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*WHAT CAN THE PHILIPPINES  
CONTRIBUTE TO WIN AGAINST  
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## OUTLINE

- Glasgow and the Virtual Negotiations
  - ACT 2025
- Features of the Nationally Determined Contribution
- Critique of the NDC
- Prioritizing Renewable Energy
- Forestry and Indigenous Peoples
- Conclusion

# GLASGOW 2021 AND THE JUNE VIRTUAL NEGOTIATIONS



## ACT2025: LIST OF PARTNERS

- World Resources Institute
- Manila Observatory
- Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
- Centre for Climate Change and Development
- International Centre for Climate Change and Development
- Power Shift Africa
- Transforma

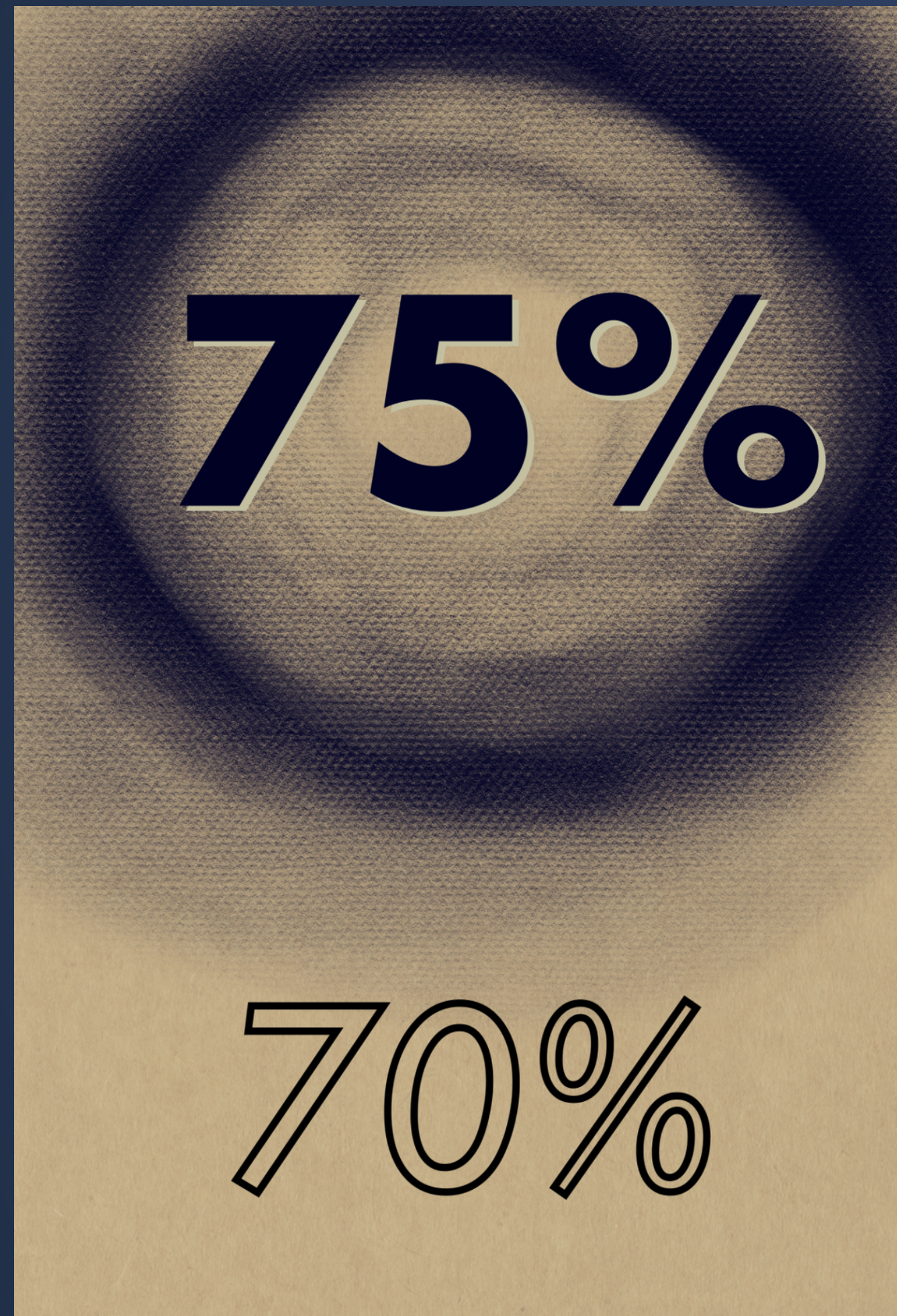


## UPDATE ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT



- Increase in ambition
- Huge change from 2015: From 2.0 to 1.5 degree centigrade limit on global temperatures
- Net neutrality goals
- Coming soon: IPCC 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report

## FEATURES OF THE NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs)



- Increased ambition: from reduction of 70% to 75% by 2030
- 2.71 unconditional; 72.29 conditional
- 3,340.3 Metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- Peak emissions by 2030
- Actions to be taken between 2020-2030
- 2010 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

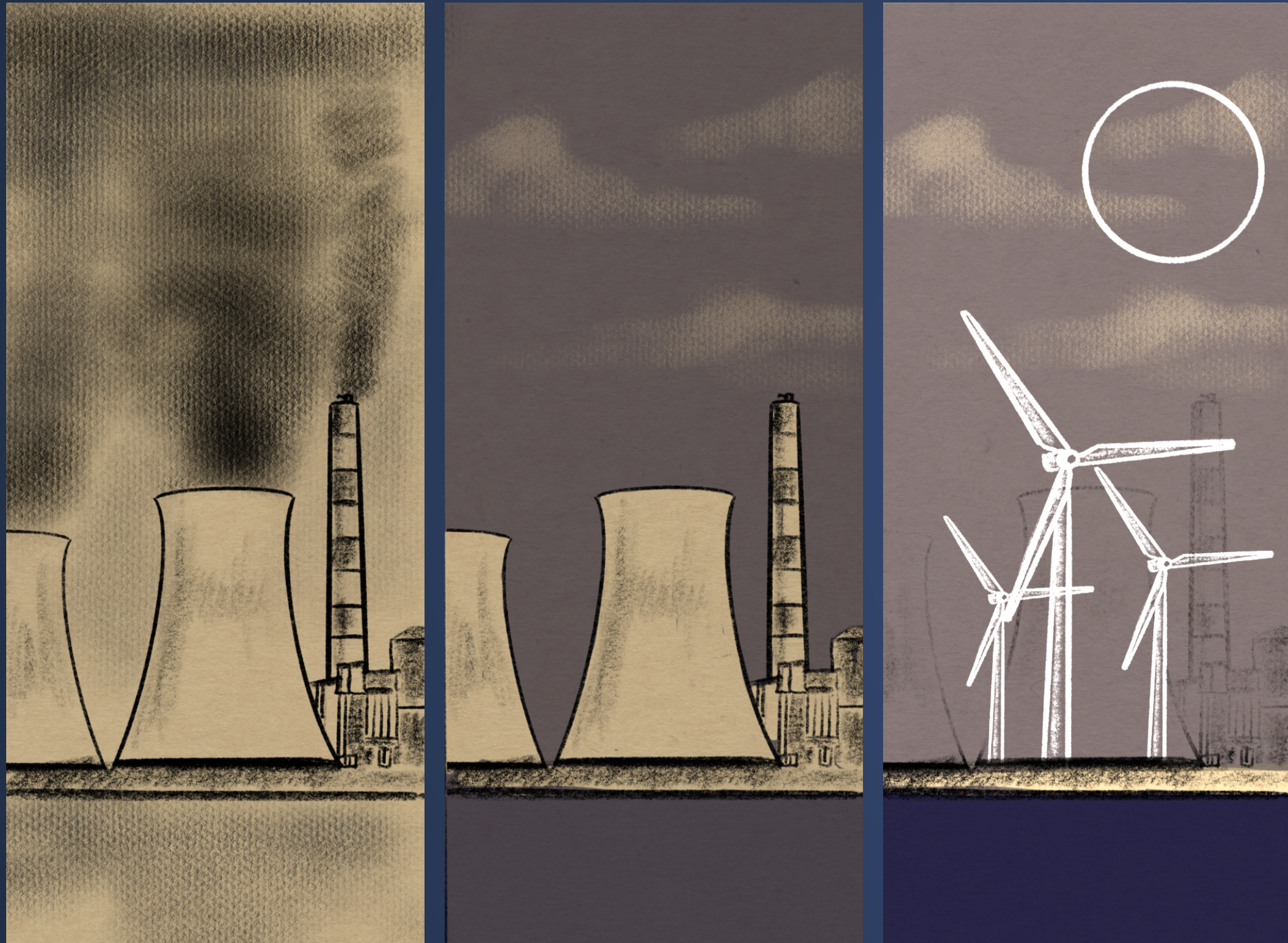
## CRITIQUE OF THE NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs)



- Excellent premises – climate justice, public participation, inclusiveness, consistency
- Updated GHG inventory needed
- Target is fine but ratio between conditional and unconditional needs improvement
- Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review (CPEIR)
- Review of laws needed

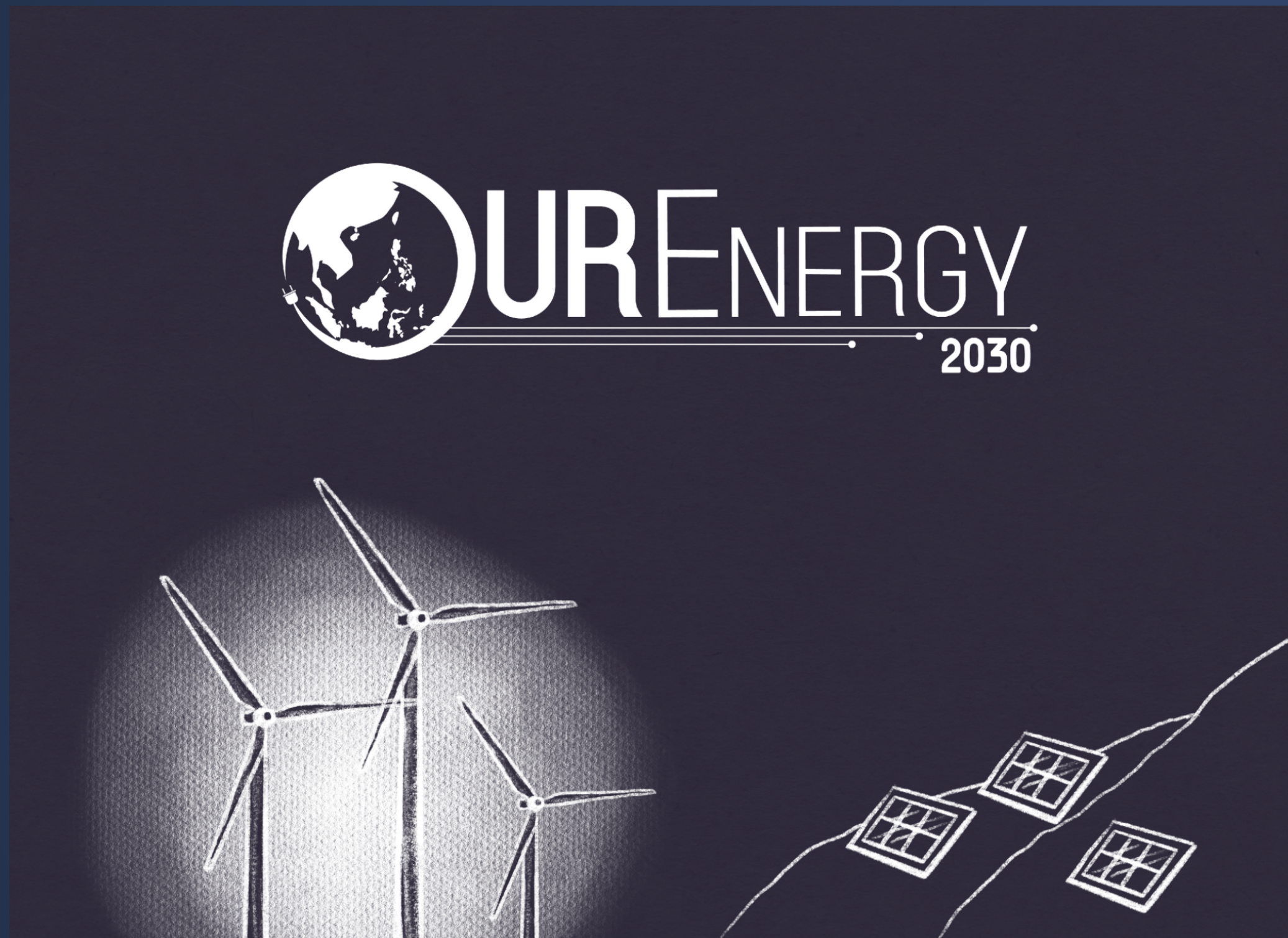


## ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: ENERGY



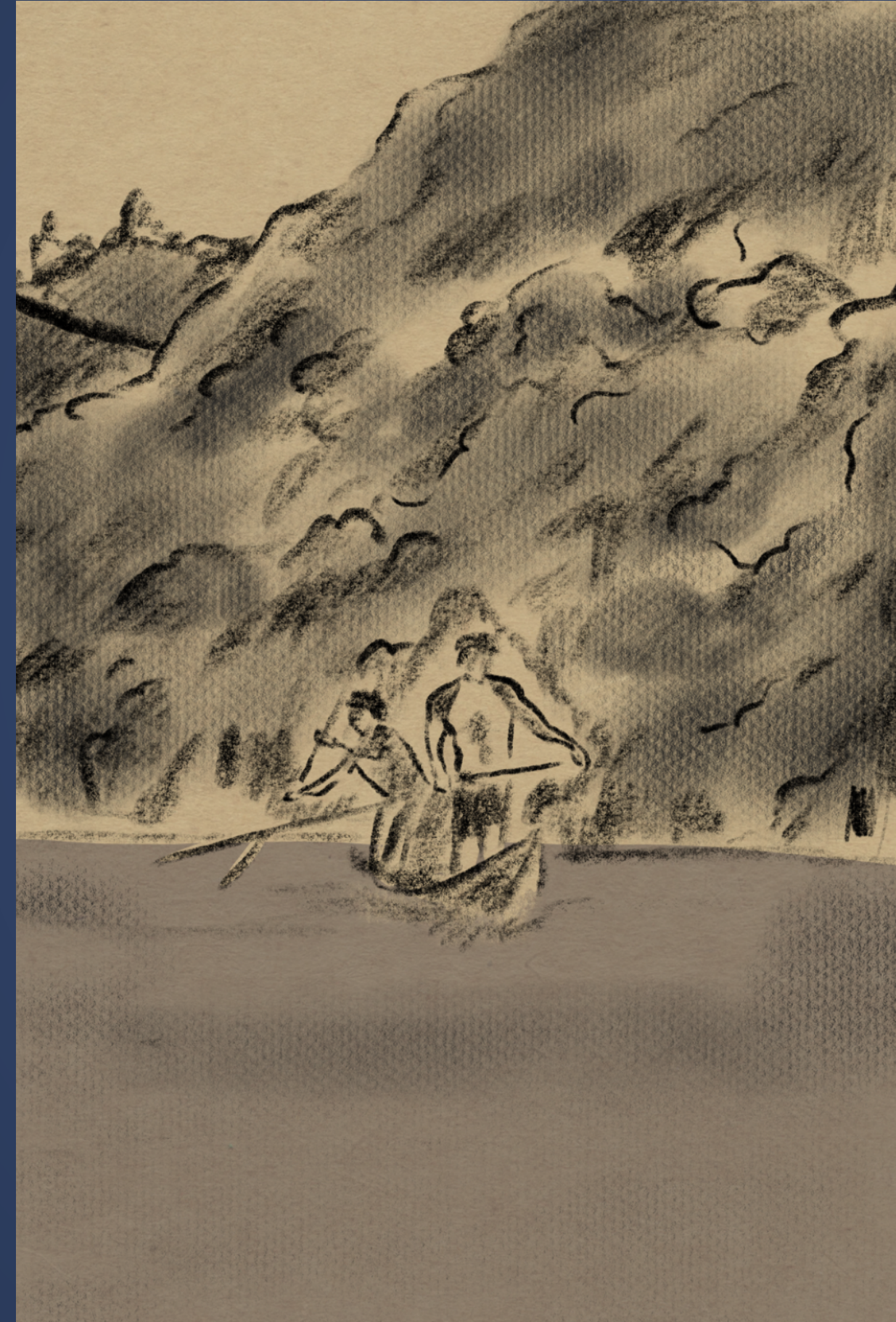
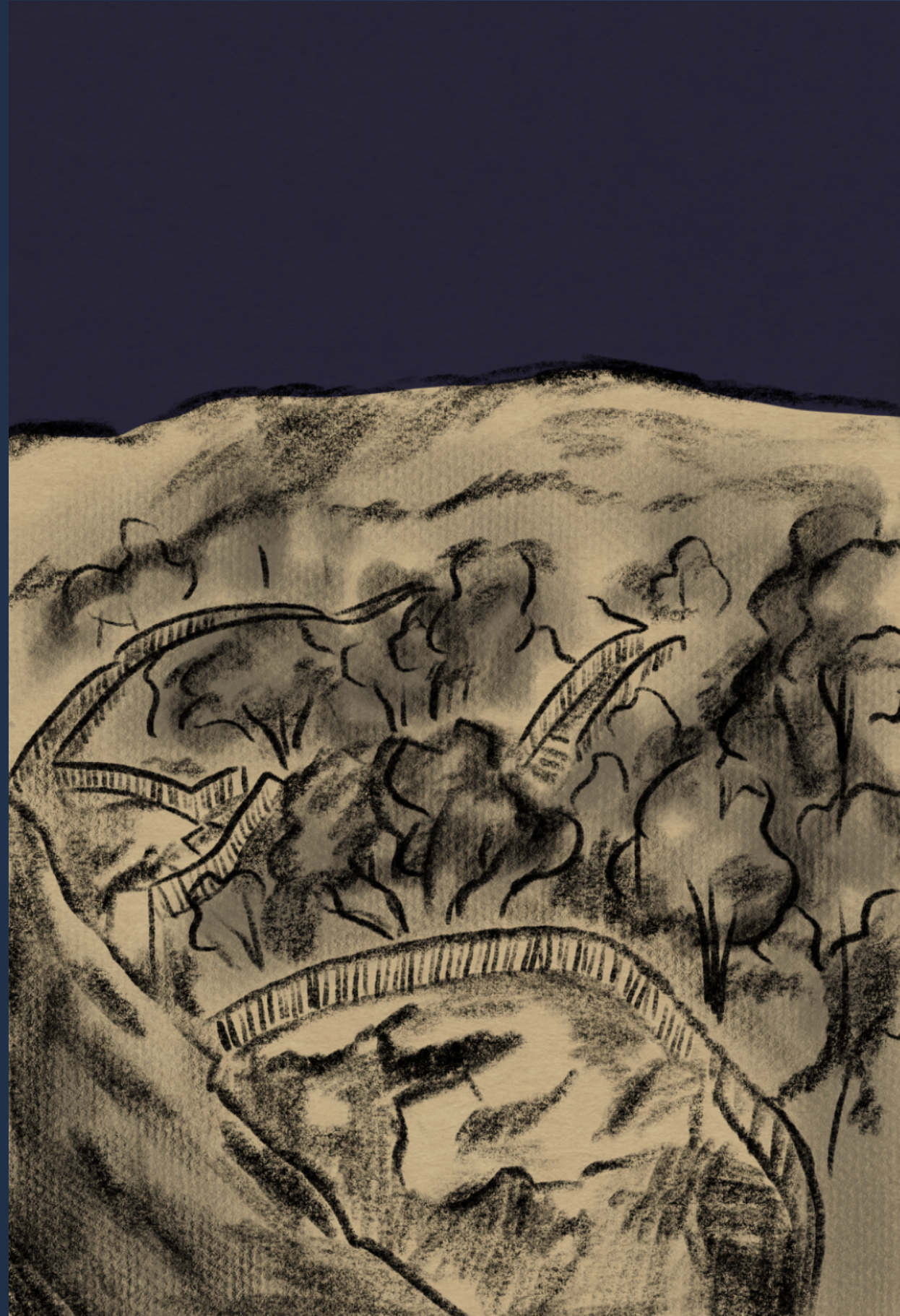
- Accelerate transition to renewable energy
- Stop new coal, including those already approved
- Stop financing fossil fuel projects
- Divestment from carbon intensive corporations
- Climate justice litigation

## OURENERGY2030, GLOBAL CLIMATE JUSTICE COALITION



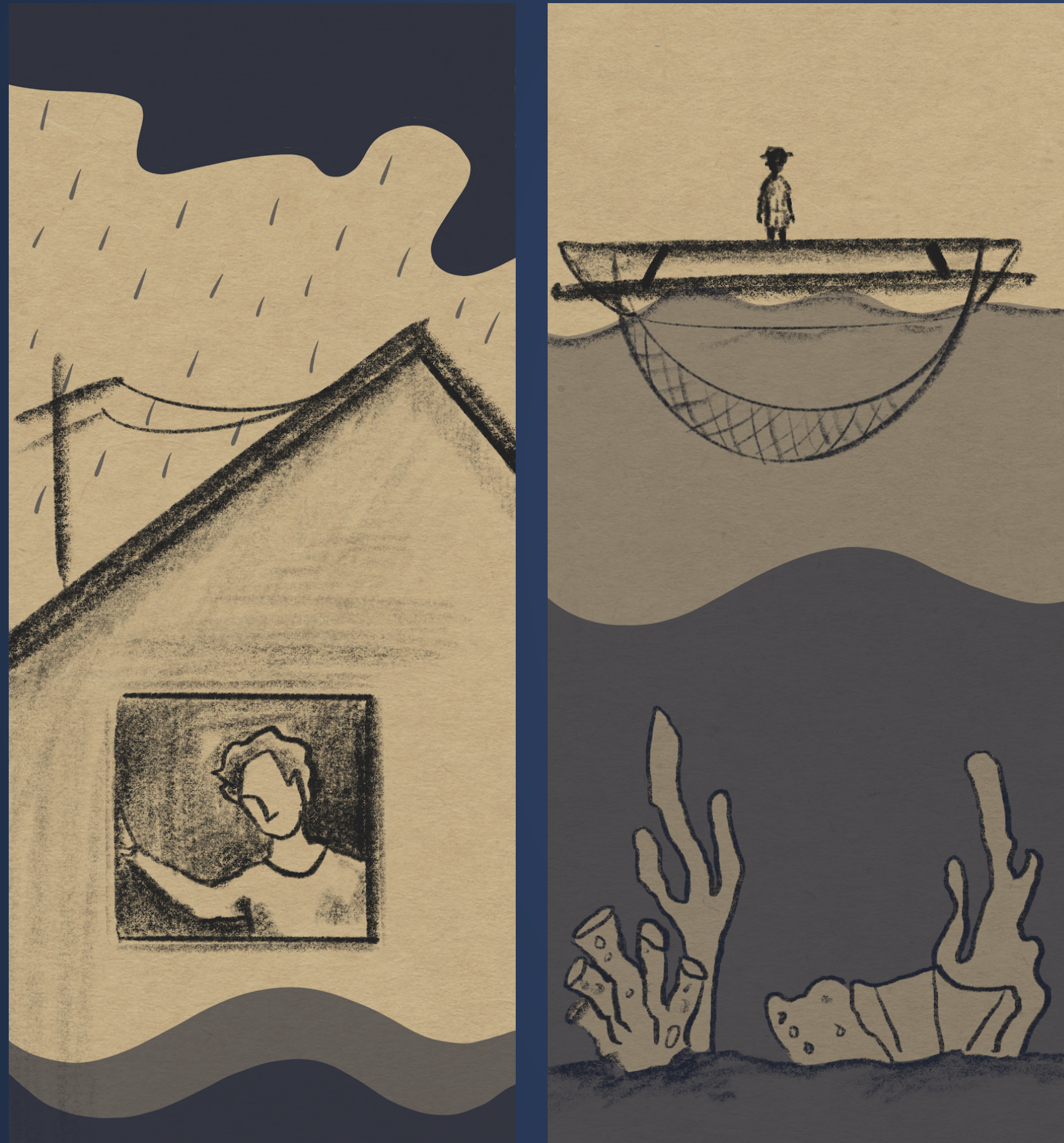
A PH-based coalition advocating for a responsive and inclusive energy transition focusing on clean and sustainable renewable energy.

## BIG GAP IN NDC: FORESTRY IS EXCLUDED



- NDC does not include protection and enhancement of forests.
- Missed opportunities for climate finance
- Potential in forest activities for co-benefits

## ADAPTATION ALREADY NEEDED SEVEN PRIORITY MEASURES (BERSE ET AL)



- Mainstreaming nature based solutions
- Integrated natural resources and environmental management
- Safer, durable evacuation centers
- Inter-agency collaboration for early warning and response
- Inter-LGU cooperation
- National DRR Agency
- Declare a climate emergency

## CROSS CUTTING PRINCIPLES



- Think and act global.
- Act and think national and local.
- Human rights must guide forest actions.
- Just transition is a necessary framework.

## POPE FRANCIS, LAUDATO SI



All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one . . . Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

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