed into poverty by 2030. Countries like Canada need to step up to increase funding for adaptation.
- A much more ambitious effort is needed -- a just response centered on human rights, equity, and justice.