



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Capacity-building Hub Adaptation and Resilience Day

### CLEAR Environmental & Digital Storytellers

#### Climate Storytellers Collective:

*Building communication capacity using your story to empower climate action*  
**Event Summary**

The youth-led panel on climate storytelling created an atmosphere of education while maintaining that learning goes both ways - teaching climate means teaching science and solutions to students, and also learning from them. There were three storytellers on the panel that explained their individual connections to their work as well as the climate solutions they have focused on in their own communities. ACE work was highlighted by Bryan Contreras Aguayo with his team in Chile, and is critical to all climate action committed to by the public. Most people working on climate issues know this, even if they do not know the acronym “ACE”. In addition, issues with the inequalities of representation at COP 26 by youth and frontline communities, and concerns regarding the greenwashing shown by corporations in the pavilions were highlighted. It was agreed by the panel that tech and climate finance are not just solutions to the problem. Accessibility is important in all climate spaces and is an integral part of climate justice, and it is important to educate and train all people to work in creating a just solution to the climate crisis. This was spoken about by Julieta Rodrigo, who trains youth leaders in Florida and said that youth engagement is limited by a lack of confidence and a lack of invitations into climate spaces. There needs to be a revolution in the way youth are approached and included in climate projects and negotiations.

Isatis Cintron-Rodriguez spoke about the lack of representation for island communities at the UN level proportionate to the risk they face due to sea level rise and flooding. Residents should be the ones telling governments what they need and determining their own future. Due to these island-specific issues, the US’s NDC is not applicable to a lot of different issues the islands face, and now Puerto Rico is making its own NDC based on collective wisdom and lived experiences of the island’s residents.

This process should increase job creation for residents that are affected in climate-impacted areas, a key issue that Desmond Alugnoa brought up during his climate story. His focus was on building capacity in his own community to mitigate issues regarding waste in Ghana that were specific to the residents. He also advocated for unionizing workers and giving people a purpose and a living wage to work as climate actors, which gives them a voice to mainstream what they care about into national policy for their government. In Ghana, there is a disconnect between society and political leadership, and a focused work effort through public participation would benefit the future of climate policy in that region.

The panel ended with a summary by CLEAR Environmental, who advocated for just climate solutions focused on human rights to be incorporated within the future work programmes. Adaptation is not a choice, it’s a necessity for the world and utilizing an all of society approach to mitigating climate disasters is the only option for survival.

