The Frontlines Are Taking the Lead

A People’s Orientation to a Regenerative Economy offers community groups, policy advocates, and policymakers a pathway to solutions that work for frontline communities and workers.

Over 80 ideas, grouped into 14 planks, have been collectively strategized by leaders from across multiple frontline and grassroots organizations, networks and alliances. A People’s Orientation ensures that regenerative economic solutions & ecological justice—under a framework that challenges colonialism, capitalism and both white supremacy and hetero-patriarchy—are core to any and all policies.

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Frontline organizations and networks have worked to advance a Just Transition and equitable solutions to the interlinked crises of economy, climate, and democracy for years.

We call for the end of an extractive economy that lays waste to people and planet.

We reject false solutions and offer real world People’s Solutions centered on life. Now is the time to deepen our work.
FOURTEEN PLANKS: REGENERATIVE ECONOMY POLICY STANCES

These fourteen planks are deeply intertwined and should be held as a collective framework to achieve a Regenerative Economy.

1. Indigenous and Tribal Sovereignty
2. Justice for Black Communities
3. Justice for Immigrant Communities
4. Just Transition for Workers & Communities
5. Protections and Investments for Sacrifice Zones & Environmental Justice Communities
6. Healthcare for All
7. Homes Guarantee
8. Energy Sources and Pollution Mitigation
9. Energy Democracy
10. Food Sovereignty and Land Sovereignty
11. Equitable and Clean Energy/Emissions-Free Transit
12. Just Recovery
13. Investing in the Feminist Economy
14. Investing in the Regenerative Economy

Read over 80 policy priorities from these fourteen planks, learn about the five points of intervention, the Protect, Repair, Invest, and Transform Framework, a set of strategy questions, and more on the UFT website:

A NEW PATHWAY

From national efforts like the New Economy Coalition’s Pathways to a People’s Economy, to regional efforts like Gulf South for a Green New Deal, to the local frontline-led efforts of PUSH Buffalo and Our Power Richmond, community leaders have been organizing, educating, and working collaboratively to take concrete actions to make the concept of a Green New Deal (GND) real on the ground. This work has expanded across frontline networks and geographies. In 2019, Climate Justice Alliance, It Takes Roots, People’s Action, and East Michigan Environmental Action Council gathered 67 organizations to participate in the Frontline GND + Climate and Regenerative Economic Policy Summit in Detroit. We identified green lines (what we want), yellow lines (what we’re still questioning), and red lines (what we say no to) for policies, from development through implementation. This strategic approach, originally shared by People’s Action to workshop in Detroit, was later adapted into a Peoples Orientation to a Regenerative Economy—the United Frontline Table’s policy and organizing tool.

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The United Frontline Table (UFT) is comprised of the following networks, alliances, coalitions, and their members, with the cooperation of movement support organizations:

Tom BK Goldtooth, Indigenous Environmental Network Executive Director and CJA Board Member, speaks at the Frontline Green New Deal + Climate and Regenerative Economic Policy Summit in Detroit. Photo by Rae Breaux, Climate Justice Alliance