

Dear Supporter,

Hello and thank you for joining us in this vital cause.

In October and November, international negotiations addressing the biodiversity (COP16) and climate change (COP29) crises will take place in Colombia and Azerbaijan, respectively.

At these summits, countries from around the world will send official delegations with the goal of agreeing on actions to reverse nature loss and reduce carbon emissions.

For both COP16 and COP29, nations are required to develop and update national action plans detailing how they will achieve positive outcomes for nature and address climate change. This includes setting targets, implementing policies, and securing investments.

We are advocating for a crucial element in these action plans: the integration of green skills into national workforces. Without the right education, skills, and jobs in place, we will struggle to meet global biodiversity and climate targets.

In 2023, IEMA initiated efforts to highlight the importance of education, skills, and jobs at the COP28 climate summit. In 2024, we are intensifying our campaign by encouraging businesses, not-for-profit organisations, and individuals to call on negotiators and decision-makers at COP16 and COP29 to prioritise #GreenSkillsAtCOP.

We will be addressing the relevant UK Ministers and COP presidents in advance of both negotiations, urging them to support and champion our campaign. Our goal is to see agreements at both summits that require countries to develop comprehensive workforce strategies to ensure the successful implementation of their biodiversity and climate action plans. Recognising the interdependencies of these crises is crucial, and we also advocate for a just transition to support workers and sectors adversely affected by the shift to sustainability.

By signing this letter, you are not only supporting our immediate call to action but also committing to endorse all future communications until our mandate is achieved. Your signature will continue to back our efforts as we push for the necessary changes and hold leaders accountable.

Thank you for your support and dedication to securing a sustainable future.

Warm regards,
IEMA