

COP21, SDGS, RECOMMENDATION NO.2: PARTNERSHIP WITH PEOPLE IN POVERTY

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Here we present the second of ATD Fourth World's five videos for the COP21 Paris Climate Conference. Xavier Godinot, ATD's Director of International Advocacy, explains in the introduction to each video:

What ATD Fourth World seeks is that sustainable development fully integrate the components of economic development, efforts to end poverty, and protection of the environment. These three aspects must absolutely be interlinked and coordinated. Now, we hear that a lot in international discourse. We see that it's a lot harder to put into practice on the ground.

Each video illustrates with grassroots examples one of ATD Fourth World's five recommendations that are key for tailoring development and climate action to the needs of the most vulnerable. In this video, **Recommendation 2: tackle climate change in partnership with people living in poverty.**



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You can read more about our five climate change solutions linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and poverty eradication in [Taking seriously the commitment to “leave no one behind” in the SDGs and the fight against climate disruption](#).

CONCLUSION: SOME MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

Among our many recommendations for the post-2015 agenda, these are key for tailoring development and climate action to the needs of the most vulnerable:

- Place a special emphasis on the bottom 20% to make sure that no one is left behind. In other words, targets should be considered achieved only if they are met for all relevant income and social groups, including the most vulnerable.
- Tackle climate change together with people in poverty and as part of an effort to eradicate extreme poverty.
- Ensure that climate change finance is directed at the most vulnerable populations, in order to foster climate justice.
- Implement social protection floors.
- Ensure that people in poverty are able to benefit from training and job creation in the context of transitioning to a green economy.

From ATD’s memorandum, “Taking seriously the commitment to ‘leave no one behind’ in the SDGs and the fight against climate disruption”

Video Summary

ATD Fourth World’s second proposal is to tackle climate change in partnership with those living in extreme poverty. These populations have contributed least to climate change,

yet suffer the most. A powerful injustice. Sometimes solutions to climate change turn against those trying to be helped. Because of climate change families are relocated with the best of intentions, but made poorer. Children moved from schools and parents become unemployed.

Those in poverty are actors in the fight against pollution and climate change. These populations recycle in landfills worldwide, salvaging anything that can be reused. They also mobilize when disasters strike. For example in Senegal during the rainy season [people organized in flooded neighborhoods](#) to create canals which saved homes.

Populations in poverty strive to be involved in fight against climate change, but lack means. It very important that there be more investment in under-resourced communities.