



JOIN VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION DURING COP26

The Voices for Just Climate Action Alliance (VCA) will be hosting a series of hybrid COP 26 side events in Glasgow, Scotland and we would be delighted if you could join us.

4 Nov, 13:15—14:30 GMT Multimedia Studio 1, Blue Zone	Financing of local solutions as a means to climate justice that leaves no one behind (Please register here)
4 Nov, 15:30-16:30 GMT, WWF pavilion	Movers and shakers of Nature Based Solutions (NBS): Amplifying Community Voices (Download the events schedule here) (View the livestreaming of the events here)
8 Nov, 18.15-19:30 GMT, Benelux/EIB pavilion	Including local voices in decision-making to ensure Just Climate Action (Please register here)

*more information on the side events below

The greatest burden of the climate crisis falls on those already impoverished and marginalized, (such as indigenous peoples, the rural and urban poor, women, and youth). Yet, they are the least responsible for causing it and have the fewest resources to adapt to it. At the same time, local communities have taken countless inventive steps to mitigate climate change and adapt to its consequences – steps that could also foster a transition to inclusive and just societies.

For effective climate policy civil society, governments and development partners need to get serious about shifting power to local communities and ensure they are given opportunities to directly impact their and our future. They should be the ones to influence local, regional and international policies and practice and given the resources to spur local climate solutions.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE:

- Support participation and engagement of local communities to showcase solutions at global level
- Provide evidence of locally-led solutions and strengthen local voices and capacities
- Advocate to adopt practices that enable finance to reach locally led initiatives in a simplified and sustained way
- Build coalitions that foster locally-led climate solutions and elevates voices from the global south

We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for your positive response.

Dr Thandiwe Chikomo

Director, Amplifying Voices for Just Climate Action Alliance

SIDE EVENTS:

Financing of local solutions as a means to climate justice that leaves no one behind

Thursday 4 Nov, 13:15—14:30, Blue Zone

Online registration and participation: bit.ly/3CkfaNQ

This event will host a lively exchange on solutions and lessons learned on financing local climate actions. The event brings together voices, perspectives and experience of local communities, governments, civil society and financing organizations from across the globe.

Organisers

The Government of Ecuador jointly with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Fundación Avina, TENMYA 21, the alliance Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA)

Speakers

- Gustavo Manrique Miranda - Minister of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition of Ecuador
- Rubén Ramírez Mateo - Minister of Environment of Perú
- Anju SharmaLead - Locally-led Action Global Commission on Adaptation
- Melchior Lengsfeld - Executive Director, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and President, Alliance 2015
- Dr. James Sankale - Chief Officer, Environment at the County Government of Kajiado, Kenya
- Bianka Kretchmer - Climate Change Analyst, Adaptation Fund
- Tiza Mafira - Associate Director at Climate Policy Initiative Indonesia

Moderator

Andrés Mogro, Fundación Avina and National Coordinator of the Andes Resilientes project

More information about the event, please visit bit.ly/3pQSf3d

Movers and shakers of NBS: Amplifying Community Voices

Thursday 4 Nov, 15:30-16:30, WWF pavilion

General events schedule: <https://bit.ly/3bn6OD2>

Events livestreaming: <http://panda.org/cop26>

The event aims to provide space for participants who feel obscured in the NBS debate to speak from the HEART on their critical perspective of the technical and political strategy that aims to position nature as solution for their social and ecological challenges.

Organisers

Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA)

Speakers

- Txai Surui - Indigenous young women from Brazilian Amazon and Steering Committee Member of VCA.
- Dr Mokhlesur Rahman - Executive Director- Center for Natural Resources Studies- Bangladesh.
- Diilwe Syamuntu - WWF-Zamba, Coordinating NbS initiatives

Moderator

Maimuna Kabatesi, VCA Engagement Manager Hivos, Kenya

Including local voices in decision making to ensure just climate action

Monday 8 Nov, 18:15 – 19:30, Benelux/EIB pavilion

Online registration and participation: bit.ly/3GoqyVf

This session provides space for local voices and policy makers to reflect and discuss successes and challenges in strengthening local and inclusive climate governance and solutions.

Organisers

Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands (MoFA)

Speakers

- Kitty van der Heijden – Director- General International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
- Her Royal Highness and Chieftainess Rhoda Muwezwa - Zambia
- Dr. Pacifica Ogolla, Director Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Forestry - Kenya
- Laetania Belai Djandam – The Climate Reality Project Indonesia
- Tracy Kajumba - Principal Researcher, Climate Change, IIED

Moderator

Paula Bernardi, VCA Engagement Manager Hivos, Brazil

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