# Second Global Greens Congress
# 1—4 May 2008, São Paulo, Brazil

*Think and act globally and locally*

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## Global letter to Green parties and political movements

Dear Friends

As we count down to the Second Global Greens Congress in São Paulo Brazil, we are writing to provide you with some important planning information and to ask for your help in preparing for the meeting. Specifically, we are asking Green parties and political movements to help by publicising the congress, by contributing funds and by facilitating a direct fundraising appeal to individual Greens supporters.

Our aim for the Second Global Greens Congress is to take another big step towards building the Greens into a global political force. In Canberra in 2001 we agreed on the *Global Greens Charter*. In Brazil 2008, the main outcome will be *21 Points for the 21st Century: Global Greens Climate Action Plan,* the basis for coordinated action by Greens globally in the coming five years. We will shortly be calling for ideas to feed into the plan covering all the ways in which we can meet the climate crisis: political, social, environmental, cultural, economic and more. The ideas should be action-oriented, they may be local or global, and they must be consistent with the Principles of the Global Greens Charter. We will be setting up a computer register so that everyone can see the ideas as they are proposed and use them to develop their own plans. Early next year, we will start drafting the *21 Points* – short, sharp and effective!

There will also be texts on the Greens' post-Kyoto proposals, a Green charter for sustainable cities, biodiversity and forests, and the next steps for the Global Greens. Delegates also have the opportunity to present resolutions for consideration.

To make Global Greens 2008 as inclusive as possible, we will be raising funds to enable participants from low income countries to attend. We will also be encouraging delegations to be gender balanced and where possible to give preference to young people and Indigenous people.

To make it as environmentally responsible as possible, we encourage all those who attend in person to offset the climate impact of their travel. We will also be doing our best to provide access to the conference over the internet and, of course, everyone will be able to help develop the *21 Points* electronically.

We are planning a fantastic congress that sets high standards for inclusiveness and environmental responsibility and gives Greens from all over the world the chance to consolidate friendships and working relationships.

For all this to happen, we need your help. We would be very grateful if you could

- Help us send a letter to all Greens members and supporters around the world asking them to donate to Global Green 2008. Please email a member of the Steering Group below to indicate your participation.
- Make a party contribution to Global Greens 2008. Donation details are attached.
- Publicise Global Greens 2008 to your members and supporters
- Send delegates to participate in the Congress.

We rarely meet as a Global Greens family and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in making Global Greens 2008 a big success and a milestone in expanding our political strength. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We look forward to meeting you in São Paulo.

With best Green wishes

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## Documents with this letter

Working draft program, 2nd Global Greens Congress
Important information, 2nd Global Greens Congress
Fundraising letter for Green members and supporters around the world
Donation form