

Advocacy for a political & institutional mobilisation in favor of Ice Memory preservation

Unique archives of our planet's climate and environmental history, glaciers are inexorably retreating almost everywhere on the globe. Even if glaciers are located in a specific number of countries, their retreat affects all nations.

Glaciers allow scientists to observe and understand past trends and anticipate future ones. This crucial information guides political leaders in their fundamental decisions for the future of humanity, notably through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC.

For this very reason, glaciers represent a common heritage for humanity.

The accelerating melting of glaciers is threatening this scientific and cultural heritage. Complete and unique chapters of our shared history are disappearing.

We believe that future developments in sciences and technology will allow new research that will provide scientific advances and knowledge, that will ultimately contribute to the well-being of humanity.

Ice Memory Foundation calls on Nations and international institutions for a rapid action to:

- Acknowledge the scientific and cultural importance of glaciers as well as **the urgent need for a long-term preservation of the ice memory for the benefit of future generations.**
- Acknowledge our historic responsibility today to constitute a heritage of ice cores, **a common heritage for humanity essential for future political decisions.**
- Acknowledge the international Ice Memory initiative, led by the Ice Memory Foundation, and the relevance of its response to the loss of climate and environmental archives.
- Support a rapid and **coordinated action by the international scientific and political community** to preserve this memory and safeguard ice cores in a suitable Sanctuary for centuries to come.

As a result, Ice Memory Foundation calls on the One Planet - Polar Summit's stakeholders to:

- **Contribute to the efforts of the international Ice Memory initiative**, led by the Ice Memory Foundation, supported by UNESCO and recognised by the Antarctic Treaty System, and in particular:
 - Facilitate and support, through diplomacy, logistics and assistance to their scientific community, access to their glaciers by national or international scientific teams to extract ice-cores for science and for the Ice Memory heritage,
 - Support the very long-term preservation of heritage ice cores in a dedicated sanctuary in Antarctica, a land of peace and science.
- Invite the international institutions to continue their collaboration with the Ice Memory Foundation, **in the perspective of establishing a long-term governance of the Ice Memory heritage.**
- Call on the world's **business leaders and philanthropists to make a financial commitment alongside the scientists, through the foundations involved in preserving and protecting the ice memory.**

