

Quaker Climate Emergency Correspondent 8 - 26 Pipiri 2023

He waka eke noa We are all in this canoe together

Moral imperative is the most powerful grounding of our work because it is not necessarily political, it is from the heart - Lindsey Fielder-Cook, Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)

Kia ora f/Friends

First, thank you Elizabeth D for inspiring us with Nelson's [rally for travel justice](#) and work for a more equitable accessible city. Nelson is getting new electric buses, greater coverage, increased frequency, and lower prices than the current service on 1 August.

Beannacht (Blessing), By John O'Donohue

(Thank you Jillian)

On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.
And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets in to you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green,
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.
When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across
the waters
A path of yellow
moonlight
To bring you safely home.
May the nourishment of the
earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be
yours,
May the protection of the
ancestors be yours.
And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.

Things we need to know:

- 1. Consultations on emissions trading** (two, [which can be merged](#)):
 - [Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme](#) due 11 August 2023.
It is currently cheaper for emitters to pay for emissions rather than improving energy efficiency. What do we do?
 - [Redesigning the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme's \(NZ ETS\) permanent forest category](#) (also due 11 August).
Which forests should be allowed into the permanent forest category?
How should transition forests be managed to ensure they transition and reduce the financial risks to participants?
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- 2. This fortnight**
 - [Advancing Aotearoa's vital interests in a turbulent world](#) (including climate change) webinar June 28 at 7.00 pm, followed by an online workshop on July 12, also at 7.00 pm. Organised by United Nations Association of NZ - (thank you Gray).
 - [E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope](#) - **NZ Religious Diversity Centre webinars**
28 June - **Hope for the Pacific Region**- Keynote: Mary Moeano-Kolio, youth leader, Pacific Climate Warriors.
5 July - **Hope for Our World** - Keynote: Helen Clark, former PM and administrator of the UN Development (thank you Richard)
- 3. Wonderful collation of info** (thank you QUNO)
[Government officials' toolkit for inspiring Urgent, Real, and Equitable climate action](#) - collates the latest IPCC Intergovernmental Panel scientific findings on *urgent, effective, equitable, rights-based and available to scale* climate action.

More about those Emissions Trading Scheme national consultations

*Te Arotake Mahere Hokohoko Tukunga [Emissions Trading Scheme \(ETS\) review](#) “focuses on the benefits, trade-offs and risks of changing the NZ ETS so it can to incentivise gross emissions reductions, but continue to support removals. It follows advice from [He Pou a Rangi | Climate Change Commission](#) [which] recommended that ... *Government consider amending the NZ ETS to provide more robust support for gross emissions reductions and manage the amount of exotic forest planting driven by the scheme”.**

Materials include the [full consultation document](#); [summary consultation document](#); te reo Māori [summary consultation document](#); and a vehicle for making a [quick submission](#) (four questions). The Cabinet paper is [here](#).

Confused? Webinars on the topic are on [Tuesday 27 June, 12.00pm](#); [Thursday 29 June, 6.30pm](#); and for youth/ rangitahi - [Wednesday 5 July 4.00pm](#); [Friday 30 June, 12.00pm](#) - Māori/Iwi webinar

International news from QUNO

QUNO’s team at the recent [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#) negotiations (SB58) in Bonn (June 5 – June 15) was the Representative for the Human Impacts of Climate Change (HICC), Lindsey Fielder Cook, and HICC programme assistant Alana M Carlson.

Alana distributed her briefing paper on [“Fair Sources of Finance for a New Loss and Damage Funding Arrangement,”](#) written in collaboration with Britain Yearly Meeting and UK based [Faith for the Climate](#).

I recommend watching QUNO’s interactive side event featuring our own Kay Harrison (Climate Change Ambassador). The event titled [“Truthful engagement in real, effective and ethical climate action for an ambitious Global Stocktake,”](#) included panelists from the negotiation, research, activist, community organizer and legal experience sectors. It was led by QUNO and the Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas (FAWCO), with co-hosts from Britain Yearly, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Recommended viewing is also Lindsey’s involvement as part of an inter-faith press conference on the moral call to action. She addressed the importance of dealing with the root causes of climate change and stated that “Moral imperative is the most powerful grounding of our work because it is not necessarily political, it is from the heart.” You can watch it [here](#).

The Bonn Conference was in preparation for UN Climate Conference (COP 28) to be held in Dubai during November-December this year.

The QUNO [Government officials’ toolkit for inspiring Urgent, Real, and Equitable climate action](#) is written to support both government officials and *people interested in, or already engaging with their governments on urgent, effective, and equitable climate policies to address climate change, and improve human well-being and planetary health* -i.e. all of us. It looks very useful.

Reading, Watching and Learning

[How Cars Stole Our Public Space: The \(not so\) Radical Solution for Our Streets](#) (video from the Urban Cycling Institute - thank you Elizabeth D)

[Requiem for our species; Chris Hedges](#) (thank you Gray)

Then, if you need a bit of cheering up, go outside, and talk to some plants. Thank you, Jillian, for [inspiration from the northern hemisphere](#) and I found this little item on [how to attract birds](#) closer to home.

Go well everyone.

Ngā mihi nui, Philippa

