

Handout Lesson 3

Climate Debt Analysis

Instructions: read the excerpt "Climate Debt" (p. 115-116) from the book *This Changes Everything*, then respond to the questions below.

1. According to the text, what is "climate debt?" Who owes what to whom? Why?

2. Explain the Yasuní plan in your own words.

3. How does the Yasuní plan propose using the funds that would be collected as payment for the climate debt?

4. Predict how the following people would react to the Yasuní plan. Justify your response:

- CEO of the Ecuadoran state oil company Petroequador
- President of Ecuador
- Leader of a wealthy country asked to pay Ecuador to not drill for its oil

5. What might be the outcomes for people and the planet if wealthy countries were to pay for developing countries to grow their economies using clean energy? What might be the outcomes if they did not provide funds?

6. What other ideas do you have for helping poor countries to develop economically in ways that support both people and the environment?
