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

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

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- Organizations may attend formal meetings as observers.

- Participants from INFORSE attended various formal meetings, which were of interest and open.

- Had informal dialogue with national delegations.
Ways observer organisations contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

- 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,
East Africa, South Asia, Europe

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Speakers: Gunnar B. Olesen, Judit Szolczzky, 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; Sohel Ahmed,
Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh; Paul Allen, CAT, UK.
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- Distribute own documents
Ways observer organisations contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

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.

Deliver statements-

INFORSE Position paper
Ways observer org. contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

- Present exhibits

INFORSE Exhibition Booth in Previous COP
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- Demonstrations
Ways observer org. contribute to the UNFCCC process cont.....

Provided room for Informal Dialogue

CSOs meeting organized by CAN
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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EASE project: www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm
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EASE&CA project: www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm

INFORSE on COP26 Outcome: 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