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Thank you Chair, for the opportunity to speak at this high-level segment. My name is Amany Abdelnour. I am a student and researcher at The University of Minnesota and represent the Research and Independent NGOs. On behalf of the RINGOs, I thank you all for being here at COP27 to address the urgent need for research-informed climate action and the co-benefits it can enable for enhancing human health, biodiversity, ocean resilience, food systems, forest ecology, and sustainable land, among numerous other disciplines

The RIO convention in 1992 considered many environmental issues. Yet today, thirty years later we are still grappling with how to address the complex problems we still face. Moving forward, there is a need to break down the silos between the three Rio conventions to see practical realizations of solutions to the climate crisis in a manner that recognizes their inherently interlinked nature. Given that this is the Implementation COP, we would like to emphasize the importance of evidence-based policymaking for identifying and mobilizing climate solutions. The RINGO community can provide sound research-based insights, knowledge and technologies into the problems we are facing across the climate crisis.

As we research in our universities and institutions, we have learned to navigate the complex challenges of climate change across diverse societies and disciplines to better present effective, appropriate, and more holistic solutions. We value that climate change narratives, case studies, and depictions of lessons learned bring to light the lived experiences of the people subjected to the impacts of climate change and inform and shape the work we do. As we capture the complexity of the issues, we face we seek to support bridging the persistent divide between research and policy implementation to keep the Paris Agreement targets within reach.

We can establish a positive path forward for inclusive approaches that equip policymakers with sound solutions for addressing the complicated climate challenges we face. The RINGOs look forward to working with people from all levels and sectors to design, implement, and evaluate effective climate solutions that meet the needs and interests of communities around the world.

Thank you.

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