

RINGO Statement, Global Stocktake (GST) Opening Plenary, Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Good afternoon. RINGO thanks you for this opportunity to speak to the Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders (NPS) engaging in the GST at this critical point of transition from technical to political phase.

RINGO (Research and Independent NGOs) joins those who stress the importance of the GST having a science-led approach that is grounded in robust evidence. Our members work in the full range of “hard” and social sciences, with the common focus on the science-policy interface. As a non-advocacy constituency, RINGO emphasizes evidence-based policymaking and transparent decision-making. We work to have our members’ wide-ranging expertise at the center of the negotiations process and appreciate how the GST has included NPS at the table - literally at the TD RTs and world cafes, and figuratively through the breadth and depth of submissions and posters. RINGO’s thematic groups on cryosphere, ocean, finance, technology, and public health provide a platform for researchers to exchange knowledge and build international networks.

As the Parties negotiate the outputs that will help define the success of this first GST - the “what is next” - the community of learners in RINGO encourages:

- using the remaining technical phase to focus on positive, near-term, “high-impact” opportunities.
- continuing to include NPS meaningfully in all GST activities en route, and through, the COP28 decisions and declarations.
- relying more - and more deeply - on the best available science in the AR6, while staying current on research findings in especially dynamic areas, like the cryosphere.
- intentionally accounting for evidence and case studies on how different countries are adapting, mitigating, using technology and building capacity, and financing these activities, especially those that are locally led; this data can provide diverse examples of “what more can be done” to enhance ambition and implementation in Parties’ NAPs and in revising their NDCs by 2025.
- sending clear and specific signals on how Parties and non-Party stakeholders may achieve the aims of the Paris Agreement.
- enhancing international cooperation.

Finally, for more on all these points, we encourage Parties and other NPS to reach out to individual RINGOs researching and publishing on the GST. While as a constituency, RINGO does not take a position on specific tools and forms that can be used to achieve the GST mandate in dec 19/CMA1, we have members who do. For example, at SB58 alone, GST side events have already featured GST- specific research of Climate Analytics, Climate Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Free University Brussels, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), NewClimate Institute, Transforma, University of Eastern Finland (UEF), World Resources Institute (WRI), and the Wuppertal Institute.