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Open call
to join the
Climate Space
at the WSF
in Tunisia

RETHINKING STRATEGIES

TO FIGHT FOR OUR FUTURE

World Social Forum March 26-30, 2013 Tunis

The 2013 World Social Forum will be held this March 26-30 in Tunisia, where only two years ago, a revolution began and resulted into a historic change that created a ripple effect on the region. Now, Tunisia is an inspiration to movements both old and new, across the globe.

It is with this inspiration, from the wave of changes and the rise of new movements with exciting new strategies and tactics that the idea of the **Climate Space** was born. The Climate Space will be a fixed space inside the World Social Forum 2013 in Tunisia to discuss the causes, impacts, struggles, alternatives and strategies to address climate change. It will be a venue with various workshops, debates and strategy sessions.

We have lost too many important battles in the fight for climate justice that there is little time left for us to stop Mother Earth and humanity from falling off the precipice and into a future too dire to imagine. Climate change is already contributing to 400,000 deaths a year. Just these past few months we witnessed the devastation of the Southern Philippines with a typhoon so destructive that it killed more than 1,000 people and left thousands without homes or livelihoods, the extreme heat in Australia that gasoline would evaporate, and, the ruin that Hurricane Sandy wrought on Haiti, parts of Canada and the United States. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the body tasked with agreeing on a global deal that would halt our march into climate chaos, has, instead, protected business as usual and agreed on a deal that would burn the planet.

The scientific evidence is overwhelming. The impacts are felt and seen firsthand the world over. Studies have shown that if we are to have any chance at reversing our march into climate chaos, that we need to leave the remaining fossil fuels in the ground and yet, governments continue to dig deeper into oil pits and tar sands. Action is what is needed if we are to change our future.

We invite all of you who are interested in turning the tide to come and join us

<http://climatespace2013.wordpress.com/about/>

Facilitator Organizations

Alliance of Progressive Labor Philippines
Alternatives International
ATTAC France
Ecologistas en Acción
Environmental Rights Action, Nigeria
ETC Group
Fairwatch, Italy
Focus on the Global South
Global Campaign to Dismantle
Corporate Power and End TNCs' impunity
Global Forest Coalition

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
Grupo de Reflexão e Apoio ao Processo
do Fórum Social Mundial
Indigenous Environmental Network
La Via Campesina
Migrants Rights International
No-REDD Africa Network
OilWatch International
Polaris Institute, Canada
Social Movements for Alternative Asia
Transnational Institute

The Climate Space aims to bring together environmental activists and social activists in order to discuss: What went wrong from Bali to Doha? How can we achieve the target to leave more than 2/3 of the fossil fuels under the ground? What are our decentralized energy alternatives? How do we tackle the food crisis that is aggravated by the climate and financial crises? How do we stop the disruptions of the vital cycles of water? How do we respond to the need of employment and stop this suicidal path of endless growth? How do we strengthen the fight against false solutions like GMOs, Synthetic Biology, Agrofuels, and Geoengineering? What are the implications of the financialization of nature through green economy, carbon markets and REDD? What are the threats of climate security for peace, democracy and migrants? How do we build alternatives to capitalism from experiences like "Vivir Bien", the defense of the commons, the happiness index, food sovereignty and other examples that have already been developed from the grassroots?

Because it is true that for many, many years, indigenous peoples, small farmers, local communities, have been practicing and developing ways of living and co-existing with nature. Agroecology, a system of farming that peasants and small farmers have been using and developing, has even been proven by scientists to not only feed people better, healthier food but it also has the capacity to cool down the planet. But how do we bring these solutions to the forefront and put a stop to the harmful false solutions?

In other words, how do we go beyond our usual strategies and see how we can win concrete victories on the ground by working together, across sectors, across movements, old and new, linking social struggles with environmental struggles bringing together trade unions, peasants, women, indigenous, migrants, faith communities, indignados, occupy movements, Idle No More and other climate & environmental activists.

in the Climate Space at the World Social Forum in Tunisia, March 16–30, 2013.

Supporter Organizations

<http://climatespace2013.wordpress.com/supporters/>

Aitec-IPAM (France)
Association Maliens Expulsés (AME)
ATTAC Japan
ATTAC Austria
Bizi!
Blue Planet Project
Ingeniería Sense Fronteras
Espacio sin Fronteras (ESF)
Euro-Mediterranean Center for Migration
& Development (EMCEMO)
Federación de Comités de Solidaridad
con África Negra (UMOYA)
Food & Water Watch

Food and Water Europe
Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice
(GC-DCJ)
Institute for Policy Studies,
Sustainable Energy & Economy Network
Jubilee South Asia Pacific Movement on Debt
and Development (JSAPMDD)
Pan African Network in Defense of Migrants Rights
(PANiDMR)
Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI)
Solidarités Genève
Transnational Migrant Platform (TMP)
World Council of Churches

Climate Space Program



please consult official WSF program and the Climate Space website

Wednesday, March 27

Activity 1 – Slot 1 - 9am - 11:30am **Venue: Amphi C**

Confronting climate change in the Maghreb, Mashreq and all over the world: What went wrong and how to overcome this situation?

A dialogue between climate & environmental activists, trade unions, peasants, women, indigenous, migrants, faith communities, indignados, OWS, Idle No More, activist from the Maghreb-Mashreq to evaluate and discuss new steps to address climate change.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6176>

Activity 2 – Slot 2 - 1pm - 3:30pm **Venue: AP2**

Fighting fossil fuel and extractive industries to build new alternatives!

As the fossil fuel industry drills ever further and deeper it fuels climate change, harms nature and abuses the rights of peoples. Let us come together and strategize to defend our territories, our lives and struggle to leave the fossil fuels in the soil and promote citizen-driven energy alternatives.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6177>

Activity 3 – Slot 3 - 4pm - 6:30pm **Venue: Amphi C**

Food sovereignty, agroecology and slow food as solutions to climate change

As the food and climate crises worsen, and climate negotiations create false solutions, peasants and small farmers are cooling down the planet with agroecology, food sovereignty and other solutions. Let us come and strategize on how we push real solutions to the forefront.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6179>

Thursday, March 28

Activity 4 – Slot 1 - 9am - 11:30am **Venue: Amphi C**

False Solutions: Agrofuels, Industrial Bioenergy, nuclear energy, GMOs, Synthetic Biology, Geo-engineering

To avoid real action, false and highly damaging solutions and dangerous technologies which will increase corporate control over our commons are promoted: agrofuels, industrial bioenergy, nuclear energy, geo-engineering, GMOs and synthetic biology. Let's unite our struggles against them!

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6183>

Activity 5 – Slot 2 - 1pm - 3:30pm **Venue: Amphi C**

Commodification and Financialization of Nature: Green Economy, Carbon Markets & REDD and new threats for water and other commons

Dialogue on the threats of the commodification and financialization of nature through more financial power and markets (carbon, water, REDD, etc.). Let's repel their agenda of green economy and privatization, let's defend, promote and practice our commons.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6184>

Activity 6 – Slot 3 - 4pm - 6:30pm **Venue: AP2**

Systemic alternatives: "Vivir Bien", rights of nature, commons, happiness index, and others

Climate change requires system change. This event seeks a dialogue between alternatives to the system, like "Buen Vivir", Rights of Nature, happiness index, prosperity without growth, Indigenous territories and community conserved areas, and food, wood and energy sovereignty

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6186>

Thursday, March 28

Activity 7 – Slot 1 - 9am - 11:30am **Venue: P13**

Migrations and Climate Change

This workshop looks at the intersection of climate and migration, as causes and effects, impacts on migrant and home communities, with perspectives of migrant movements in Maghreb, South America, West Africa, and other regions.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6189>

Activity 8 – Slot 2 - 1pm - 3:30pm **Venue: AP2**

Climate Jobs Now!: Organizing Campaigns for Transitioning to Low Carbon Economies

Tackling the climate crisis demands changing our economic model. We must restructure our economies to create new kinds of jobs that are --- decent paying, contribute to carbon reductions and increase social equity. Join us to build campaigns for low carbon economies now!

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6182>

Activity 9 – Slot 3 - 4pm - 6:30pm **Venue: SE4B**

What REDD means for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the world

REDD is no longer just a false solution to climate change, it is now a new form of colonialism. This teach-in will empower you to resist REDD in your community and join the global NO-REDD! movement.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6188>

Friday, March 29

Activity 10 – Slot 1 - 9am - 11:30am **Venue: AP2**

Strengthening the People's Resistance to Free Trade and Corporate power

On the Road to System Change. A Forum and Strategy Session on Challenging FTAs, the WTO and the Power of TNCs.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6190>

Activity 11 – Slot 2 - 1pm - 3:30pm **Venue: Amphi C**

Faith communities, Mother Earth and the militarization of the climate

Communities of different faiths have deep concerns for nature and peace. This workshop aims to have an open dialogue on how different faiths can work together for Mother Earth and strengthen our struggle against the criminalization of environmental activists.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6185>

Friday, March 29

Activity 12 – Slot 1 - 9am - 11:30am **Venue: P13**

Geoengineering – Resisting climate manipulation

The countries/industries causing climate change now want to hack Earth systems to 'fix' the problem, with devastating consequences for people and nature. Come learn & let's unite to ban geoengineering!

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6187>

Activity 13 – Slot 2 - 1pm - 3:30pm **Venue: AP2**

The vital cycles of water and climate change

With the melting of glaciers, freshwater shortages and floods, climate change is both provoking and magnifying an urgent water crisis, locally and globally. This workshop will explore these critical issues and what can be done to build working alliances between climate justice and water justice movements.

<http://www.fsm2013.org/node/6180>

Friday, March 29

Convergence Assembly

Activity 14 - Slot 3 - 4pm - 6:30pm

Climate : What New Strategies?

The New Strategies session will summarize the different proposals that will come out of the Climate Space events and will focus on what we can do together to increase our impacts and achieve some milestones that can strengthen our different struggles and campaigns.

The discussion will be focused on what are the new issues that we have to address, the link between the grassroots actions and system change, what are the most appropriate mechanisms to coordinate multiple actions of different kinds but with the same aim, how to strengthen key proposals like food sovereignty, rights of nature and others, the development of new ideas for new initiatives and many more.

The aim is to come up with a proposal for concrete follow up steps and an action plan.

Please join this convergence assembly!

<http://www.fsm2013.org/fr/node/8511>

PROGRAM of the CLIMATE SPACE 2013

Venue	Slot 1 Morning 9am - 11:30am	Slot 2 Afternoon 1pm - 3:30pm	Slot 3 Afternoon 4pm - 6:30pm	Evening
26 Tuesday	Women Assembly	Opening March		Cultural Activities
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30 Saturday	Convergence Assemblies	Closing Events and March		please consult official WSF program and the Climate Space website