

Global People's Assembly 2021

Programme

Tuesday 21st September - Thursday 23rd September 2021

This programme contains all of the information for this year's Global People's Assembly, including the organisations involved, events, speakers as well as those important zoom links!



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Important Information About Attending The Global People's Assembly

This year the Global People's Assembly is all online! In this programme you will find event descriptions for everything happening over the three days and beside each description there is a hyperlink to the zoom for the event. If you have already registered, great! If not, you can still access the events using this programme.

To make the Global People's Assembly as inclusive as possible, we have made these Zoom calls open to all. However, in order to foster a digital safe space we kindly ask the following:

- Please be respectful of others when they are speaking and allow everyone to speak their truth.
- Please remember to keep your mic muted and your camera off unless you have raised your hand and are called upon to speak. This will help to minimise any background noise.

We have independent moderators at each session who will be ensuring that the Global People's Assembly runs smoothly and remains respectful and safe for all. If you experience any technical difficulties during a session, please message the moderators by using the chat function.

During the Assembly there will be French and Spanish translation in most of the sessions (except in regional assemblies). Due to lack of capacity, , we apologise sincerely for not having sign language or captioning available. We are working to ensure more accessible events in the future.



Programme Overview (click to go to the relevant event)

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Leave No One Behind!

Hosted by [SDG Watch Europe](#)

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Moderation Sarah Franklyn, SDG Watch Europe

Speakers

- **Jens Martens, Director of Global Policy Forum Europe**
Global Spotlight Report 2021: "Demanding Justice Beyond Rhetoric" <https://www.2030spotlight.org/en> launched, September 17, 2021. Jens has been the Director of Global Policy Forum Europe since its foundation in 2004. Since 2011 he has coordinated the international Reflection Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and since 2016 he has been editor of the Global Civil Society Report "Spotlight on Sustainable Development". The report was launched on the first day of the Global Week to #ACT4SDGS by a global coalition of civil society organizations and trade unions. Policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis have greatly exacerbated national and global inequalities. Blatant examples are the unfair distribution of care work and the global disparity in the distribution of vaccines.
- **Sylvia Beales, GCAP, Gelbert Consulting**
Faces of Migration GCAP EU Report (<https://gcap.global/faces-of-migration/>).
 Co-author of the report, Sylvia Beales will highlight the main findings of the GCAP report on SDGs and Migration in the EU, which is provisionally titled 'The future must be one of inclusion; monitoring SDGs in EU migration and asylum policy'. The report describes the background and current state of migration policy in the EU, the current challenges and risks to the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers, and draws on the experience of the GCAP's members and partners in Italy, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia Bulgaria and the Czech Republic which are active in GCAP's "Faces of Migration" campaign. It gives recommendations to EU policy makers and civil society on how policy can, and should be aligned with human rights provisions and EU and MS SDG commitments to **Leave no One Behind**.
- **Syed Hasnain (Afghanistan)**
 Syed shares the story of his extraordinary journey as a former refugee, fleeing from being forced to be a child soldier for the Taliban (aged 10), escaping to Italy, attaining his degree and with six other refugees, forming UNIRE - the National Union of Refugees & Exiles, Italy, of which he is now the President (www.unirerifugiati.org). He is co-founder of EUCOMAR (European Coalition of Migrants and Refugees <https://www.europeancoalition.org/>), Project Officer for Children in Migration, co-founder of ARENE (Afghan Refugees Expert Network in Europe). As President of UNIRE, Syed is a member of the Expert Group on the Views of Migrants in the Field of Migration, Asylum and Integration at the EU Commission. <http://www.areneurope.com/>). The mission of the group is to provide advice and expertise on policies in the field of migration, asylum, and integration of migrants. Actively involving migrants, including asylum applicants and refugees, in the design and implementation of policies in this field is essential to make them more effective and better tailored to the needs on the ground.
- **MEP Grace O'Sullivan** Greens/EFA group coordinator on the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (PECH) Committee, and a member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee. Also a member of delegations on Mercosur and Palestine, and a member of a number of working groups, most notably as co-chair of the Greens/EFA Biodiversity Working Group. Grace spent 20 years working as a peace, environmental justice and peace activist with Greenpeace, crew member of the Rainbow Warrior, an Irish Senator, Green Party MEP for the Ireland South constituency; an environmental education specialist and an ecologist. (<https://bit.ly/3nJtg0v>). She is also a member of the **SDGs Alliance**.

- **Julie Steendam, coordinator of the European Citizens' Initiative No Profit on Pandemic**

(<https://noprofitonpandemic.eu>)

Julie Steendam is the founder of No Profit on Pandemic and coordinator of the European Citizens' Initiative. This campaign has the ambition to collect 1 million signatures to introduce a legislative proposal to the EU to make Covid-19 vaccines and treatments available worldwide at a lower cost.

- **MEP Barry Andrews (Renew), Chair SDGs Alliance**

Barry Andrews was elected to the European Parliament in 2019 and serves as a member of the Committee on Development and the Committee on International Trade. He is chair of the European Parliament's SDG Alliance, an informal, cross-parliamentary alliance of like-minded MEPs committed to harnessing the EU's voice and policies to achieve Agenda 2030. Mr Andrews previously served as CEO of international NGO, GOAL, and Director of prominent think-tank, the Institute of International European Affairs.

10.00 – 11.45: African Assembly

Hosted by GCAP Africa

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- **Covid Vaccine Inequality**, Mr Titus Musyoka of Ahadi Achievers (Director) and Ms Patricia Ainembabazi of Covid Watch Africa (Manager)
- **Human Rights**, Elvis Agbayizato of Challenge International (Director)
- **Africa and Foreign Debt**, Mr Martin Kapenda of Micah Challenge, Zambia
- **Income Inequalities**, Ms Raisa Oureya and Mr Collins Lungu
- **Climate Justice and Environment**, Mr Easo Pedesi of l'ong Jeunes Verts (Director), Mr Portia Adu-Mensah of Alliance for Empowering Rural Communities and Moses Sabao

12.00 – 13.30: Opening Plenary

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Moderation: Paul Divakar, GCAP Global Co-Chair

Key messages on Global People's Assembly Themes

1. The People's Vaccine & Health
2. Climate & Environmental Justice
3. Human Rights & Civic Space
4. Austerity & Social Protection
5. Financing for Development
6. Pathways to Peace from Conflict

Speakers

- **Kumi Naidoo**
- **Maaza Seyoum**, People's Vaccine Alliance

- **Hasnain Syed**, President Italian Refugee Council
- **Disha Ravi**, Fridays for Future
- **Mithika Mwenda**, PACJA (TBC)
- **Feminist Voice**
- **Peter Kamalingin**, Oxfam Africa

Global People's Assembly:

- Overview on the **programme** of the People's Assembly and how to participate
- **Declaration** process
- **Social Media**

14.00 – 15.45: Decade of Action: SDGs Stocktaking and Our Common Agenda

Hosted by Gestos, Action4SD, Mesa de Articulación LAC, and C4UN, Democracy Without Borders
[Click here to attend this event!](#)

The event will debate and stock take where the world is heading, since it is not moving toward the SDGs and more civility; and what multilateral and national institutions could do to change its course, if there is the possibility of a fast enough change in course. What civil society can do more than provide advice and consultancy to its peers and to the bodies of power? The work of talking among ourselves is an opportunity for stock taking of our own effectiveness, amplifying the understanding of the challenges to better formulate recommendations and actions.

SDGs Stocktaking: A Wake Up Call

Moderation: Lori Johnston (Southeast Indigenous People's Center) TBC

1. SDGs Stocktaking

- **2021 HLPF outcome: lack of ambition in the world stage.** Mabel Bianco, FEIM, Women's Major Group
- **Countries scorecard on implementation,** Nicolas Sautejeau, Action4SD Countries Score cards

2. Wake up call (if not now, when?)

- **The looming dangers have arrived, Nature's reaction to climate unbalance,** Ketty Marcelo, Native Communities of the Central Jungle, Mesa de Vinculación de América Latina y el Caribe
- **Heed the call: systemic changes for systemic rights-based solutions,** Alessandra Nilo, Gestos/CS Working Group for 2030 Agenda in Brazil

16.00 - 17.30: Under Pressure- Human Rights and Civic Space in the Digital Era

Hosted by CIVICUS, FORUS, CPDE, TAP

[Click here to attend this event!](#)

This interactive panel involving experts from Civicus, Forus and CPDE will provide an overview, based on the experience of their global networks, of the current situation of civic space and human rights around the world. There will be considerable scope for participants to join in the discussion from the floor, to share their stories and to identify strategies for civil society to push back against the growing restrictions on civic space, and digital space in particular, that are being experienced everywhere. Featuring:

- Mandeep Tiwana of Civicus
- Maria González and Biljana Spasovska of CPDE
- Deirdre de Búrca and Bibbi Abruzzini of Forus International

17.30 - 18.45: Gender Equality, Systemic Challenges and Inequalities

Hosted by Woman's Major Group and WECF

[Click here to attend this event!](#)

Today's systems have resulted in a multitude of crises around the world that are connected. And gender inequality is just one of the results, crosscutting all the systems. In this interactive session, with the help of our panelists, we'll look into the intersections and connections between different struggles for gender equality, and why it is crucial that we should stand in solidarity with each other, with rights-based, intersectional movements that work to eliminate the inequalities of our times.

- **Women and economics**, Bhumika Muchhala - Third World Network
- **Women and climate change**, Mwanahamisi 'Mishy' Singano - FEMNET
- **Women, peace and security**, Shirin Batshon - ITACH-MAAKI
- **Women and disabilities**: Martha Belayneh, EWDNA (Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association)

19.00 – 22.00: Latin American & Caribbean Assembly

Hosted by GCAP LAC, A4SD

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We are going through a global pandemic that has been particularly severe in Latin America. In this context, the mismanagement of the pandemic may represent years or decades back in terms of Development, both on the subjects of health (SDG3), in education (SDG4), on issues of women's rights (SDG5) as well as in environmental issues (SDG13, 14 and 15), that is why we need an analysis of sectors, which allows us to identify the structural and systemic causes that should be understood by the population, to achieve the change that we need towards a more just society.

The purpose of the Assembly is to amplify Latin American voices, identify and denounce the causes that limit the population to achieve a better quality of life (Living well), and at the same time make heard the proposals and solutions that are being put into practice in our territories and by our communities.

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

06.00 – 08.00: Asian Assembly

Hosted by: GCAP, ADRF, APSD, ADN, ADA, Oxfam Asia, Forum Asia, SAAPE Fight Inequality Alliance Asia, ARGO, and ActionAid Asia (TBC), Asia Indigenous People's Pact (AIPP), (TBC) People's Vaccine Alliance (PVAP) Asia Chapter (TBC), Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA) (TBC)

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- **Session 1: Voices from the communities**, Indigenous community, Dalit, Persons with Disabilities, and others
- **Session 2: Members of Parliament**, Ms Aroma Dutta, MP from Bangladesh, Mr Teodoro B. Baguilat, former MP, the Philippines (TBC)
- **Session 3: Group work on key themes**: Human Rights and democracy, Vaccine Inequality, Civic Space, Climate Justice, Income inequality and loss of livelihood)

09.00 – 11.45: SDG16+ Forum-Asia on Afghanistan and Myanmar

Hosted by Asia Development Alliance, JANIC, TAP, APRCEM, GCAP and Forus.

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Panel One: Assessment of SDGs16+ in Asia region

- Moderator: **Mr. Zia Ur Rahman**, National Convener of Pakistan Development Alliance -PDA
- Welcome Remarks: **Mr. Hideki Wakabayashi**, Chair, Asia Development Alliance and Executive Director, JANIC (Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation)
- Key Notes Speaker: **Mr. Amitabh Behar**, CEO, Oxfam India
- **Mr. Ajay Jha**, Co-Chair, Director, CECOEDECON & PAIRVICoordinator, MAUSAM (Movement for Advancing Understanding on Sustainability & Mutuality), Regional Facilitator, Asia Pacific for MGOS at UNEP, Co-Chair, MGOS Coordination Mechanism for the HLPF
- **Mr. Phillip Alston**, Former Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and Human Rights
- **Mr. Nicholas Booth**, Governance and Peacebuilding Team Leader Bangkok Regional Hub, UNDP
- **Mr. John Romano**, Global Coordinator, Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network
- **Ms. Deirdre De BURCA**, Advocacy Coordinator, Forus
- **Ms. Beckie Malay** Former Co-Chair, GCAP Global

Panel Two: Sharing County Cases including Good Practices

- **Moderator: Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**, Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance for
- **Hon Dato Saifuddin Abdullah**, Foreign Minister Govt of Malaysia.
- **Prof. Sanjay Paswan**, Former Union Minister & Member of Legislative Council, India
- **Mr Jerald Joseph**, Human Rights Commissioner, Malaysia
- **Ms. Kaisha Atakhanova** ARGO, Kazakhstan Mongolia/Japan/S.Korea (TBC)
- **Mr. Jan Mohammad** Afghanistan CSO
- **Ms. Khin Oh** Myanmar CSO
- **Mr. Rilli Lappalainen** FINGO-Finland

Panel Three: Strategic Actions to Accelerate SDG16+ in Asia

- **Moderator – Daya Sagar Shreshtha**, Focal Point, Focal Point-South and South West Asia and Member-Regional Coordination Committee, Asia-Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM)
- **Ms. Wardarina**, Programme Officer of Feminist Development Justice and Breaking Out of Marginalization, **Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)**, Co-chair of **Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM)**

11.00 – 15.00: Inequalities and Discrimination: Communities Discriminated by Work & Descent & Modern Slavery

Hosted by GFoD

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CDWD People's Assembly forms part of the Global People's Assembly 2021, where civil society meets virtually to develop and present their strategic advocacy requests, petitions and statements to their respective governments and the UN. The Global People's Assembly will be a space for all participants to review the structural reasons for social, environmental and economic inequalities and injustices during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. CDWD People's Assembly aims at bringing along community voices, expert evidence, experts from the UN, parliamentarians, members of permanent missions and community artists, musicians, singers, among others on a single platform.

12.00 – 13.15: Social Protection & Austerity

Hosted by GCSPF (Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors) and Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)

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This panel will promote action on social protection guarantees by presenting evidence from experts and grassroots activists on why the universal right to social protection is critical to the success of the 2030 Agenda, how social protection can prevent long-term poverty traps as a result of the ongoing crisis, how it will underpin resilient recovery and contribute to future crisis preparedness, how it will reduce inequalities and why efforts to introduce austerity programmes must be resisted.

The event will explore the role of national social dialogue and the global partnership for universal social protection. It will present the case for a global mechanism to support countries to create comprehensive systems, to collect necessary data and to mobilize finance to ensure universal coverage of social protection which is properly integrated into national development agendas, with funds used to transition social protection financing from being donor dependent to that of sustainable budgets within national budgets.

In the words of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights: ‘The proposal for a global fund for social protection is not that taxpayers from rich countries pay for social protection in poor countries. It is, rather, to kick-start a virtuous cycle in which international support matches domestic efforts and contributes to capacity-building in low-income countries.’

- **Moderator: Gabriel Fernandez:** Social Protection Advisor, Africa Platform for Social Protection (APSP)

Panel participants

- **Olivier De Schutter:** UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights
- **Valerie Schmitt:** Deputy Director, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **Dolline Bussolo:** Social Protection and health activist, Kenya
- **Aura Sevilla:** Focal Person in Southeast Asia and Older Workers, WIEGO
- **Omar Faruk Osman:** General Secretary of the Federation of Somali Trade Unions (FESTU)

13.30 - 14.45: Financing for Development

Hosted by Civil Society FfD Group and co-organised by Afrodad, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), Eurodad, Global Policy Forum (GPF), Jubilee USA, Latindadd, Society for International Development (SID)

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At the 2021 FfD Forum, the world’s governments agreed to adopt an FfD outcome document filled with rhetoric and no action, sticking to business as usual in the midst of an unprecedented global crisis. National level decisions, while important, are insufficient to ensure the required policy and fiscal space needed for a decolonial, feminist and just transition for people and planet. We reject the problematic ‘private finance first’ attitude to development finance and the rather unrealistic assumption that private finance will appear to fill the financing shortfalls.

Instead, we call on governments to step up and demonstrate much-needed leadership in the following weeks within the UN General Assembly (UNGA) to ensure progress on key systemic reforms on debt, illicit financial flows including tax dodging, trade etc. Governments should also agree on the next FfD conference at the UNGA, which could be in the form of an International Economic Reconstruction and Systemic Reform Summit, to work towards global consensus on a new global economic governance architecture that could foster systemic reforms while promoting human rights, gender equality, social equity and environmental justice. The event will feature presentations on upcoming civil society campaigns on global economic solutions to mobilize jointly around structural transformation. The time to act is NOW!

Moderator: Pooja Rangaprasad, Society for International Development (SID)

- **Presentation of The Harare Declaration 2021**, Jason Braganza, Afrodad
- **Eurodad: Upcoming debt campaign actions**, Iolanda Fresnillo,
- **Campaign rejecting tax deal of G7/G20/OECD**, Chenai Mukumba, Tax Justice Network Africa
- **Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), aid effectiveness and critique of ‘private finance first’ approaches to development finance** Josefina Villegas, Policy and Membership Coordinator, CPDE
- **Campaign on Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)** Patricia Miranda, Latindadd:
- **Campaign on TRIPS waiver + ISDS moratorium**, Chee Yoke Ling, Third World Network:

15.00 - 16.00: Plenary on the Global People's Assembly Declaration

Hosted by GCAP

[Click here to attend this event!](#)

The draft Declaration of the Global People’s Assembly will be discussed and inputs from the different sessions included.

16.00 - 17.00: Age and Youth - Together for a Change; Dignity and Rights in the time of Covid and Beyond

Hosted by Gray Panthers

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- **Moderator:** Jack Kuperfman, President Gray Panthers
- **Speakers:**
- **Craig Mokhiber:** Director NY office, OHCHR;
- **Nataša Todorović,** Red Cross Serbia
- **Milutin Vračević,** Red Cross Serbia
- **Krishna Gautam,** Ageing Nepal
- **Vijay Naraidoo,** Droits Humains Ocean Indien, Mauritius
- **Chloe Sisselman,** Youth Representative

Social protection is essential to reduce vulnerabilities in old age, access rights to basic services and to support families. In many countries social protection policy is inconsistent across groups of older persons, effectively denying their right to a pathway considered essential to combat poverty and guarantee health and well-being. How human rights of older persons have been impacted during the pandemic, particularly with regard to long term care. What specific actions or reforms should be enacted? Acts of violence, neglect and abuse committed against older persons have risen sharply since the beginning of the pandemic, occurring in homes, institutions and online, with a surge in scams targeting older persons. Examples of discriminatory practices during the current pandemic include age-based triage or non-admittance to hospitals, lack of access to non-Covid related treatments and palliative care, lack of access to information, social services, employment or pensions.

Ageism can be institutional, interpersonal, or self-directed. It is a violation of human rights and it impacts all aspects of our lives, leading to high costs to society and throwing older people into poverty, social exclusion, isolation, ill-health and preventable death.

What is in store for the current younger generation as they deal with an ever-increasing life expectancy? What government policies need to be in place to reduce poverty and despair throughout the life course?

17.00 - 19.00: Youth: Towards a Latin American Youth Peace & Security Agenda

Hosted by MY World Mexico

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The virtual event "Towards a Latin American Agenda for Youth, Security and Peace aims to promote an open space for youth to present the opportunities, lessons learned, and challenges towards the implementation of the YPS Agenda within the region in terms of the guarantees of Human Rights and safe civic spaces. We want to note the experiences of the speakers and their work towards the YPS Agenda within their organizations.

Speakers:

- **Moderator: Abril Maldonado**
- Red Multidisciplinaria Intercultural por los Derechos Humanos GUIEE XHUBA
- **Ana Prada** Founder, 3 colibris
- **Matías Lara** Founder, Juventudes por la Paz regional network
- **Michelle Macías** Youth activist in peace education, International Peace Political Party
- **Catalina Salazar** Coordinadora de Asuntos Internacionales, Social Hip Hop

Thursday 23rd September 2021

11.00 - 12.00: Plenary to approve the Declaration

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The final draft of the Declaration will be presented. Last open questions will be discussed and changes in the wording agreed. Finally the Declaration will be approved and the advocacy steps discussed.

12.00 - 13.00: Climate COP26: Plans for Glasgow

Hosted by A4SD, PACJA, BV

[Click here to attend this event!](#)

The long awaited COP26 UN climate conference takes place in November in Glasgow, serious questions remain around equitable access due to the impact of the Covid pandemic and vaccine inequality but how can we ensure that this is the moment at which governments set ambitious steps forward to deliver on their 2015 commitments?

This session will hear from diverse voices from around the world on the real challenges that they face in the fight for a transformation towards a more just and sustainable world. It will consider how local activism can catalyse change in communities and will consider ways to bring diverse voices into the COP26 process.

We will share key stories of practical action by community groups to develop their own solutions for climate change adaptation based on lived experience from the frontlines; and work together to identify solidarity actions that can provide practical support to community activists. Featuring:

- **Challenges faced for climate justice in the Amazon** Mishell Catucuamba, Grupo Sinchi Wamprakuna (Ecuador)
- **Building on the Great Recovery letter and preparing for the world we want in 2022** Rajiv Joshi, Bridging Ventures

13:00 – 14:00: UN Reform and Advocacy "We the People" Campaign

Hosted by Democracy Without Borders with CIVICUS, Coalition for the UN We Need and Democracy International

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This session will identify and discuss action to move forward the wethepeoples.org campaign for inclusive global governance and the campaign's three proposals: a UN World Citizens' Initiative, a UN

Parliamentary Assembly and a UN Civil Society Envoy. Participants of the action session are expected to be familiar with and supportive of the campaign. Action items that will be explored include increasing civil society support, reaching out to members of parliament and launching a grassroots mass petition. Participants will be asked to assess these action ideas, provide additional ones, and to clarify how they can contribute.

Check out Wethepeoples.org

14.00 – 16.00: Final Event Virtual People's March

The Virtual People's March will bring the messages and the Declaration of the Global People's Assembly to the governments in the UN General Assembly, the UN leadership and the public.

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Social media actions on each of the Global People's Assembly Themes

1. The People's Vaccine & Health
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- **Section 1 - What are we going to do?**

- The presenters will explain the need to bring our demands to the right people. Heads of State are, of course, big decision-makers, however, companies, institutions and other actors also have key roles in making those demands a reality.
 - They will also explain how we're going to address them: reaching those people/organizations through social media and e-mail, with specific messages and demands in a coordinated digital 'bombing' action.
 - An expert in activism will explain the basis of digital activism, social media bombing, etc. This needs to be done in an inspiring and fast way to attract people into participating: examples of digital victories, the power of social media, how to hack the algorithm for good...
 - They will also share ideas on what type of simple coordinated actions can be done: tweeting an institution, asking an influencer to share a message, trying to reach Trending Topic, blocking their e-mail inbox...

- **Section 2 - Whom to address and how?**

- Participants will divide themselves into 6 groups, one for each key demand that we want to push through this action. They will decide which key demand they have the most expertise and which action they are most interested in. From these we will be able to gather good insights from their knowledge.

- In those small groups, participants will decide:
 - Which organization, company, government, institution, politician, influencer or citizen could make a bigger impact on this demand, and why?
 - What can we do together through social media / e-mail to make them hear our demand?
- Small groups will then create a slide summarizing their decisions and writing the instructions for the big group.
- **Section 3 - The Virtual March**
 - A representative from each group will have a few minutes to share their discussion and explain their proposed action.
 - The rest of the participants will then act collectively at the same time, tweeting, e-mailing & tagging the selected person or organization. Presenters can monitor and share their progress live (“We have more than 100 mentions to @angelamerkel!” / “We’re trending topic in Spain”).
 - To end the event, participants will share in their social media an image with the set of the declaration.

This brings us to the end of our Programme! We hope you will enjoy the sessions as much as we have enjoyed collaborating with each and every one of our amazing co-hosts, speakers and organisers to create this 2021 Global Peoples Assembly.