Who is missing in international climate change negotiations?

Citizens
“It is not only about climate change - it is also about global democracy”

On June 6, 2015, starting in the Pacific region and ending on the west coast of America, thousands of citizens reflecting the demographic diversity of their country will participate in the global citizen consultation, World Wide Views on Climate and Energy. The participants will be invited to express their views on 30 questions, after having received unbiased information material and debated with fellow citizens.

The results will be made available online through a user-friendly interface. A summary for policymakers will be presented on June 15.

Prior to and during the COP21, partners in the World Wide Views Alliance (responsible for organizing the national citizen consultations), strategic partners and citizens, who participated in the debates, will present the results at the local and global level.

This project directly supports the implementation of Article 6 of the UNFCCC, which, inter alia, aims to enhance public awareness and promote public access to information on, and public participation in, climate change policy-making and action.
“In 100 countries, 100 citizens will gather to give their opinion about the negotiation key issues. A kind of worldwide citizen consultation!”

François Hollande, President of France

1 DAY
100 COUNTRIES
10 000 + CITIZENS

World Wide Views is a contribution to global democracy and to the debate about climate change.

World Wide Views on Climate and Energy will bring the views of citizens from 100 countries on climate change to the attention of governments, public officials, UN institutions, local authorities, stakeholders, companies, etc.

Decisions made at COP21 will affect the lives of citizens all over the world. Giving citizens the opportunity to express their views on the key issues negotiated can only strengthen the legitimacy of the decisions made.

CO-INITIATORS AND PARTNERS

The co-initiators of WWViews on Climate and Energy 2015 are: the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Danish Board of Technology (DK), the French National Commission of Public Debate (FR) and Missions Publiques (FR) with the support of the French Government (host for COP21).

PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS

Two World Wide Views citizen consultations have already been organized by the Danish Board of Technology and members of the WWViews Alliance:

  http://globalwarming.wwviews.org/node/259.html

  http://biodiversity.wwviews.org

More than 7,000 citizens from forty countries were involved.

The WWViews methodology was also used for a French Wide Views during the French National Debate on Energy Transition (2013). This process engaged more than 1100 French citizens in 14 regions. The results gave support to bold propositions from the National council of energy transition to the French President and government.

“We are very excited that World Wide Views on Climate and Energy is being organized and happy to collaborate with such an important initiative. Bringing forward the views and the voices of citizens from across the globe can only contribute to a positive new universal climate agreement in Paris in December. In supporting this unique and novel approach, we believe we are also making an important contribution to Article 6 of the Convention as it relates to education and public awareness”.

Ms. Christiana Figueres,
Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

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