



GLOBAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

20th - 22nd September 2022

#PeoplesAssembly

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- Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)

Co-Organisers:

- Action for Sustainable Development
- Asia Development Alliance (ADA)
- Civil Society Financing for Development Group
- CIVICUS
- Coalition for the UN We Need
- CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)
- Democracy Without Borders
- Eurodad
- Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association
- Forus
- GESTOS
- Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors
- Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
- Gray Panthers
- Jeunes Verts Togo
- LATINDADD
- Lithuanian NGDO Platform
- MY World Mexico
- NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY
- Nigeria Network of NGOs
- PACJA
- SDG Watch Europe
- TAP Network
- The Hunger Project
- Trust Africa
- Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
- Women's Major Group
- Women's Major Group UNEA/UNEP



Important Information About Attending The Global People's Assembly

The Global People's Assembly 2022 is online again! 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 so you can register for each event.

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.

Translation has been arranged for parts of the events, so please check under each event to see if there will be translation.

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- Type in your country/time zone in the add locations bar
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Tuesday 20th
September

EQUALITY IS NOT BUILT TOP-DOWN

Join the People's Assembly, the participatory process that will demand governments at the United Nations to fight inequality.

Tuesday 20th September 2022

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Welcome and Inputs from the Pacific Islands

2.15 - 4.00 EDT / 6.15 - 8.00 UTC: Asian Assembly

Translation into English and Hindi available

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GCAP Asia National Coalitions and Partners from Asia

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the wellbeing of people - worsening the food crisis, increasing the poverty levels and widening inequalities. A healthy, peaceful, just and climate resilient society is becoming a far cry with fast dwindling commitments of the government towards a just and equitable recovery. Undeterred rise in global temperature due to anthropogenic activities defy all claims of a net zero emission. The war against Ukraine is threatening to destabilise the global order.

The threat from the COVID virus looms large with a highly unequal rate of vaccination between the rich and the low- and middle-income countries. The continuous opposition of the demand for a TRIPS waiver of vaccine test and treatment at WTO by the rich countries till the last

Ministerial Conference 12 led to vaccine inequality and massive loss of lives in the global south. The TRIPS waiver of the COVID vaccine agreed upon by the WTO members in the MC12 is least likely to lead to a desirable level of technology transfer, say the critics. Therefore it is necessary to discuss how best countries can push for TRIPS waiver for vaccines, test and treatment in the WTO and demand for a Pandemic Treaty. There are serious deficiencies in the healthcare systems in most countries in Asia which were exposed during the pandemic. In view of Right to Health, the discussion around dwindling public investment and increasing privatisation of the health sector is an important topic for further deliberations.

The worsening debt situation in Latin America, Africa and Asian countries has forced their governments to take austerity measures cutting spending on social protection, health and education. The Right to Public Services and fully functional social protection ought to be in place instead of taking austerity measures.

Older people, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, communities discriminated by on work and descent, migrants, women, transgender people, and children are suffering in multiple ways.

Objectives of this Regional People's Assembly:

- To bring together community and constituency representatives from across the region together in a broad dialogue
- Discuss the worsening food, hunger and poverty crisis, so also the vaccine inequality, right to health and right to public services, shrinking democratic space for various actors including the civil society, climate change and justice and link them to SDGs
- Invite the Members of Parliament face to face with the people to hear and respond to their demands
- Prepare a regional demand charter to be shared in the Global Assembly and widely

Moderators:

- **Pradeep Baisakh**, Asia Coordinator, GCAP
- **Sandeep Chachra**, Executive Director, ActionAid India
- **Beckie Malay**, GCAP Philippines, former Co-Chair, GCAP
- **Anselmo Lee**, APSD Coordinator (Both for session 3 and 4)

Speakers:

- **Dr Amar Patnaik**, Honourable Member of Parliament, India (8 min)
- **May Sabe Phyu**, Gender Equality Network, Myanmar
- **Mamata Sahu**

1. Right to health, privation of health and vaccine inequality

Moderator: Mustafa Talpur, OXFAM Asia
Rapporteur: Lanz Espacio, PVA Asia

2. Food, hunger and poverty crisis (Including income inequality)

Moderator: Beena Pallical, Asia Dalit Rights Forum (ADRF)
Rapporteur: Aditi Anand, Wada Na Todo Abhiyan

3. Universal Social protection and right to public service

Moderator: Abdul Awal, GCAP Bangladesh
Rapporteur: Praman Adhikari, SAAPE

4. Democracy, civic space and human rights

Moderator: Ichal Supriadi, Asia Democracy Network (ADN)

Rapporteur: Sar Mory, Cooperation Committee of Cambodia (CCC)

5. Climate justice and DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction)

Moderator: Jyotsna Singh Pandey, Asia Development Alliance (ADA)

Rapporteur: Arjun Bhattarai, NGO Federation of Nepal / Kiran Shrestha, NFN

SDG Watch Europe with GCAP Europe and Partners

A Sustainable Food System for Europe - Taking a Systemic Approach

Climate change, biodiversity loss, and rapidly declining soil fertility are critically damaging the health of people and the planet, dislocating societies, and threatening food systems around the world. Five years into a global commitment to eliminate hunger by 2030, we have lost significant ground. In 2019, an estimated 690 million people were hungry and upwards of 2 billion lacked regular access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food. This was before COVID-19 added approximately 130 million people to the world's hungry, pushed uncounted millions more to the brink of hunger, and put one third of food and farming livelihoods at risk.

Our **European People's Assembly** will explore what food systems will look like by 2050 if agribusiness and intensive animal production continue at the current rate, and what a systemic, more sustainable approach to food systems could be when it is adopted by civil society and social movements – from grassroots organisations to international NGOs, from farmer & grower cooperatives to community-supported agriculture networks, fishers' groups, womens' cooperatives and unions.

Indigenous struggles against colonisation and anti-globalization protests gave rise to the concept of food sovereignty. We will hear from political leaders, policymakers and changemakers. We also welcome smallholder farmers, women's networks, cooperatives, and grassroots actors from marginalised groups and communities that are forging new pathways from a broken food system, to one that excludes no one and works in support of a sustainable planet and the realisation of our 2030 Agenda commitments, Paris targets and the SDGs.

Moderator: **Sarah Franklyn**, SDG Watch Europe

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10 – 10.05 CEST	Welcome & introduction	Sarah Franklyn	Moderator	SDG Watch Europe
10.05 – 10.20	Towards a Sustainable Food System for Europe European Green Deal & Organic Action Plan	Jorge Pinto Antunes	Deputy Head of Cabinet	European Commission for Agriculture & Rural Development (Janusz Wojciechowski)
10.20 – 10.30	Linking environment & agriculture for a sustainable food system. (via video)	Grace O'Sullivan	MEP Greens/EFA Committee DG AGRI/PECH	European Parliament

10.30 – 10.40	Permaculture in Palestine: Planting seeds of hope in the Occupied Territories	<u>Murad Alkhuffash</u>	Permaculture farmer & trainer	<u>MARDA Permaculture Training Farm</u>
10.40 – 10.50	Roma Community Gardens	Dr. Katalin Nagy	Sociologist, EU Policy Expert	<u>ERGO</u>
10.50 – 11.00	Permaculture iACT Project	<u>Steve Charter</u>	Joint Coordinator Director Director	<u>IPEN (Int'l Permaculture Education Network)</u> <u>Heritage Wind Ltd.</u> <u>SC2 Sustainability Consultancy</u>
11.00 – 11.20	EU-African cooperation on food systems, agriculture and food security.	<u>Emile Frison</u>	IPES Food Panel expert	<u>IPES-Food/ Bioversity International</u>
11.20 - 11.30	Food Sovereignty & the Social Solidarity Economy	<u>Judith Hitchman</u>	Committee Joint Coordinator	<u>Urgenci International</u> <u>RIPESS Intercontinental</u>
11.30 – 11.40	The Six Transformations	<u>Eamon Drumm</u>	Senior Programme Officer	<u>SDSN Sustainable Development Solutions Network</u>
11.40 – 11.50	Questions from the floor	General		
11.50	Closing remarks	Sarah Franklyn	Moderator	<u>SDG Watch Europe</u>
11.55	End			

7.00 - 9.00 EDT / 11.00 - 13.00 UTC African Assembly

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GCAP Africa National Coalitions and African Partners

Accelerating the Pace Towards the SDGs in Times of Global Crises

The event shall provide opportunity for discussions on issues that are negatively impacting the process of implementation of the SDGs in Africa at present. They include

- COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine inequality
- Economic slowdown Due to Persistent Insecurity and Poor Governance a
- Worsening Poverty Levels
- Deteriorating climate change situations
- Armed conflicts in parts of Africa and War in Ukraine that is worsening food and energy prices
- Security and humanitarian crises caused by terrorist attacks
- Shrinking civic engagement spaces; among others
- Increasing Neo-colonialism tendencies by some rich countries over some poor others

The forum will also provide space for exchange of ideas on what could be done to surmount the challenges.

Moderators – Caroline Usikpedo-Oliseowe (Africa Co-Representative to GCAP Global Council) and **Aminata Barry** (Executive Director, AMCP/AMASBIF - Mali)

Speakers:

- **Oumar Sow**, GCAP Senegal & Co-Chair GCAP Global Council
- **Johnson Kanamugire** News Editor- Rwanda Post, Rwanda Journalists for Sustainable Development
- **Jackline Kiarie** Regional Program Manager (Lead –COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Initiatives), AMREF Health Africa
- **Olumide Idowu**, Executive Director, International Climate Change Development Initiative (Nigeria)
- **Dr. Tavengwa Nhongo**, Executive Director, African Platform for Social Protection (APSP)

9.00 - 10.30 EDT / 13.00 - 14.30 UTC: Opening Plenary

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Featuring a live musical performance by [Justine Nantale](#) & [Kiruu](#)

The first moment the whole Global People's Assembly comes together - to get the direction and inspiration from people's representatives on the situation in the year 2022 - marked by inflation, hunger, war and climate change.

Moderator: Beena Pallical Asia Dalit Rights Forum/Global Forum of Communities
Discriminated by Work & Descent

Voices on inflation and hunger, war & conflict

- **Jane Anyango** Director Polycom
- **Judy Lear** Gray Panthers/ International Council of Jewish Women
- **Zebib Hadish** Disability Activist
- **Svetlana Slesarenok** Director, Black Sea Women's Club

Civil Society Speakers

- **Gabriela Bucher** Head of Oxfam International
- **Disha Ravi** Fridays for Future
- **Dr Fifa Rahman** Civil Society Representative, ACT-Accelerator
- **Isabel Ortiz** Director of Global Social Justice Program, Columbia University
- **Patricia Miranda** Director of Advocacy, Latindadd

10.30 - 11.30 EDT / 14.30 - 15.30 UTC: Introduction to the Declaration Process

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Presentation of the process before and during the assembly. The received inputs will be shown and sent to the participants for inputs during the call or afterwards online.

12.00 - 14.00 EDT / 16.00 - 18.00 UTC: Latin America and the Caribbean Assembly

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GCAP Latin American and Caribbean National Coalitions and Partners

As a Goal we want to "Analyse the impacts of the multiple crises (Climate Change, Covid 19 and Peace, Justice, security and strong institutions) on the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda".

The Global situation requires sustainable and lasting solutions to recent global challenges such as climate change, international peace and security, social and economic inequalities, food insecurity, obstructions and the closing of civic space faced by civil society. Today, more than ever, accelerating commitments to build just, equitable, sustainable and peaceful societies is urgent and unnecessary for the continuation of life and the human species.

For example, the Covid 19 pandemic marked a milestone in the history of humanity and, focusing on how sensitive and vulnerable the human species is, this tragic event that led to the closing of borders, leaving thousands of victims because of the virus, thousands of families unemployed, seems to be insufficient for world leaders even though it has become quite clear that this disease is largely a product of the predatory activity of the human species.

On the other hand, it seems that we are still not learning from history, the recent social and military conflicts at the global level threaten peace and international security, so it is necessary to transform global governance with meaningful and equitable participation and lasting solutions, the effects of recent conflicts are having collateral impacts in terms of inflation, food insecurity, further deepening the post-Covid crisis that has left consequences in social and economic inequalities of the most vulnerable groups.

In addition, recent extreme weather events demonstrate the need to reduce those human activities that are accelerating global warming and climate change. Science constantly warns us of the different devastating scenarios that lie ahead if we do not build solutions and take urgent action. The effects are already noticeable in thousands of cities and communities demonstrating that climate change and global warming have no borders but nevertheless affect those groups least able to adapt to the changes.

Finally, it is important that in this global event the demands and the main challenges to achieve the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda are highlighted in the face of these and other challenges that we face as humanity and seek solutions together that allow us to move towards the desired societies of justice, equality and peace for peoples and nations.

Wednesday
21st September



Add your demand on the map, and we will take them to the United Nations General Assembly in September.

Wednesday 21st September 2022

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3.00 - 6.00 EDT / 7.00 - 10.00 UTC: SDG 16+ Forum Asia

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ADA with APSD, TAP Network, Forus, A4SD

About SDG 16+ Forum-Asia : ADA and the members have expertise in SDG 16+ with a special focus on enabling the environment for the civil society, shrinking civic space and the issues of governance, accountability and transparency for the civil society across and beyond Asia. ADA has been actively engaging in the Global SDG 16 Conference , organised by the UN-DESA and International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) and has been voicing the civil society concerns of the global south during this forum apart from Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, High Level Political Forum, C20, to name a few.

The first SDG 16+ Forum, Asia was organised by Asia Development Alliance and its members, Transparency, Accountability, and Participation (TAP) Network, Forus and Global Call to Action against Poverty on September 22, 2021. This forum was part of the Global People's Assembly 2021 on the sidelines of United National General Assembly, attended by national, regional and global partners, national governments and the UN institutions bringing voices together to reiterate our belief in inclusive institutions, a just society and embracing democratic values and

concluded that Democracy and Peace can only be made with people and not without them. The Forum came up with the SDG 16+ declaration which was drawn up based on wide-ranging presentations and deliberations during the 2021 SDG 16 + Forum, and inputs were provided by participating organisations from across the Asia region and internationally.

Some of the key recommendations emerged from the forum are following:

Looking at the great success and multi-stakeholder participation, the partners and members voiced the issues of making this an annual forum.

This SDG 16 Plus Asia Forum will be woven around some critical issues that Asia is facing, especially with deteriorating democracy across the region which is further curtailing the scope of civil society work with more shrinking civic and financial space.

Some of the important highlights of 3hrs forum will be Storytelling and TED Talks

Speakers

Youth Representatives. from 4 countries of Asia (for Story telling and TED Talks)

John Romano **TAP Network**

Deirdre De Burca **Forus**,

Anselmo LEE, Jyotsna Mohan, Arjun Bhattarai, Denison Jayasooriya, **Representatives from Mongolia and Thailand**

6.00 - 7.00 EDT / 10.00 - 11.00 : "We The Peoples" Proposals for a more democratic UN

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Organisers: Democracy Without Borders with Coalition for the UN We Need, Democracy International and Together First (TBC)

The session will introduce wethepeoples.org campaign and its three proposals for inclusive global governance – a UN World Citizens’ Initiative, a UN Parliamentary Assembly and a UN Civil Society Envoy. The focus of the session would be to identify and discuss an action agenda that includes broadening civil society engagement, mobilising popular support and ways to engage Members of Parliament.

Speakers

Inna Berezkina, **School for Civic Education, Russia**
Jeffrey Huffines, **Coalition for the UN We Need**
James Organ, **University of Liverpool Law School, UK**
Ivone Soares, **Member of Parliament, Mozambique**
Enyseh Teimory, **Together First (tbc)**

7.00 - 8.00 EDT / 11.00 - 12.00 UTC: Communities discriminated by work and descent

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GFoD with TIP, TrustAfrica, ERGO, ADRF and CONAQ

Building on the in-person CDWD People#39;s Assembly (and its outcome declaration) which took place on June 30 2022, in New York City and the CDWD UN strategy workshop from July 1-3 2022. This online CDWD People#39;s Assembly 2022 aims to:

- To take the concept of CDWD to a wider audience unaware of the CDWD issues.
- Through online participation, craft a comprehensive charter of demands alongside a narrative report adopted by the assembly.
- Call for statements, comments and textual edits to the charter of demands/ outcome declaration of the in-person CDWD People#39;s Assembly during the online CDWD People#39;s Assembly and adopt the modified outcome document.
- Disseminate and open for comment the CDWD Global Strategy 2023 - 2028, adopted by the assembly of all members of the Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GFOD), during the UN Strategy Workshop from July 1-3 2022.

Moderator:

Mr. Paul Divakar, Convener, Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent. Welcome Remarks and Opening (5 Mins)

- Musical intervention (10 minutes) - Sage Soldate, Musician from Africa.
- Need for a Declaration of the Rights of CDWDs - voices from the regions
- Ms. Rhaichatou Walet Altanat (CDWD Rights Expert, Africa) - 5 mins
- Mr. Bhakta Biswakarma (Executive Director, Dalit NGO Federation) 5 mins
- Ms. Vercilene Dias (CDWD Rights Expert, Latin America) 5 mins
- Atanas Stoyanov (CDWD Rights Expert, Europe) 5 mins
- Draft Peoples Declaration of the Rights of the Communities Discriminated on Work Descent adopted - Moderator - How to further the Peoples Declaration? 5 mins
- CDWD Global Strategy 2023 - 2028 is introduced and open for comments introduced
- Ms. Beena Pallical, General Secretary, NCDHR - 3 mins
- Mr. Brahim Ramdhane, Founder, Sahel Foundation - 3 mins
- Mr. Cipri Nodis, CDWD Rights Expert, Europe. - 3 mins
- Remarks and comments/ solidarity messages - 10 mins

**8.00 - 9.00 EDT / 12.00 - 13.00 UTC: Corporate Capture vs. Systems Change:
Identifying a Feminist Way Forward**

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Women's Major Group & Feminist Action Nexus for Economic and Climate Justice

New description: #FeministsWantSystemsChange, but how? The United Nations, built for "We the Peoples," has been our main policy space for equality and human rights since its founding. Yet, corporate capture of UN policy spaces and institutions stand as one of the biggest obstacles blocking the transformative systemic change feminists are aiming to build. In light of this, how do we build towards systems that are more just, equal and serving "We the Peoples"? In this session, WMG and Feminist Action Nexus members and allies will offer testimony of struggles against corporate capture and inspiration for a collective transformation towards a gender equal world.

9.00 - 10.00 EDT / 13.00 - 14.00 UTC: Leave No Woman Behind

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Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association (EWDNA) and Lithuanian NGDO Platform

1. Martha Belayne, Rediet Argaw - Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association

The session will focus on the situation of women with disabilities in Ethiopia, justice services, and their inaccessibility, and of course, we will have a video that explains our organization (Ethiopian Women with Disabilities National Association). The speakers will be women with physical and visual impairments.

2. Olena Suslova, founder of The Women's Information Consultative Center of Ukraine, WICC. wicc.net.ua

Justina Kaluinaite, policy and advocacy officer Lithuanian NGDO Platform, www.vbplatforma.org

Even though Russia's invasion of Ukraine was not unexpected, and work on increasing Ukraine's resilience has been ongoing since 2014, all those things that had been planned but not accomplished, worsened the situation for many people. It affected women in many various ways - we will focus on the situation of women who are staying in Ukraine, the gender-sensitive approach, women, and their mobilization for the support of the community. Since the beginning of hostilities, nearly one-third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes. This is one of the largest human displacement crises in the world today. Within Ukraine, nearly 7 million people remain displaced by the war. More than 7 million refugees from Ukraine have been recorded across Europe. The majority of people who fled the country - women, and children, will focus on their situation briefly.

3. Laura Alferts, WIEGO

On the needs of women working in the informal economy.

10.00 - 11.00 EDT / 14.00 - 15.00 UTC: Work on the Declaration

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Translation into Spanish, French and English available

Inputs from the sessions will be presented and discussed.

11.00 - 12.00 EDT / 15.00 - 16.00 UTC: Towards a Fourth FfD Conference (FfD4): Democratising Global Economic Governance for the RtD & SDGs

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Translation into Spanish, French and English available



CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness, Eurodad, Gestos, IBON International, Latindadd, Tax Justice Network Africa, Society for International Development.

The seventh FfD Forum concluded in April 2022 with member states mandating the UN General Assembly to decide on convening the next FfD conference. FfD4 could provide the political space for global systemic reforms that can expand the policy and fiscal space of the Global South to realise the Right to Development and advance the 2030 Agenda. Decisions such as agreeing a UN multilateral legal framework that would comprehensively address unsustainable and illegitimate debt, including through extensive debt cancellation. Or the need to establish a universal, UN intergovernmental tax body and negotiate a UN Tax Convention to comprehensively address tax havens, tax abuse by multinational corporations and other illicit financial flows through a truly universal, intergovernmental process at the UN, are among several other systemic challenges that need to be addressed. This is why it is essential to urgently confirm the new ministerial FfD conference with a strong preparatory process of intergovernmental negotiations that would allow civil society to call on our governments to agree on much more ambitious mandates and decisions.

Opening remarks and moderation by Patricia Miranda, Latindadd

Short thematic interventions:

1. **Tax Justice/Tax Governance Reforms:** Chenai Mukumba, TJN-A/GATJ
2. **Debt Justice/Debt Architecture:** Iolanda Fresnillo, Eurodad
3. **DC/Development Effectiveness:** Vitalice Meja, RoA Africa/CPDE
4. **Private Finance:** Rodolfo Lahoy, IBON
5. **Economic Democracy:** Claudio Fernandes, Gestos

12.00 - 13.00 EDT / 16.00 - 17.00 UTC: Civic freedoms and civil society participation

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Trends in Civic Space and Participation: What can we do to enable Civil Society?

The world as it stands today is characterised by crisis and volatility, where regressive forces are mobilising a fierce backlash, but where dogged civil society mobilisation is still winning vital battles. During the session we will discuss the most recent trends as relates to civic space as recounted in CIVICUS' State of Civil Society report and CIVICUS Monitor. Further, any discussion on recent trends on Civic Space must take into account the significant and lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been used as a pretext in many places to clamp down on civil society actors. Finally, we will try to understand why global discourse on the importance of civil society is at stark odds with realities at home and suggest a possible approach of building trust towards a meeting a common sustainable development agenda.

Welcome remarks and run through agenda Glenis Balangue, CPDE

CIVICUS Monitor - CIVICUS State of Civil Society Report,
Julieta Zurbrigg, Civicus, Ines Pousadela, Civicus

Civic Space and COVID-19 Charles Gay, ChristianAid

Results of the CPDE VNR Study, Building Trust towards an Enabling Environment,
Josefina Villegas, CPDE, Matthew Simonds, CPDE

13.00 - 14.00 EDT / 17.00 - 18.00 UTC: Peace & Conflict – Reflections on the International Day of Peace

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TAP Network

Join us on the International Day of Peace at the Global People's Assembly for a civil society dialogue on peace and conflict prevention. As we approach the mid-way point of implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and with conflicts on the rise around the

world, the UN and the international community face critical moments and opportunities ahead that will be critical to making progress to foster more peaceful societies, and in maintaining faith in the UN and multilateralism as a whole.

This session will examine the state of global peace, looking at the drivers of conflict and instability that permeate around the world today. It will also explore key upcoming opportunities for civil society to mobilise around, including the 2023 SDGs Summit and the 2030 Agenda, the potential for a New Agenda for Peace, as well as the Youth Peace and Security agenda, and reform of the UN Peacebuilding architecture.

This session will also feature an interactive dialogue and other opportunities for audience engagement, so we hope that you'll come prepared to provide your insights!

Moderator: **John Romano**, TAP Network

Panelists:

Theophilus Ekpon, Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa (CSDEA)

Margaret Williams, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

Kavita Desai, Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) (TBC)

Nqobile Moyo, Voices In the Vision for Africa (VIVA) (TBC)

14.00 - 15.00 EDT/ 18.00 - 19.00 UTC : Youth meaningful engagement in climate action and SDGs

This event is in Spanish only

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MY World Mexico and CPDE

The virtual event aims to promote an open space for Latin American youth to present the opportunities and challenges for this age group in terms of climate action and activism, seeking an exchange of good practices and inspiring to create more actions.

Keynote: **Alejandra Contreras**

Moderator: **Alejandra Gutiérrez**

Speakers:

- **Carlos García**, Enlaces por la Sustentabilidad El Salvador
- **Damian Camaal**, México
- **Jocabed Solano**, Panamá
- **Matias Lara**, Nuestra Agenda, Argentina

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This is the zoom link for all Global People's Assembly Events that take place on Thursday 22nd September, 7.00 - 11.00 EDT / 11.00 - 15.00 UTC. Please check the programme below for times of specific events

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7.00 - 8.00 EDT / 11.00 - 12.00 UTC: Finalise 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.

8.00 - 9.00 EDT / 12.00 - 13.00 UTC: Climate Change, Land Rights and Community Led Development

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A4SD, The Hunger Project, Reacción Climática and PACJA

Traditional communities are recognised as stewards of their lands and play a very significant role in combatting climate change by protecting biodiversity and encouraging forest conservation. However, in many countries land rights are under threat and the defenders of community land ownership are facing intimidation and harassment. Community led development can provide a more participatory approach to protecting land and can ensure that local communities are able to ensure a healthy planet. Join us to hear compelling examples of community-led development, advocacy and legal instruments that enhance the rights of defenders, such as the Escazu Agreement.

- Opening Welcome by moderator
- Speaker 1: Community led development and rights, Hunger Project speaker
- Speaker 2: Protecting land rights and the land right defenders- case of the Escazu Agreement, LAC Indigenous speaker
- Speaker 3: On the road to COP27- nexus issues between security of land tenure and climate change vulnerability for indigenous communities, PACJA speaker
- Q&A with participants

9.00 - 10.00 EDT / 13.00 - 14.00: Preparing for the Year Ahead: The 2023 SDG Summit & Summit of the Future: Intersections & Interlinkages

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Coalition for the UN We Need, Baha'i International Community, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Global Women Leaders: Voices for Change and Inclusion, International Alliance of Women, Oxfam International, SDGs Kenya Forum, Stimson Center, UNA-UK/Together First

On 4 August, the UN General Assembly held a consultation on 'Our Common Agenda' during which Secretary-General António Guterres briefed Member States on progress towards implementing the proposals contained in the report. Describing the proposed Summit of the Future and the second SDG Summit as "twin summits," Guterres said the two high-level events share the common objective of "creat[ing] conditions for a sustainable, equitable and inclusive future."

Participants will be asked to identify and develop the synergies and thematic interlinkages between the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Summit of the Future. This session will introduce the proposed [Global Futures Forum](#) as a key civil society event in early 2023, and will launch the collective drafting process of a civil society "People's Pact for the Future," to set out a range of ambitious proposals for strengthening global governance structures to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, further develop some of the best ideas featured in the Our Common Agenda report, and give special consideration to empowering civil society in international decision-making. The Global Futures Forum and closely related Regional Forums will also aim to feed diverse, intergenerational perspectives into the Summit of the Future, and support CSO advocacy and effective engagement in the Summit's preparations.

Regional and national partners will be invited to contribute to the development of the proposed Global Futures Forum and People's Pact for the Future, and to identify pathways to amplify and implement their projects and advocacy strategies to feed into the preparations for both UN Summits. Building on the five Coalition for the UN We Need (C4UN) regional consultations undertaken in 2021 that discussed key priority issues for the Our Common Agenda report, this series of global, regional, and national follow-up meetings, beginning this September 2022, will bring together civil society partners to focus on key clusters of OCA recommendations to feed

into the proposed Global Futures Forum in early 2023, as well as bringing critical and diverse civil society perspectives into preparations for the 2023 SDG Summit and 2024 Summit of the Future.

Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Global Women Leaders Voices for Change and Inclusion and C4UN Steering Committee Co-Chair
Daniel Perell, UN Representative (NY), Baha'i International Community and C4UN Steering Committee Co-Chair (Moderator)
Florence Syevuo, Executive Director, SDGs Kenya Forum
Nudhara Yusuf, GGIN Facilitator, Stimson Center and C4UN Youth Coordinator
Javier Surasky, Governance for Development Coordinator, CEPEI
Andi Gitow, Chief of Advocacy and Civil Society Section, UN Department of Global Communications

10.00 - 11.00 EDT / 14.00 - 15.00 UTC: Virtual Global Justice March

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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.

After three days of deep discussions by civil society about pressing issues facing the majority of the world from the lack of vaccines to the climate crisis to the failure of meeting the SDGs, the Global People's Assembly culminates in a Virtual People's March! The pandemic has limited our usual protest in the streets, but it can not stop the people's movements calling for peace, justice, and respect for human rights. Come join, shout, stand up, and put your fist in the air, as we share the Declaration of the Global People's Assembly. Governments in the UN General Assembly and the UN leadership can not silence us, our demands and actions to save the planet and people.

13.15 - 14.45 EDT / 17.15 - 18.45 UTC

30th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Minorities: Challenges and Opportunities

**Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GFoD),
Global Call to Action Against Poverty
(GCAP)
The Inclusivity Project (TIP)**

Consultation on the situation of Minorities belonging to decent based communities

This is an in person event at the

Church Centre for United Nations, 2nd Floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York

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 2022 Global Peoples Assembly.