

# Report on fossil fuel transition conference

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Last month, representatives from more than 50 countries and hundreds of organizations gathered in Santa Marta, Colombia, for the First Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels.

The governments of Colombia and the Netherlands convened this gathering out of frustration that United Nations climate talks haven't been able to move the needle on addressing one of the root causes of the climate crisis: the widespread extraction of coal, oil and gas.

Two of our partners with the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns attended the conference and reported feeling hopeful about this "new kind of multilateralism." Whereas the official UN talks require consensus, and so agreements get watered down, this conference aimed to get the "coalition of the willing" focused on practical steps.

You may read their report on the conference [here](#).