Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change

The stars, the sun and moon, and this earth in all the diversity, richness and vitality of its communities of living beings, reflect and manifest the boundless glory and mercy of their Creator. All by nature serve and glorify their Maker, all bow to their Lord’s will. We humans are created to serve the Lord of all beings, to work the greatest good we can for all the species, individuals, and generations of God’s creatures.

WE AFFIRM

ALLAH IS THE LORD AND SUSTAINER (RABB) OF ALL BEINGS

Praise be to Allah, Lord and Sustainer of all beings (Qur’an 1: 1)

He is Allah – the Creator, the Maker, the Giver of Form (Qur’an 59: 24)

He raised the heaven and established the balance so that you would not transgress the balance. Give just weight – do not skimp in the balance. He laid out the earth for all living creatures (Qur’an 55: 7-10)

THE NATURAL STATE (FITRAH) OF ALLAH’S CREATION

So set your face firmly to the faith in pure devotion, the natural pattern on which Allah made humankind. There shall be no changing Allah’s creation. That is the true Way, but most people do not know (Qur’an 30: 30)

WE RECOGNISE

THE CORRUPTION (FASAD) THAT HUMANS HAVE CAUSED ON EARTH IN OUR RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CONSUMPTION

Corruption has appeared on land and sea by what people’s own hands have wrought. He may let them taste some consequences of their deeds, so that they may turn back. (Qur’an 30: 41)

Disruption of the global climate is a consequence of our corruption in the earth. We are but one of the multitude of living beings with whom we share the earth, and a minuscule part of the divine order, yet we have exceptional power, and bear the responsibility to establish good and avert evil in every way we can.

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL OUR ACTIONS

Then whoever has done an atom's weight of good, shall see it, and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil, shall see it (Qur’an 99: 7-8)

OUR CALL

We call on all muslims, wherever they may be, to tackle the root causes of climate change, environmental degradation, and the loss of biodiversity, following the example of The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), who was, in the words of the Qur’an, “a mercy to all beings.”

We bear in mind the words of our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)

The world is sweet and verdant, and verily Allah has made you stewards in it, and He sees how you acquit yourselves.

(Hadīth related by Muslim from Abū Sa'īd Al-Khudrī)