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11.00 AM - 12.30 PM (EAT)



## Climate COP26 Outcome & the Way to COP27 in Egypt, Africa

Title: What Difference it Made that Civil Society, INFORSE participated

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# Observer organizations in the UNFCCC process



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# Ways in which observer organisations contribute to the UNFCCC process



- Organizations may attend formal meetings as observers.
- Participants from INFORSE attended a various formal meetings, which were of interest and open
- Had informal dialogue with national delegations



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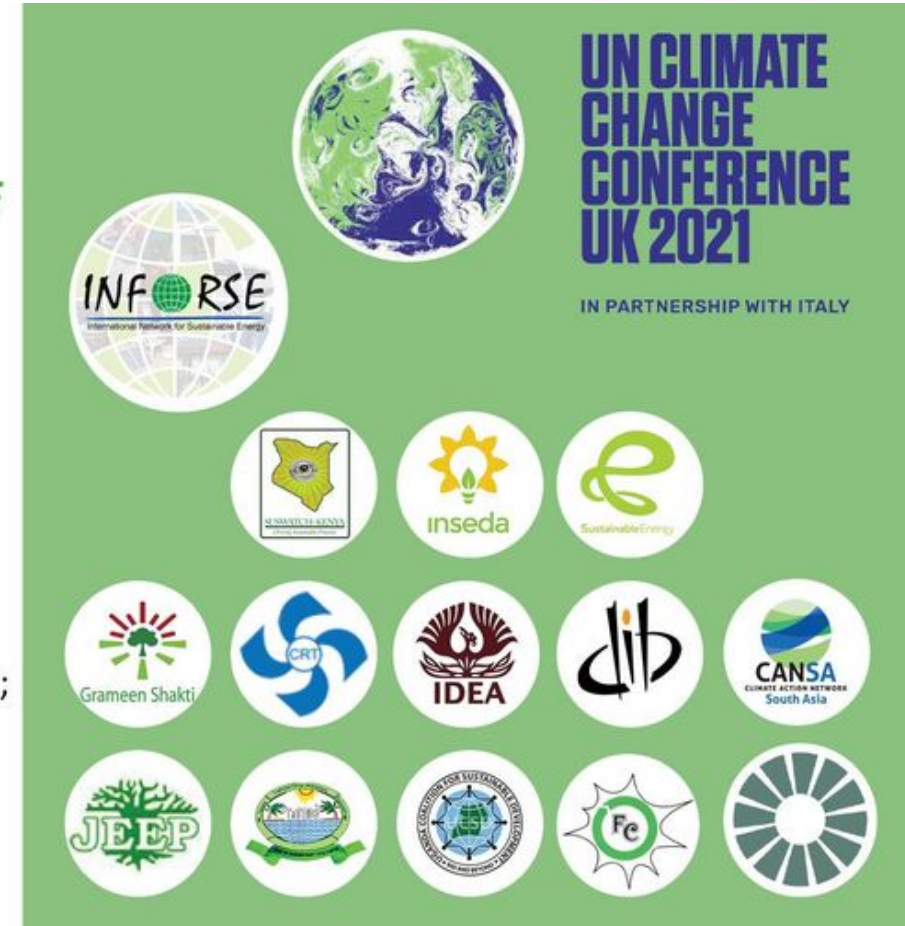
- Observers organize side events


**UNFCCC COP26**  
**GLASGOW, UK**
  
*International Network for Sustainable Energy*  
**INFORSE - INSEDA - SUSWATCH - SE**  
**SIDE EVENT**  
**Friday, Nov. 5., 11:30-12:45 (GMT)**  
**Room: Loch Lomond Auditorium (Blue Zone)**

**Local Climate Solutions &  
 Eco-Village Development, 100% RE in NDCs,  
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[www.inforse.org/cop26.php3](http://www.inforse.org/cop26.php3)

Speakers: Gunnar B. Olesen, Judit Szoleczky, INFORSE/SE;  
 Mary Swai, TaTEDO, Tanzania; Nobert Nyandire,  
 SusWatch Kenya; Richard Kimbowa, UCSD, Uganda;  
 Sanjiv Nathan, INSEDA, India; N. Shrestha, CRT, Nepal;  
 Dumindu Herath, IDEA, Sri Lanka; Soheli Ahmed,  
 Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh; Paul Allen, CAT, UK.





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- Distribute own documents



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- Deliver statements-

## INFORSE Position paper

### INFORSE East Africa Position to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP26), in Glasgow, UK in November 2021 (Oct. 19, 2021)

We the Civil Society Organisations under the umbrella of the International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE East Africa) coordinated by SusWatch Kenya, TaTEDO - Centre for Sustainable Energy Services, Tanzania, and Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development would like to share our position ahead of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), due to take place in November 2021, in Glasgow, UK.

This position flags out the following priority issues that we think negotiators at COP26 must take into account in their deliberations, as they have a direct effect on climate action in East Africa that is under threat from extreme weather stresses including drought, floods, Locusts etc. These include climate finance, adaptation, mitigation, as well as issues failed at the COP25 negotiations in Madrid in 2019 that were pushed to COP26.

We, therefore, urge the UNFCCC Parties to grab the historical opportunity, learning from the mistakes of the past, and lead the way to a safe, sustainable 100% renewables future for the Earth. It is technically possible to shift from the fossil era to renewables while sustaining economic growth. There is a need to implement the already committed pathway. We also urge for prioritization of local climate and sustainable decentralised solutions rather than centralised ones, which also increase sustainable development. We call for a departure from the idea of any investment in unsustainable, unsafe solutions for the earth, which are a gamble on our future.



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# Ways observer org. contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

- Present exhibits



INFORSE Exhibition Booth in Previous COP



# Ways observer organisations contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

- Demonstrations





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Provided  
room for  
Informal  
Dialogue



CSOs meeting organized by CAN



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## Others

- Networking and partnership: INFORSE members (East Africa, South Asia, Europe), Solar Cooker International; CAN, MECS, Tanzania / Kenya / Uganda delegation, Constituencies: ENGO – Environmental NGOs, WGC - Women Gender Constituency,
- New contacts
- Increased knowledge on climate







# Thanks you



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More info: [www.tatedo.or.tz](http://www.tatedo.or.tz)

EASE project: [www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm](http://www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm)



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INFORSE at COP26 Side Event Proceedings:

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TaTEDO: [www.tatedo.or.tz](http://www.tatedo.or.tz)

EASE&CA project: [www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm](http://www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm)

INFORSE on COP26 Outcome: [inforse.org/doc/INFORSE on COP26 Outcome NOV19 2021.pdf](http://inforse.org/doc/INFORSE_on_COP26_Outcome_NOV19_2021.pdf)

INFORSE-East Africa for COP26: [inforse.org/africa/pdfs/Position INFORSE East Africa COP26 19102021.pdf](http://inforse.org/africa/pdfs/Position_INFORSE_East_Africa_COP26_19102021.pdf)



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