Ethiopia, Incoming COP32 Host, Joins Denmark as Co-Chair of Group of Negative Emitters

The eight-nation coalition calls for urgent action to achieve global net-negative emissions, pursue atmospheric carbon removal

ANTALYA, Türkiye – November 18, 2026 – Today at COP31, the Group of Negative Emitters (GONE)—an international alliance of eight frontrunner countries working to advance global net-negative emissions to limit long-term warming to 1.5°C—**announced Ethiopia as co-chair of the initiative**, alongside founding member Denmark.

UNEP's recent report "Limiting Overshoot" finds that global temperatures are now set to at least temporarily exceed 1.5°C, increasing risks to people and nature and the likelihood of irreversible losses and damages.

Countries should aim to limit warming beyond 1.5°C by prioritizing deep emissions cuts from sources and through removals, pursuing ambitious atmospheric carbon reductions in a just, equitable and environmentally sound manner. Through the GONE alliance, country representatives demonstrate their commitment and actions to pursue climate and development strategies to limit the temporary exceedance of 1.5°C, including through nature-based and technological solutions.

"Ethiopia is expanding nature-based solutions through initiatives such as the Green Legacy and calls for scaled-up support, adequate finance and access to technologies that reduce emissions," said **Ethiopian Ambassador Samuel Addis Alemayehu**.

"An overshoot of 1.5°C requires an immediate response. We must act now to mitigate all possible emissions and in addition scale up both nature-based and technological solutions to remove emissions from the atmosphere," said **Samira Nawa, Minister of Climate, Energy and Utilities, Denmark**. "With this, we must also change our final destination. Net-zero is now merely a steppingstone on the way towards global net-negative emissions. I am honored to be leading the important work of GONE as co-chair with Ethiopia, who will bring the actions required as well as political leadership as incoming COP Presidency."

Today, GONE also announced a group of leading organizations as allies to the coalition, including the High-Level Climate Champions, Carbon Gap, CDR2030 and Negative Emissions Platform. Through their own work and engagement with GONE, these organizations are advancing carbon removal and efforts to reach net-negative emissions.

Why Atmospheric Carbon Removal Matters

Alongside deep and sustained emissions reductions, the GONE alliance supports the many methods that can credibly and sustainably remove carbon from the atmosphere,

including nature-based solutions like reforestation and wetland restoration and emerging carbon dioxide removal technologies such as direct air capture.

“As the world edges closer to 1.5°C of warming, slashing emissions is essential but no longer enough—we must also actively pull carbon out of the atmosphere to bring temperatures back down,” said **Ani Dasgupta, President and CEO of World Resources Institute**. “The Group of Negative Emitters is showing the political courage required to meet this reality head-on, cementing responsible carbon removal as a central pillar of the global climate agenda, never as a substitute for rapid emissions cuts.”

Carbon removal will be essential to achieving net-negative emissions, lowering atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations and ultimately bringing global temperatures back down to safer levels. Carbon removal pulls carbon dioxide directly from the atmosphere, unlike carbon capture and storage (CCS), which captures carbon dioxide emissions at a point source such as a power plant or factory.

The GONE initiative was unveiled at COP28 in Dubai by founding members Denmark, Panama, and Finland and officially launched at COP29 in Baku with the addition of five new members: Ethiopia, Sweden, Kenya, Suriname, and the Netherlands. World Resources Institute provides capacity and coordination support to the alliance.

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About the Group of Negative Emitters (GONE)

The Group of Negative Emitters (GONE) is an international coalition of frontrunner countries working to drive political ambition and policy action for global net-negative emissions. With the world set to exceed 1.5°C, achieving net-negative emissions and responsibly scaling atmospheric carbon dioxide removal—alongside deep emissions reductions—will be critical to minimizing overshoot and returning warming to 1.5°C. Grounded in the latest science, GONE supports the full spectrum of credible, sustainable carbon removal approaches, from nature-based solutions to emerging technologies, needed to deliver net-negative emissions globally.