

# VOICES FOR JUST WATER ACTION

## MULTI STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

Water is life.  
Water is biodiversity.  
Water is humanity.  
Water is Nature.  
Water is Life.



### DATE:

MARCH 2ND, 2023

### LOCATION:

DE BALIE, KLEINE-GARTMANPLANTSOEN 10,  
1017 RR AMSTERDAM

HOSTED BY WWF-NL, VCA ALLIANCE PARTNER



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## MULTI STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE KEY MESSAGES

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### WHO

Local people and communities in the Global South are taking the lead determining what climate issues they solve and how they do so. They are best to know, and we can learn from their knowledge, and experience to succeed in Locally Led Adaptation (LLA). Now it's time to align the local input from the network of Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) with knowhow from the Dutch stakeholder field and overcome - as partners - the challenges we face in climate justice.

### WHAT

VCA calls on Dutch based committed actors who endorse the principles of LLA, to bring the voice of the Global South CSO's to the UN Water Conference in March 2023 and make change happen. It's a responsibility WWF would like to take up with allies that advocate for the voice of local communities.

### HOW

VCA shares LLA-practices and presented challenges of Global South CSO's during a multi stakeholder event. Here we unite practitioners in CSO's and NGO's, policymakers and funders in the Netherlands to listen to the local voices, discuss concrete solutions and come up with innovative ideas.

### WHY

With this event we will ensure that the recommendations connect with the local realities on the ground and are shared in a report with the VCA network. It will also lead to a strong local community voice on an international stage. The key takeaways and important messages on supporting locally led adaptation will be carried forward to the UN Water Conference.

### RELEVANCE

Climate justice is inextricably linked with local climate finance, social justice, and gender equality. To succeed in LLA - where climate justice is put into practice - we must connect to all these matters in the dialogue and have particular focus on the voice of youth. Since they are at the forefront of climate action. VCA invited different stakeholders with authority on different justice topics and this will directly feed into conversations during three panel sessions at the event.

**Join the growing coalition advocating for the voice of local communities and pushing to integrate LLA into financing and policy processes. This is our opportunity to unite all the voices and put community input into policy making!**

## INTRODUCTIONS & SETTING THE STAGE

TIME	DESCRIPTION	GOALS
9:00-9:20	Walk-In	Coffee and tea,
9:20-9:25	Outline of event described by Mattijs (Moderator) and VCA alliance partners acknowledged and introduced	Clear outline of the day, showcase VCA alliance presence
9:25-9:40	Energizer (Mattijs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce key messages</li> <li>• Introduction game</li> </ul>	Energize the crowd and get to know each other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on free-flowing fresh water as it intersects with our environment and with the lives of people</li> </ul>
9:45-10:00	VCA & Purpose of the Event (Barbara)	Share key message of LLA, importance of being in close contact with the networks on the ground, VCA message
10:00-10:40	Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (10-10:20) Maimuna (HIVOS) introduces examples from the field</li> <li>• (10:20-10:25) Video clip of water solutions from VCA partners</li> <li>• (10:30-10:40) Zsóka case study</li> </ul>	Find a common ground and ensure that the attendees understand the various challenges the communities in the global south are facing that LLA can help to tackle
10:45-11:10	MOFA and WWF Reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:45-10:55 Bart Greenen (WWF-NL)</li> <li>• 11:00-11:10 Omer van Renterghem (MOFA)</li> </ul>	WWF: Key message of WWF now taking a role in the social justice space as well as biodiversity. Climate justice is now part of the WWF mission and can lobby for these causes MOFA: describe impact at the UN water Conference, expectations of civil society, their perspective of LLA
11:15-11:25	Break	
11:25-11:30	Illustration Recap	Summarize what has happened in introduction talks



## PANEL SESSIONS

TIME	DESCRIPTION	GOALS
11:30-12:20	<p>Panel 1A: LLA &amp; Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panelists Introduced:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joe Ray (Valuing Water Initiative)</li> <li>Laura de Vries (Dutch Youth Climate Movement)</li> <li>Esin Erdogan (SIMAVI)</li> <li>Margit van Wessel (Wageningen University)</li> </ul> </li> <li>11:40-12:20 Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Introduce Panelists and Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate justice is inextricably linked with local climate finance, social justice, and gender equality. To succeed in LLA - where climate justice is put into practice - we must connect to all these matters in the dialogue and have particular focus on the voice of youth since they are at the forefront of climate action.</li> </ul>
12:20-13:20	Plant Based Lunch	
13:25-14:10	<p>Panel 1B: LLA &amp; Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13:25-13:30 Recap of previous session via Live Illustration</li> <li>13:30-14:10 Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Recap on previous session, ensure audience participation. Actively call on policy officers in the audience</p>
14:15-15:15	<p>Panel 2: Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panelists Introduced:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sarah Oey (Youth Representative on Sustainable Development)</li> <li>Keiron Brand (WWF-NL)</li> <li>Bas Louman (Tropenbos International)</li> </ul> </li> <li>14:20-15:15 Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Introduce Panelists and discuss main topics (still under development pending panelist feedback/priorities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topics regarding funding to the local level (communities, CSOs, activist groups, etc).</li> </ul>
15:15-15:30	Break	
15:30-15:35	Illustration Recap	<p>Recap on both panel sessions, main ideas extracted via Maheen, Diana, and Anne</p>



# AGENDA

## BREAKOUT GROUPS & CLOSING

TIME	DESCRIPTION	GOALS
15:35-16:15	<p>3A: Engagement and Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanation by Mattijs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>chairs set up in groups of 5/6 (predetermined)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discussions within these groups about clear action points for the Dutch Landscape &amp; UN Water Conference</li> <li>Main points are put on the screen via Mentimeter at 16:15</li> </ul>	<p>Small group dialogue to facilitate discussion not possible in a large group.</p> <p>Each group comes out with 3 main asks to bring to the UN Water Conference (and further)</p>
16:15-16:45	<p>3B: Engagement and Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Together determine overlaps via mentimeter on the screen               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have participants stand up if in agreement with topic mentioned</li> </ul> </li> <li>End with 3 concrete asks for UN Water</li> <li>16:40 - display final illustration to the group displaying the 3 main asks</li> </ul>	<p>Leave with 3 concrete asks, co-developed by various stakeholders throughout the day.</p>
16:45-17:00	Closing Speaker	Recap of the day, space for reflection, strong ending
17:00-19:00	Borrel	



NAME	ORGANIZATION
Laurent Umans	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Joe Ray	Valuing Water Initiative / Government of the Netherlands
Isha Groot	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Omer van Renterghem	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Bo Zwanenburg	Partos
Janna Lenders	WECF International
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Laura de Vries	Dutch Youth Climate Movement
Esin Erdoğan	Simavi
Dieneke van der Wijk	Simavi
Jacob Baraza Abumba	Simavi
Sarah Oey	Youth Representative on Sustainable Development
Mariana Anacleto	We Are Tomorrow Global Partnership
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