

QUALITY PARTICIPATION AT UNFCCC WITH ACE A PROPOSAL FOR COP30 AND THE GST

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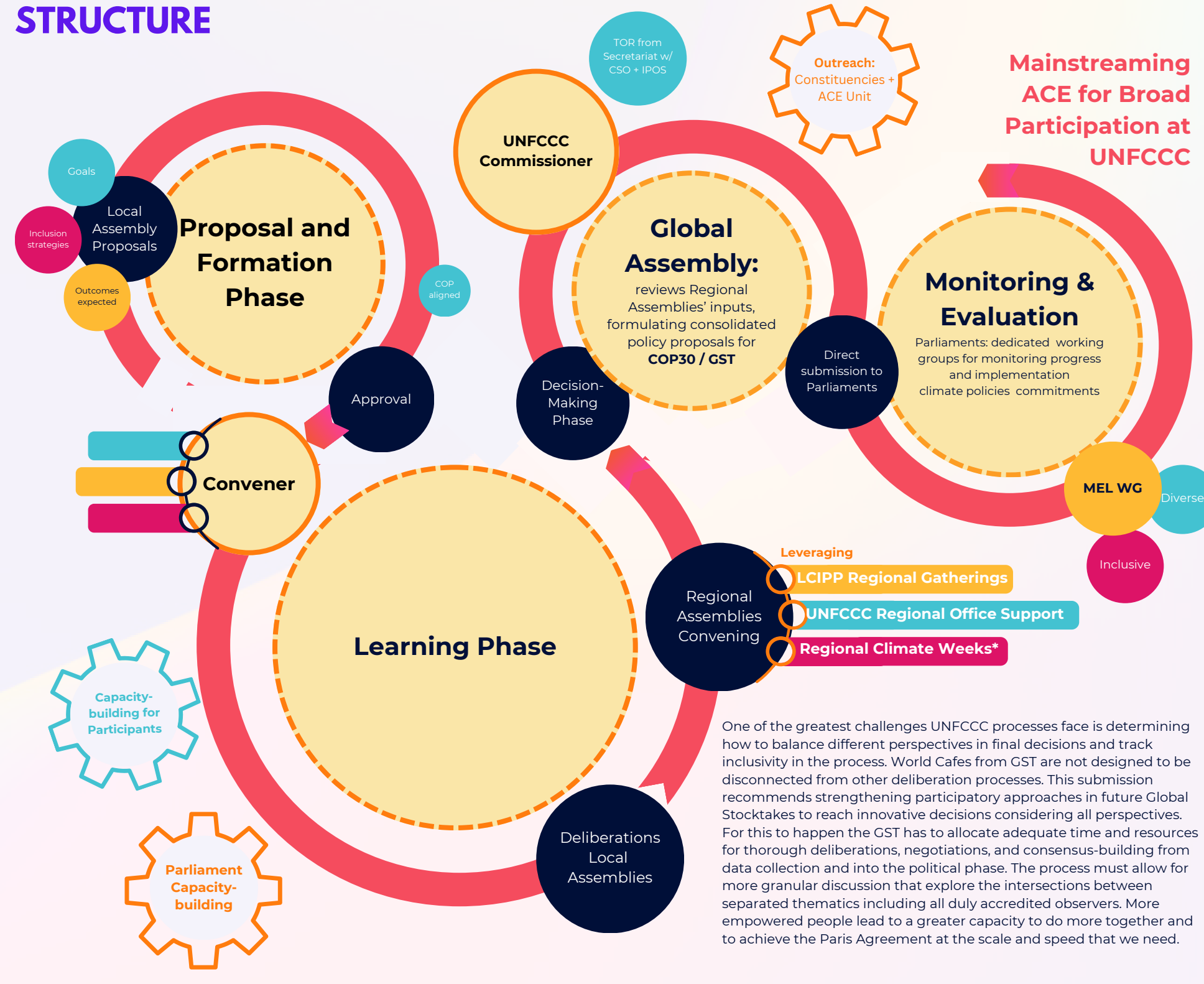
BACKGROUND

The UNFCCC consensus-based decision-making process has often allowed small groups or individual nations to block significant agreements. The GST has highlighted gaps in integrative inclusive approach into the final decision. As seen in the largest COP, where 85,000 participants gathered, quantity does not equate quality of participation which can undermine efforts to achieve ambitious climate goals. Policy experts argue for reforms that enhance participation, transparency, and accountability of such processes. Here we propose a Global Assembly comprised on an environment of local and regional spaces feeding into the international fora. This would serve to bridge local experiences with global deliberations, ensuring a more inclusive, equitable, and effective approach to the global climate governance required for policy efficacy.

PROPOSAL

The proposed People's Assembly is a participatory framework designed to complement the Global Stocktake (GST) and UNFCCC processes, ensuring grassroots perspectives inform global climate policies. It bridges local experiences with global deliberations, structured around Local and Regional Assemblies, culminating in a Global Assembly of 100 civil society members ensuring representation of UNFCCC constituencies, CSOs, Regional Assemblies representatives. This structure facilitates comprehensive active stakeholder engagement across all levels, focusing on inclusivity and the integration of diverse perspectives, particularly from marginalized groups and people in vulnerable situations. Adopting this bottom-up approach could strengthen a people-centered climate action strategy that is rooted in actual lived experiences, rather than relying solely on abstract numerical data and abatement curves disconnected from people's well-being. Here, we present a preliminary structure outline to demonstrate the potential workings of this process, with the understanding that it will require additional dialogue among Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Indigenous People and parties involved.

STRUCTURE



CONCLUSION

This People's Assembly proposal outlines a structured approach to bridge local climate action insights with global policy deliberations under the UNFCCC and GST process. By leveraging existing UNFCCC platforms, such as Regional Climate Weeks, and providing a clear pathway for the organization and support of Local and Regional Assemblies, this proposal ensures a comprehensive and inclusive approach. The emphasis on gathering diverse perspectives, especially from marginalized groups and people in vulnerable situations, aims to enrich global climate policies with grassroots realities, fostering more equitable, just, and effective climate action.

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