

Table 12: How can citizen-driven innovation contribute to systematic observation? (ACE/Youth)

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Objectives:

The table will provide a dynamic opportunity to actively engage with stakeholders to:

- a) Raise awareness with all interested stakeholders on what is being done in this area
- b) Allow for stakeholders (delegates and NPS) to express their ideas, concerns, and needs
- c) Build on engagement with stakeholders through four rounds
- d) Result in a number of key recommendations to improve access, understandability and take-up of information from systematic observation by decision-makers and organizations in support of climate actions.

Prompt

Ann Molin has vast experience in bringing citizens and organizations all over the world together in innovation competitions. Ann is a multiple published author on citizen-driven innovation and the book "Citizen-driven innovation with hackathons - how to Dream! Hack! Build!" will be released in May 2024.

Using this experience, Ann will lead the station as follows:

- Highlight to participants the important role that citizen-driven innovation plays in the context of systematic observation.
- Provide some good examples of citizen-driven innovation in the context of systematic observation.
- Lead participants in envisioning how a whole-of-society approach can help strengthen systematic observation for ambitious climate action.

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) plays a key role in promoting the changes in systems, attitudes and behaviours needed to foster sustainable development and manage the impacts of climate change. The tools that ACE provides with its 6 elements (climate change education and public awareness, training, **public participation** and access to information and international cooperation on these matters) are pivotal for everyone to understand and participate in solving the complex challenges presented by climate change. The overarching goal of ACE is to empower all members of society to understand the causes of climate change and engage in climate action, either through implementation or through influencing policy.

Citizen-driven innovation/public participation/community engagement in systematic observation can be undertaken from many levels, including contributing to collection of the data, processing of data and/or making use of the data to inform solutions for ambitious climate action. This station will, therefore, help highlight innovative ways citizens can contribute to these various processes by coming up with new solutions and providing recommendations for strengthening ongoing solutions. The station will also look at ways to make systematic observation more accessible to citizens.

Guiding Questions

- **What are some of the gaps you are seeing with regard to citizen-driven participation in systematic observation?**

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- **What actions could be taken to strengthen community engagement in systematic observation across its whole chain (i.e., data collection, data processing, data dissemination and use)**
- **How can citizens and communities be empowered to better support systematic observation? (Education, accessibility of information, training, etc.)**
- **What unique role can the youth play in this process?**