As a minority, the LGBTQ+ community is especially vulnerable to climate change since its wellbeing depends on a sustainable future. Nevertheless, thanks to the social and political progress achieved in the last couple of decades, our community possess a larger economic freedom with a strong consumer power that surpasses one trillion dollars, in addition to a well-established organizational power.

While there are important challenges that need to also be urgently addressed within the LGBTQ+ rights struggle, we as a community cannot be oblivious to the climate crisis. Consequently, as members of humanity, we need to harness our development victories against climate change for our survival.

Aware of our common responsibility, each individual signatory, will contribute with the following actions in order to prevent an irreversible change in the earth´s climate system, as warned to us by the IPCC´s Especial Report on the 1.5ºC.

I pledge to:

1. Measure my carbon footprint using science-based methodologies, such as but not limited to the UN carbon footprint calculator, once a year; [[1]](#footnote-1) and to keep a personal record of its development.
2. Set a goal of reducing at least 50% of my emissions by 2030 using the first measurement taken as our baseline. This, in line with what has been requested by the UN Secretary-General as pledges for the 2019 Climate Action Summit.
3. Communicate my pledge to the QueersXCliamte administration by email (queersxclimate@gmail.com) so that it can registered, together with my carbon assessment; as well as, to share it on social media and with your friends and family.
4. Engage in climate positive local-activities that helps mitigate my greenhouse gasses emissions in order to achieved the established goals. Moreover, it is highly desirable that such activities promote adaptation and resilience, as well as to enhance our collective efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the overall 2030 Agenda.
5. Promote the sustainable consumption through the participation in circular economies, as well as in the use of products and services with low ecological footprints and promote social wellbeing of underprivileged communities, principally related to the local LGBTQ+ community.
6. Participate in verified and sustainable carbon off-set mechanisms that help achieve the desired CO2e targets and beyond. It is highly desired to promote the use of the UN Climate Neutral Platform,[[2]](#footnote-2) in addition to the mechanism that result from the article 6 of the Paris Agreement negotiations[[3]](#footnote-3). High ambition is critical; therefore, these mechanisms should particularly be used for increasing mitigation efforts ahead of the established objectives.
7. Employ other activities that substantially contribute towards either locally or globally mitigation and adaptation, and sustainable development.

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1. suggested tool: <https://offset.climateneutralnow.org/footprintcalc> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Suggested tool: <https://offset.climateneutralnow.org/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.carbon-mechanisms.de/en/introduction/the-paris-agreement-and-article-6/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)