



Climate Justice

6th October, 2021

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Throughout the world, we are witnessing various manifestations of climate change in the form of rising sea levels, inundation of coastal lands, desertification and frequent natural disasters, and these are increasingly threatening the safety of people and their livelihoods. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its Fourth Assessment Report argues that climate change will affect human settlements through its impacts on human health, food security and decrease in the viability of natural resource-based economic activity. In this context, the discourse on climate justice underpins human rights to all development efforts, ensuring that burdens and benefits of climate change and its impacts are shared equitably and fairly and that the rights of the most vulnerable communities are safeguarded. Climate justice is informed by science, focuses on participatory, transparent and accountable decision making processes, and looks to inform policy solutions to protect the most marginalised communities from adverse impacts of climate change.

The COVID 19 pandemic has exposed and underscored the requirement of social safety nets that are sensitive to the realities of such systemic risks facing different individuals, groups, regions and sectors. Differences in the power structures and dynamic socio-economic and cultural contexts, churn out a chasm of inequalities that highlight a lack of representativeness of the marginalised sections of society.

This panel will seek to dwell on certain key questions;

Who are the marginalised? How has historical trajectory of climate action represented the marginalised (people, groups, regions and sectors)?

A deliberation on this question will seek to understand whether the ‘representation’ till now of the ones understood to be ‘marginalised’, has sought to discern the existing power structures and social categorisations that led to the marginalisation? Has there been an observable change in the categorisation of the historically ‘climate-marginalised’? Will they remain so in the future?

How do we ensure the ‘Just’ in the undeniable requirement of ‘Transition’?

This question will seek to understand who do our government policies cater to? Which are the voices that are heard? It gives an opportunity to spotlight and deliberate on the now active sub-national spaces and the transitions therein.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

<p>11:30 – 11:40 IST 08:00-08:10 CET 06:00-06:10 GMT</p>	<p><u>Moderated by</u> (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Hans Jacob Frydenlund, <i>Norwegian Ambassador to India</i>
<p>11:40-11:45 IST 08:10-08:15 CET 06:10-06:15 GMT</p>	<p><i>Poll of the session to be managed by the Moderator (5 mins)</i></p>
<p>11:45-13:00 IST 08:15 – 09:30 CET 06:15 – 07:30 GMT</p>	<p><u>Panellists</u> (75 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, <i>Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute</i> • Dr Norma Patricia Muñoz Sevilla, <i>Chair, Climate Change Council, Presidency of The Mexican Republic</i> • Dr. Saleemul Huq, <i>Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh</i> • Ms Dia Mirza, <i>UNEP National Goodwill Ambassador</i> • Dr. Sunita Narain, <i>Director General of CSE</i> • Dr Johanna Nalau, <i>Adaptation Scientist, University of Griffith, Australia</i> • Dr Coleen Vogel, <i>Professor, School of Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg</i>

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- Dr. Balgis Osman Elasha, *Climate Expert, African Development Bank*

Discussion

(through the chat box managed by the facilitator)

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