



CLIMATE JUSTICE - JUST TRANSITION DONOR COLLABORATIVE

COP 27 NEWSLETTER BUMPER EDITION

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Quick guide to our newsletter, we held 5 events bringing together philanthropy and the field as well as informal lunches and dinners to strategise with our youth fellowship, 5 events as part of Culture COP & wider movement building and attended numerous panels and events hosted by our partners and allies.

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear friends,

As the year comes to an end, we are writing to share highlights of our work at COP27 in Sharm EL-Sheikh.

COP27 was the largest COP in history with 49,704 attendees, surpassing by 11,000 the previous record held by Glasgow. The COPs are becoming an important site for holding Parties and powerful players to account as well as for movement building. We were especially pleased our small grants programme helped bring over 40 Global South grantees, many of them youth, who worked tirelessly to help put climate justice and just transition centre stage at COP27.

Like most people, we were presented with logistical problems, hotel cancellations, venue changes and long commutes between events. Despite the difficulties, we held 10 incredibly successful events, including three all day gatherings bringing together climate justice movement leaders, youth activists as well those working in philanthropy to share strategies and updates. We pioneered new ways to connect by taking time for regenerative activities, such as Culture COP, that would help hold us emotionally as well build strong relationships including with Egyptian civil society.

A huge thank you for all those supported us from near and far. Many of our events were recorded and if you missed out, please do take time to watch via the links below or get a gist from our various social media posts. We have a strong programme for 2023 coming up with a new series of webinars and blogs. For now, we wish you a restful end of year.



Farhana Yamin, CJ-JT Donor Collaborative Coordinator



CJ-JT DONOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

8th NOV

Youth Fellowship Panel: Advancing Global South Financing For Climate Justice @ The Climate Justice Hub



The CJ-JT Fellowship held an interactive dialogue and convening with guest Daniel Onwonah-Owiredu, All-Africa Students Union (AASU), and youth from across the Global South to discuss how Climate Justice and Just Transition are critical frameworks for action. The event highlighted the challenges in accessing climate financing, accountability and explored ways to facilitate philanthropic climate financing and the best measures for access for Global South countries.



**ADVANCING GLOBAL SOUTH FINANCING
FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE**



CJ-JT DONOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

9th NOV

Youth and Philanthropy Dialogue: It's Time to Fund Youth Movements



Less than 0.76% of climate funding goes to youth-led climate justice initiatives, a new report by members of the UNSG's Youth Advisory Group on Climate (YAG) has found. As a follow-up to the CJ-JT convened event during NY Climate Week, we worked with YAG members to host this dialogue at the Youth Pavilion to launch the report and explore how youth and philanthropic funders can work together to mobilize millions for youth-led climate justice movements. The event was hosted by UN YAG member, Nathan Metenier and CJ-JT Fellow and UN YAG member, Archana Soreng. It was moderated by CJ-JT Fellow and UN YAG member, Paloma Costa with participation from special guests, Kate Hampton CEO, Children Investment Fund Foundation, Ida Kenny Le Duc, Executive Director for Strategic Partnerships, European Climate Foundation and Farhana Yamin, Coordinator, Climate Justice - Justice Transition Donor Collaborative.

You can read the [Youth Climate Justice Study here](#) and check out our social posts here on [Twitter](#)

[Watch here at 4:03:08](#)



CJ-JT DONOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS CONT.

11th NOV

Youth Climate Justice Fund Launch: Breakfast @ Goals House



In partnership with the U.N. Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group (YAG), we were excited to participate in the historic initiative, Youth Climate Justice Fund, that will give young people opportunities to develop skills and experience to ensure governments implement more ambitious and just climate policies. As a strategic partner of the Fund, we will continue to work closely with members of the YAG as they shape and scale the Fund to strengthen youth climate justice movements around the globe.

See our social posts here: [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)



CJ-JT DONOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS CONT.

14th NOV

Stepping Up Support for A Just Transition: Updates and Perspectives from Philanthropy, Pioneers and Frontline Communities @ Innovation Zone, Climate Action Stage



Our high-level event explored what is needed to support Just Transition in the Global South. We heard diverse perspectives from workers, youth, communities, researchers and practitioners as well as the cultural sector on what is needed to support intersectional, Paris-aligned initiatives to create safer, climate-just societies, and how philanthropy can and should be responding.

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[Watch here at 1:39:34](#)



CJ-JT DONOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS CONT.

16th NOV

Beyond Philanthropy As Usual: How Might We Accelerate Climate Action Rooted In Justice? @ Innovation Zone, Climate Action Stage



Our CJ-JT fellows brought different perspectives across their work as climate activists in the Global South on how to shift philanthropy to fund and scale climate solutions rooted in justice. This dynamic dialogue, moderated by Margaret Impraim, Youth Climate Council Ghana, with Maria Escalante Alejandra, FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund, Maria Reyes, Fridays for Future -MAPA, Andréia Coutinho-Louback, Projeto Colabo, and Srijanjini Raman, Fridays for Future, India, is a must-watch for all working in philanthropy and those exploring how to centre climate justice and just transition in their work.

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[Watch here at 1:47:55](#)



PARTNERS AND ALLIES EVENTS

8th NOV

**Climate Justice in Climate Finance: Designing Equitable Climate Finance Transactions
@ Goals House**



At this dinner hosted by Systemic, the “Friends of South Africa” brought together community leaders, civil society, private finance, development practitioners, government and academia to focus on actions needed in the next 12 months to put climate justice at the heart of climate finance commitments including the design and implementation of JET-Ps.



PARTNERS AND ALLIES EVENTS CONT.

9th NOV

The Climate Justice Resilience Fund Partner Workshop @ Climate Justice Hub



On the eve of launching their new Board and phase two of their fund, CJRF hosted a partner workshop in the Climate Justice Hub, they brought together their grantees to discuss climate justice and key themes from the CJRF portfolio, share outcomes from the first phase of CJRF grants and network together over lunch.



PARTNERS AND ALLIES EVENTS CONT.

10th NOV

The Global Goals Avengers Dinner @ Goals House



We collaborated with our partner, Green Africa Youth Organization to co-moderate this high-level dinner to connect beyond corporate and individual networks and provide a platform for people and subjects that have historically been underrepresented. The event brought together a diverse audience across businesses, NGOs, arts and culture and activism in recognition of the inclusive and empathetic level of collaboration needed for ambitious climate action.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN ACTION



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN ACTION CONT.



CULTURECOP & MOVEMENT BUILDING EVENTS

10th NOV

CultureCOP NightCap @ Goals House



In partnership with the Blue Marine Foundation and together with Sophie Shnapp, Arizona Muse, Nadine Wahab, Leo Cerda and Sam Lee, we brought artists, organizers, frontline communities and practitioners together to network and reflect on our relationship with nature and the role of arts and culture in climate to launch CultureCOP: a first of its kind gathering of artists, culture makers and indigenous leaders at COP27.

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CULTURECOP & MOVEMENT BUILDING EVENTS CONT.

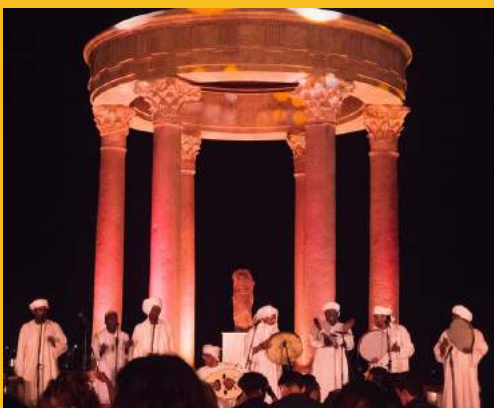
11th NOV

#ArtCultureHeritageCOP27 and CultureCOP Assembly @ The Museum of Antiquities

Funded by USAID, the Climate Heritage Network in partnership with CultureCOP held an extraordinary day-long convening, performances, including an in person CultureCOP Assembly, with those committed to unlocking the power of culture from arts to heritage to flip this paradigm. The Bedouin leaders invited all those present to spend time with them on their land to learn what was happening to their way of life as a result of climate change. The day ended with electrifying performances by Eric Terena, Mazaher Ensemble and Ape Chimpa. Videos of the panels and Assembly will be available shortly.

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11 NOV MAIN PROGRAM			
SHARM EL SHEIKH MUSEUM			
Organized by:	With the support of:	Hosted by:	With generous financial support from:
	 Julie's Bicycle <small>Partner • Culture • Action</small>		  
09:00 IN-PERSON REGISTRATION	13:00 LUNCH BREAK	18:00 FINAL REFLECTIONS	
10:00 WELCOME TO THE LAND With Sheikh Ahmed Abu Rashid	13:00 MASKBOOK WORKSHOP Led by Art of Change 21 In partnership with Greenish Egypt	18:30 PERFORMANCE: SAM LEE	
10:00 WELCOME REMARKS With Dr. Moamen Othman, Dr. Mohamed Hassanien, Shannon Miller, Salma Salhou, Nadine Wahba, Sophie Shnappa, Allison Tickell	14:30 CULTURE NETWORKS AND CLIMATE MOBILISATION Moderated by Katharine Turvey With Emma Hand, Clara McGuire, Hilda Fawzi, Nadekayes, Simon Mucosai	EVENING LINE-UP	
10:45 CONVERSATION STARTER: FOUR PERSPECTIVES ON CULTURE AS A PILLAR OF CLIMATE ACTION Moderated by Andrew Potts With Farhana Hanif, Dana Firas, Sunshine Durstman Moore, Oussama Abdel Meguid	15:40 MULTIPLE PATHS/SHARED AIMS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE DIVERSE CULTURAL PATHS TO TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE ACTION Moderated by Allison Tickell With Katharine Turvey, Andrew Potts, Beadie Firas, Wango Emily	18:30 SÓNIA GUAJAJARA REMARKS + ERIC TERENA DJ SET	
11:45 PERFORMANCE: WATER, ACTION, FLAMINGO	16:30 #CULTURECOPASSEMBLY Lead by Ruth Ben Zoum	19:15 REMARKS BY REP KATHY CASTOR Chair, US House of Representatives Select Committee on the Climate Crisis	
12:00 CLIMATE EDUCATION FOR ALL: LINKING CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT Moderated by Clara McGuire With Marwa El Sahni, Ibrahim Zohri, Fredeline Tumpach, Eschelle A. Saphoroseu, Hachemame		19:30 MAZAHER ENSEMBLE	
13:00 WORLD PROMISE: MUSIC VIDEO FOR SOLU TO SOLIDARITY With Ibrahim Zohri, Francis Anoum		20:15 ARAGIO NUBIAN DANCE	
		20:45 APE CHIMPA	



CULTURECOP & MOVEMENT BUILDING EVENTS CONT.

12th NOV

CultureCOP @ Aida Hotel Sharm El-Sheikh

The second day of CultureCOP featured intimate spaces and gatherings at Aida Hotel with participation from former Irish Prime Minister Mary Robinson, youth activists, artists who closed the day programming with prayer, and Indigenous leaders and Wisdom Keepers who led a Fire Ceremony during the evening. The day championed justice and joy as part of our COP27 celebrations and brought consciousness to the role of culture in climate action and climate justice.

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المؤتمر الثقافي CULTURECOP		12 NOV PROGRAMME AIDA HOTEL
SATURDAY MORNING INTIMATE CONVERSATIONS AT FULL CAPACITY		
10:00	STORIES FOR A NEW WORLD: HOW DO WE TRANSFORM CLIMATE STORYTELLING? Moderated by Alice Ardy With: Precilla Panawara, Covid Alexander, Nazki Akila, Megha Sood	14:35 SESSIONS B Youth climate justice - Workshop Led by the Youth Fellows of the Climate Justice and Transition Diva collective (CLUTDC) System Change not climate change. How do we redesign our values? - Dialogue Facilitated by Alison Tiedel, Lily Cole The power of music + climate as young people - Dialogue Facilitated by Dominique Palmer
11:00	SYSTEM CHANGE: HOW DO WE REDESIGN OUR VALUES? Moderated by Mary Robinson With: Ayele Dessalegn, Alesia Sultant, Aydin Salazar, Karmel Fawzy, Dominique Palmer	BALCONY 13:30 AN OPEN DIALOGUE Redesigning our values and realizing climate rights with Maritza Delgado, Aboubakar Fofana, Oshale Elanabai, en Julian Restrepo. 14:55 WORKSHOP With Letters to the Earth 15:40 CELEBRATION A tool for systems change - Ecstatic Dance with Emily Dene Collins and CDEEMMY
12:00	INDIGENOUS AI: HOW CAN DATA AND TECH CONTRIBUTE TO A CLIMATE JUST FUTURE? With: Adria Popescu, Minabdi Zaidi, Sam Gullough, Helene Landmark, Dominique Sours	WELLBEING POD 13:30 TEACHERMENT Blue Lotus Rising with Maria Rubei 14:35 DISCUSSION Redefining "Well-being" and "Transition" on Indigenous Perspectives. Moderated by Nat Kelley. With: Panagiotis Kifitis, Renee de Jesus, Apollonia Ousou Lilo.
13:00	OPEN DOORS 13:00 WELCOME Wisdom Keepers Open Space. Introductions - Landscape connections 13:30 SESSIONS A Storytelling - Stories for a new world: How do we transform climate storytelling? - Open Dialogue Facilitated by Alice Ardy Climate change is a Feminist Issue: How do we ensure women and girls have the opportunity to play a vital role in the climate movement? - Open Dialogue	SUNSET GATHERING Bring your own drink 16:30 CALL TO PRAYER 17:10 TOGETHERNESS MENTATION With Wisdom Keepers 18:00 FIRE AND MUSIC CEREMONY With Wisdom Keepers 18:30 DINNER 19:30 FIRESIDE JAM Bring your instruments 21:00 MOTHER + WATER 22:00 LIVE MUSIC SPECIAL GUEST 22:30 DREEM, LOUIS COLE, A YOUNG
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CULTURECOP & MOVEMENT BUILDING EVENTS CONT.

13th NOV

Movement Building on the Sinai Trail



This movement building and gathering with Bedouin Leaders and Indigenous people from the Amazon and Turtle Island on the Sinai Trail was a spiritual journey of sharing and building community, showcasing the power of how culture catalyses deep connections and solidarity. A group of seventy people spent a full day in the desert being shown what was happening to the land as a result of heavier rains, flash floods and droughts caused by climate change and how the local tribes are adapting to new realities.

We were guided by Musallem Abu Faraaj of the Tarabin, Sheikh Ahmed Abu Rashid of the Jebeleya, Youssuf Barakat of the Alegat & Um Yasser from the Hamada Tribe who is the first female guide in Sinai. We were led in prayer, music and an offering of gifts by Shirley Krenak who gifted the Bedouin leader her red Amazonian feather, Lolita Piajuage, vice president of Confenaie, the Ecuadorian Amazon & Salome Tankamash, Shuar people of Ecuador, and Calfin and Panchita from Mapuche Lafkenche.

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CULTURECOP & MOVEMENT BUILDING EVENTS CONT.

17th NOV

Losing the Irreplaceable: Loss & Damage, Culture & Heritage @ The Resilience Hub



Culture and heritage along with Indigenous and local knowledge systems are increasingly vulnerable to loss from both slow and rapid onset hazards (and also sometimes maladaptation and mal-mitigation). This event was a reflection of loss and damage cultural journeys towards more holistic, culture-rich, and community-activated solutions. This powerful session asked, how does one grieve from the loss of the irreplaceable? What is the price of cultural extinction? And does loss mean the same thing in every culture?

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PHOTO MONTAGE & THANK YOUS

Still/Moving Art Sculptures: MA'AT ماعت, W O M B T O M B, and ANKH, Key of Life



To support the shift urgently needed within most of the systems that control our modern consumptive worlds, during COP27, in Sharm EL-Sheikh, Still/Moving, with Fern Leigh Albert built three sculptures that were gifted to the land: MA'AT ماعت, which refers to the ancient Egyptian concepts of truth, balance, order and harmony with the earth, and is installed in the Museum of Antiquities, W O M B T O M B and a 3 meter Ankh, a key of life, that hangs at Aida Hotel overlooking the old market mountains in the Kennedy region of Sinai. Working alongside local Egyptians and guided by the Museum of Sharm, they built this ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic symbol to represent the word for life. The Ankh is also associated with the word meaning mirror. The symbol often appears as a physical object representing elements such as air or water.



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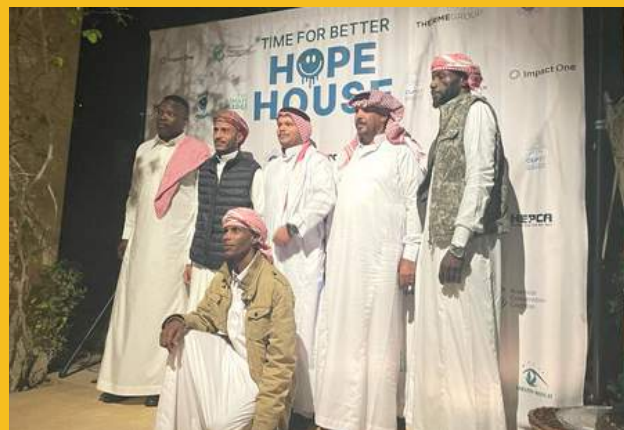


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CultureCOP

Earthrise

Goals House

House of DAR

Julie's Bicycle

Letters to the Earth

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