

# **UNFCCC COP27**

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

## **Outcome Document**

### **“Futures Lab: Future of Citizen Climate Action”**

#### **Organised by the following partners:**

Fridays For Future MAPA | Avaaz | Action for Sustainable Development

**Tuesday 15 November**

**14.00 - 15.00**

# Futures Lab: Future of Citizen Climate Action

## Key Messages:

This Futures Lab was a space for us to reimagine and shape the future of grassroots citizen movement and action with a focus on Global South and historically marginalised communities. The key messages included:

- A sense of urgency to address shrinking civic space and inspiration to forefront vulnerable communities and citizen movements
- Supporting policy advocacy related to BIPOC communities
- Creating platforms for balanced conversations and decision making - focus on gender, frontline communities, citizen voices
- Explore on how NGO demands can feature more in High-level champions work going forward

## Outcomes:

### **Showcasing examples of citizen action and campaigns that work today and that can be scaled in the future.**

- We were able to curate an intergenerational conversation with youth representatives from the frontline and climate justice movement, women and finance community, a member from the globe's largest online campaign network, as well as stakeholders in the use of technology for community mobilisation solutions.
- Solutions shared discussed the future and the role of indigenous wisdom and communities in the solutions for the future, the role of campaigns for showcasing strength in numbers from the ground up to build a case for policy level change
- A big part of the conversation also discussed the power of stories and the importance of story-telling and how we need to focus on bringing people together.
- Other key messages include the need to focus and enhance advocacy at the national level (particularly in the global north), the need for structural change (including who gets to participate in decision making) and how to stand in solidarity with indigenous people and those most impacted communities in the global south without being opportunistic or tokenistic.

### **Concrete ideas on how the HLC can support frontline communities**

- Be more inclusive in our stakeholder engagement
- from the frontlines of climate change and weave them into our narratives.
- Explore ways to highlight and support indigenous wisdom and local solutions in our efforts as opposed to primarily Global North led initiatives on our websites, socials, talking points and at events.
- Create pathways for youth and CSO to share their stories, experiences and feedback with us on our work where possible.
- Be more granular in our data tracking of Youth, CSOs, frontline communities to set better benchmarks and enhance inclusion of those most affected by climate change in the solutions the HLC team promotes (see also bullet three).

## Materials / Assets:

[Link](#) to notes and photos from the event