

UPF CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The UPF Board of Management has made a climate emergency declaration. Recently, the British Parliament passed a declaration to ask the British government to reach zero emissions by 2050. In Scotland, an emergency declaration on climate change had been previously passed, and its government is setting targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero before 2045. A similar declaration has been formulated by some universities such as the University of Bristol, in the UK, and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

UPF feels fully called to act in view of the fact that the planet's natural resources continue to deteriorate at an unprecedented pace and recognizes this as an emergency that, as proposed by the UN, requires drastic strategies which, in the case of climate require achieving a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. In this sense, UPF feels committed to these strategies.

In recent years, UPF has developed an institutional policy of sustainability and has launched a Planetary Well-being initiative. It is currently also working on the development of an environmental impact diagnostic that measures the carbon footprint and enables establishing goals and strategies for radical change that will be included in the first UPF Sustainability Plan.

In the coming weeks this question will be posed to the governing bodies of the University and the creation of a working group will be proposed to allow speeding up the ongoing initiatives, study new ones, and establish a schedule for action allowing drastically reducing the environmental impact of our activities and working so that everyone in our country contributes to protecting the planet's natural resources.

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