

**Plenary Session I:
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

once there was the Rio spirit, now it seems you are suffering the Johannesburg sleep. You need to get back to work Therefore "Wake up".

We come from the Youth Energy Summit, where there were 140 participants from 17 countries, we elaborated a powerful visionary but at the same time realistic declaration.

We are ready to take up our responsibility, but we can't. We are the ones who are supposed to be seated amongst you right now. In the future make sure you involve us, make sure the youth have a say in the decision making of their future.

For we are the Engineers, Architects, Researchers and so on we implement Renewables in our daily lives, working hand in hand with our communities.

I bring you a great and powerful message, 100% Renewables is absolutely possible. It is necessary. It is your job to realise it.

Renewables are the solution for the environmental crisis. They will generate jobs without end, they will give light where there is despair, I know this from my own experience, because there are still those without electricity yet they suffer from the outcomes of the production of something they do not benefit from.

Africa, it has been predicted that we are going to suffer the worst floods and droughts. Let us do away with Fossil Fuels. I know 100% Renewables will create jobs for the unemployed,

they will educate the illiterate, they will help in the fight of HIV and Aids, for I know busy minds are healthy minds. South Africa, you have all the resources: why not help in the fight to save this nation.

Needless to say, Nuclear Energies are not an option.

As we are the ones who will mostly be affected by the outcomes of this Conference, we set this as the framework that must guide these negotiations.

As a sign of confirmation I ask every one of you to stand.

Remember, for the days to come what is at stake if you fail. This is what is going to happen to us several millions of times.

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