

VOICES IN ACTION

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VCA VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION

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This year, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will meet for the 28th time. The COP comes together annually to review the implementation of the UNFCCC, which has the ultimate goal of limiting human impact on our climate system.

The COP is an important opportunity to connect the VCA alliance and our local partners with platforms, donors, NGOs, governments and other relevant actors that add value to VCA. Reaching out and connecting with these stakeholders allows us to expand our networks, achieve our objectives and raise local voices and the achievements of actions on the ground.

Visit our website for a list of events VCA will participate in at COP28.

Additional resources on COP-related topics are included in the Global Programme section.

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ONLINE EVENT: HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE AT COP28



VCA, Impulsouth and Resilience Hub hosted an informational webinar on the relevance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the opportunities for delegates, civil society interaction and advocacy.

In this webinar, we aimed to:

1. Increase the knowledge and capacities of key actors with respect to the opportunities offered by participation at COP28 to achieve effective participation.
2. Promote the effective participation of representatives from the global south and democratise knowledge and opportunities.
3. Familiarise delegates and participants with the proceedings and issues to be addressed during the COP28.

Recordings in Spanish, French, Brazilian Portuguese and Bahasa Indonesia are available on the **VCA website**.

CLIMATE FINANCE 101: SESSION 1



The VCA convened the first session of a two-part dialogue series to collectively explore the challenges and opportunities climate finance presents and the potential advocacy avenues at various scales.

In this first session, key contributors with experience in climate finance shared their knowledge, and those new to climate finance were invited to learn and contribute to this quickly evolving field of practice.

The session recording is available in **English** and **French**, **Spanish**, **Brazilian Portuguese** and **Bahasa Indonesia** translations.

CLIMATE FINANCE 101: SESSION 2

This second dialogue event aimed to create a safe space for open and honest reflection about what has worked and what hasn't worked so that we can better understand together how to operate within and advocate for improvements to, climate finance mechanisms.

The session was recorded in **English** and simultaneously interpreted into **French**, **Spanish**, **Brazilian Portuguese** and **Bahasa Indonesia**.

HIVOS: AN EXPLAINER ON LOSS AND DAMAGE



The United Nations COP28 climate summit starts at the end of the month in Dubai and is expected to be about one thing in particular: Loss and Damage. But what does this mean? And how can it be used to achieve climate justice? Find out in this [Hivos explainer](#).

VCA INFORMATION SESSION: LOSS AND DAMAGE FINANCE



In this session, speakers explored opportunities for civil society engagement on loss and damage finance and focused on these issues from the perspectives of climate-affected communities. In addition, this session aimed to inform the VCA network of opportunities to influence the loss and damage finance processes and kick-start the VCA engagement on L&D.

Experts on loss and damage engaged in the UNFCCC processes, affected community representatives, the global programme, and the VCA regional teams will be brought in to deliberate on the opportunities for influencing the UNFCCC process and develop VCA's position on loss and damage.

The event was recorded in [English](#) and interpreted in [Spanish](#), [Brazilian Portuguese](#), [Bahasa Indonesia](#) and [French](#).

VCA'S INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE ADVOCACY: A BEGINNERS GUIDE



VCA hosted an information session entitled "Introduction to Global Advocacy: A Guide for Beginners", where we explored, guided by an expert, effective ways to advocate for a sustainable future and combat climate change.

This gathering was specially designed for those participating in COP for the first time.

The event recording is available on the [VCA website](#).

DIALOGUE AMONG FAITH COMMUNITIES: ADDRESSING WATER SCARCITY CHALLENGES IN BOLIVIA'S CHACO REGION

In response to the growing issue of limited access to water in Bolivia, especially in rural areas, Jubileo Foundation, with the support of Avina Foundation under the framework of Voices for Just Climate



Action conducted the first series of dialogues: "Dialogue among Faith Communities of Chaco - Water for Life." The event aimed to address threats to food security and the daily lives of inhabitants in the Bolivian Chaco region affected by water scarcity and other challenges such as deforestation and mining activities. [Read more...](#)

BOLIVIAN YOUTH PRESENTS NATIONAL DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



In Bolivia, the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) was held for the fourth consecutive year, marking the most significant youth conference on climate action in various parts of the world. The event brought together over 100 young individuals from across Bolivia to craft a national declaration addressing climate change and propose an agenda for action led by the youth. [Read more...](#)

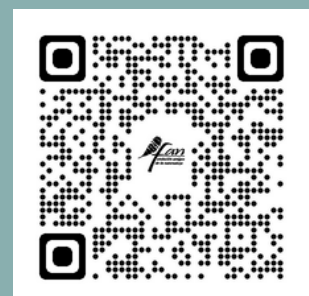
BOLIVIA

SATRIFO APPLICATION: A TOOL FOR FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT IN BOLIVIA



Currently, there is a high demand for information and the use of digital technologies by technicians from municipal and departmental governments in Bolivia for the monitoring and early alert of forest fires. This led the Amigos de la Naturaleza Foundation, with the support of the Avina Foundation under the framework of Voices for Just Climate Action, to enhance the SATRIFO application through a diagnosis and analysis of needs in municipalities, protected areas, and prioritised volunteer firefighting groups. [Read more...](#)

Download the app here:





CLIMATE INFLUENCERS

In September, the Bolivian Platform against Climate Change (PBFCC) in alliance with the Bolivian Platform for Action on Climate Change (PBACC) launched the training program "Climate Influencers", which aims to train and provide the necessary tools to men, women and young people in the country to raise awareness, inform and influence civil society on the climate crisis and actions to address it. [Read more...](#)

NATIONAL MEETING OF INDIGENOUS AND NATIVE PEOPLES

On October 26 and 27 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, the National Meeting of Indigenous and Native Peoples was held, where the participants stated 26 resolutions, among which they demanded respect for their territories, their self-determination, the repeal of the "incendiary laws" and the change of the extractivist production model to a forest economy. [Read the full resolution.](#)



CLIMATE WEEK IN PANAMA!

From October 23 to 27, Climate Week was held in Panama, where Nardy Velasco, Cacique of the municipality of Roboré, participated, thanks to the support of WWF Bolivia. This space seeks to establish itself as a place of effective multi-stakeholder articulation to address the effects and consequences of climate change and promote regional transformation strategies for the abandonment of extractivist systems and the preservation of nature, culture and welfare of the people. In addition, thanks to the alliance with the AVINA Foundation, Nardy could participate in the Resilience Hub, where she shared her local knowledge and the challenges ahead.

DRAFT NATIONAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY LAW

In September, different civil society organisations met to complement the Proposal for a Climate Emergency Law to promote participation and motivate the awareness and mobilisation of civil society in the framework of prioritising the climate agenda in the current context. This proposal is promoted by the Bolivian Platform for Action against Climate Change, which comprises more than 50 civil society institutions and is supported by WWF Bolivia.



WORKSHOP: INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CRISIS



The Bolivian Platform Against Climate Change (PBFCC), in the framework of capacity building for adults and youth, conducted workshops in the municipalities of Ascención de Guarayos, Urubichá and Santo Corazón, department of Santa Cruz, from September 15 to 27. Topics addressed included indigenous peoples' rights, women's rights, their own norms and procedures and the climate crisis (causes, effects, and alternatives). The workshop was attended by environmental managers from the training program developed by CIPCA Santa Cruz, with the support of WWF Bolivia.



SMALL GRANT FUNDS

The small grant funds for NbS were launched in August, and now, in October, the 15 selected projects have been selected. These projects contemplate water management and quality actions, adaptation and resilience to climate change, and biodiversity conservation, focusing on sustainability and community participation. The selected organisations will implement their initiatives with the support of Fundación Socioambiental Semilla para desarrollar Iniciativas de Soluciones Basadas en la Naturaleza (WWF Bolivia).

[Full details here...](#)

NEXT-LEVEL GRANT FACILITY - NLGF

At the beginning of November, the calls for proposals were launched to access the opportunity and emergency funds through the Bolivian Platform against Climate Change (PBFCC). These funds aim to support initiatives and concrete activities of organisations, groups, individuals and/or legal entities in situations of vulnerability to climate change; for early action and emergency response, applications are currently open. [More information here...](#)



DIGITAL TOOLS AND WOMEN IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

The workshop "Use of Digital Tools to Strengthen Entrepreneurship and Reduce Women's Vulnerability to Climate Change" was held in October. This event covered topics such as financial education, basic cell phone photography and the use of digital tools in the municipality of Roboré through an alliance between the Departmental Government of Santa Cruz through the Departmental Climate Change Program in coordination with the Gender Department, the Bolivian Platform Against Climate Change (PBFCC), the Bolivian Platform for Action on Climate Change (PBACC), the Central Indigenous Chiquitana Amanecer Roboré (CICHAR) and with the support of WWF Bolivia.

PARTNER WORKSHOP AT VAC BOLIVIA - TELLING STORIES

We experienced an exciting partner workshop at VAC Bolivia a few days ago! More than 30 participants from different cities of the PACHA landscape (Pantanal Chaco) came together to dive into the world of Storytelling and photography. It was a day full of inspiration and learning, where our valued partners used a powerful tool to share their stories and achievements, demonstrating the positive impact we are making together. At VAC Bolivia, from WWF Bolivia, Fundación Avina and SouthSouthNorth, we believe in the power of stories to inspire and connect.



MIJAIL MASAI: A YOUNG BOLIVIAN ARRIVES AT RCOY IN COLOMBIA



The event, held October 9-11 in Bogota, brought together more than 300 young activists focused on driving meaningful change in the region, including Mijail Masai, one of the Bolivian spokespersons committed to climate action. Mijail Masai addressed crucial issues, from loss and damage to biodiversity, finance, and local climate agendas. His participation reflects not only individual determination but also the collective spirit of Latin American youth in defense of the environment.

FISHERMEN, FARMERS, AND BREEDERS IN KUPANG CITY AND KUPANG REGENCY, EAST NUSA TENGGARA, ARE THREATENED BY SEVERE WINDS AND DROUGHT



The impact of climate change on the livelihoods and way of life of every sector within East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) society is substantial. In addition, Kupang City and Kupang Regency are currently under a drought alert and have extremely low precipitation projections.

As per the results of a rapid assessment carried out by C4Ledger in two sites on September 2023, the El Nino phenomenon has significantly influenced the lives of individuals. [Read more...](#)

JOURNALISTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION

On Thursday, November 2nd, the C4Ledger Consortium and the Alliance of Independent Journalists (AJI) Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) had a theme discussion emphasising climate change. The room was filled with enthusiastic participants.

During the opening event, Djemi Amnifu, Chairman of AJI Kupang City, emphasised the importance of this activity to increase the competence of journalists in the region. He specifically mentioned NTT, a region that often experiences drought, which impacts every aspect of people's lives.

[Read more...](#)

INDONESIA

THE OCTOBER DECLARATION: A JOINT INITIATIVE TO ANTICIPATE FOR THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



The C4Ledger Consortium, one of the VCA Indonesia alliance partners, conducted joint discussions concerning El Nino and efforts towards climate resilience.

The October Declaration, an agreement and work commitment, was the outcome of the discussions that occurred from the 4th to the 5th of October. A collaborative commitment between parties on climate mitigation and adaptation in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) Province was sought to acquire an overview of El Nino and its impact on NTT Province due to climate change as perceived by various parties.

[Read more...](#)

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LINK'S MENTEES CHOSEN AS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE WARD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE COUNTY

KENYA

Knowledge is power, information is liberation and Education is the premise of progress. This summarises a success story about the blessing of Climate Change Coping and Adaptation Strategies among Young Women in Rusinga and Mfangano project accords through the County Climate Act 2021.



The nationwide development of the Ward Climate Change Planning Committee saw two women fronted and trained by Women's Empowerment Link (WEL) take the seat home to join the nine-person committee to address ward-based challenges brought about by climate change. Rose M'Kauta of Murongo Women Group from Mfangano and Victorine Atieno from Rusinga from Daughters of Zion Women Group were among the Women elected to their Wards.

These were women who initially would not have envisioned themselves in such spaces. However, they have developed a strong urge for transformation in their respective wards as they took on the mantle and mandate to influence change through the passed Bill. In partnership with Akina Mama Wa Afrika under the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) programme, WEL ensured that women's voices were equally heard in the decision-making spaces to advocate for climate justice in the devolved society. WEL is a great opportunity for society to address women's vulnerabilities in rural and low-income urban settlements by mitigating the effects of climate change and confronting other forms of injustice in the county.

The project aims to help women disproportionately affected by climate change due to socio-economic and political marginalisation. Moreover, WEL has played an important role in minimising ignorance due to lack of representation. The information gap among the marginalised in society has been unnerving, especially from county governments to women at the grassroots level. However, thanks to WEL's linkage, the flow of disseminated information has improved.

The programme has proven potent over the past year with motivated consistency in advocating for women's inclusion and representation in climate change mitigation and decision-making spaces at the ward and county levels.

Some of the roles the committee is mandated with include coming up with the ward adaptation plan, participating in county planning and budget activities and supporting the community in developing climate change proposals.

With voted confidence, WEL nominees nominated into the Ward Climate Change Planning committee will positively impact the community, especially after WEL has been at the forefront to ensure that the people do not down their tools until the fight for climate justice is achieved.

WEL expressed their gratitude and have faith that the women will undertake the duties entrusted to them by the committee and will keep on the fight for climate justice.

BIOCULTURAL EXCHANGE IN THE PARAGUAYAN CHACO



Puerto Casado. More than 80 indigenous beekeepers, artisans, and horticulturists participated in the “Chaco/Pantanal Biocultural Exchange Days” from September 13th to 15th in Puerto Casado, Alto Paraguay.

Under the motto “Intertwining cultures and territorial management strategies to foster indigenous and rural communities resilient to the effects of climate change”, participants sought solutions to strengthen, train, and empower organisations at the national and international levels. [Read more...](#)

DRINKING WATER FOR REMANSITO

Presidente Hayes.

The organisation Pro Indigenous Communities (PCI) built an ecological drinking water plant in the town of Remansito. The goal is to continue their research on optimising ecological systems for drinking water for indigenous and rural communities in the Chaco.



This system uses biofilters with layers of stone, sand, gravel and macerated charcoal to provide drinking water without having to use chemicals such as sulfate. Additionally, the organisation emphasised that the low cost of installing, operating and maintaining the filtration system allows it to reach more communities effectively.

PARAGUAY

TESTIMONIES FROM LOCAL PARTNERS



In this video, local partners share their diverse actions and approaches to address the negative impacts of climate change. Their testimonies cover topics such as nature-based solutions, indigenous knowledge, environmental education, climate finance, active youth participation, and critical media's importance.

These testimonies provide compelling evidence of how VCA's network of partners functions as a strong support system, building a multiplier effect that facilitates the expansion of these valuable initiatives to different localities, multiplying its influence and reach at national level and beyond.

The testimonies were collected during the 2nd VCA Partners Meeting in July.

LET'S LISTEN TO STORIES FROM THE CHACO



Chaco Central. The alternative media outlet El Otro País (The Other Country) made a series of publications about indigenous peoples and the significance of the role of women in the fight for their territories and the preservation of their language in two communities: El Estribo and Abisai. The cases are presented in a series of narrative chronicles accompanied by podcasts and short reel-type videos on social media.

The materials recount stories linked to the defence of environmental rights in the face of climate change from the perspective of native cultures. The following women are the protagonists of the stories: Lina López Gómez, leader of the Palo Santo community of the Enxet Sur Town of El Estribo in Irala Fernández and Cintia Davalos, leader of the Abisai community of the Manjui town in Mariscal Estigarribia. [Read more...](#)



"I don't believe there are activities women cannot do only because we're women. If we have purpose and motivation, there is nothing we can't achieve."

Ursulina Figueredo (39), park ranger of the Ybycuí National Park..

WOMEN ON THE CHACO TRAILS

Boquerón. The Paraguayan Organisation for Conservation and Sustainable Development (OPADES) organised the first Trails Camp for Women.



The activity occurred in the National Park 'Teniente Agripino Enciso', from October 23rd to 27th. [Read more...](#)

THE AMAZON AND THE CHACO MEET



Maranhao, Brasil.

In September, the Avina Foundation and Emancipa, SSN's local partner in Paraguay, accompanied the meeting of VCA partner organisations in Brazil.

Through this experience, these organisations learned more about the initiatives implemented in the Amazon. The experience also served as a platform to identify actions that could be shared to collaboratively promote the work in the Chaco.

Gelga Guainer, a young leader of the Western Guaraní people and member of the Articulation of Indigenous Women of Paraguay (MIPY), also participated in the event. She spoke about the work done by MIPY to promote young leadership and indigenous women's leadership.

AN INTERVIEW WITH BOCHRA TABOUBI, WHO DISPLAYED HER EXHIBITION AT OUR RESISTANCE ART FESTIVAL IN TUNISIA.

Bochra Taboubi (b. 1993) was one of the artists on display at the **Resistance Climate and Art Festival** from October 1 to 7 at Gabes Oasis in Tunisia.



Supported by Hivos' Voices Just Climate Action programme, the festival hosted artists who use different art forms to discuss the meaning of **climate justice**. Bochra's exhibit 'Cluster of Matter' takes visitors to the mining town of Métlaoui, once a rich site for fossils, but now a devastated landscape because of phosphate mining. [Read more...](#)

DJERBA: RESTORING «FSEGUI», A RESPONSE TO WATER SCARCITY

For years, daily life on the island of Djerba has been punctuated by water cuts. In response to global warming and water stress, the Association Jlij for the Marine Environment has invested in restoring fsegui, public water cisterns dating from the colonial era. [Read more...](#)



ARTISTIC BOOTCAMP SEPTEMBER 2023

"Danseurs Citoyens Sud" orchestrated a socially significant art boot camp that unfolded from September 11 to 17, 2023, at NO Name Artistic Studio Lab. Central to this immersive experience was the overarching theme of "climate justice," with a particular focus on addressing the environmental challenges faced by marginalised areas. What made this initiative even more powerful was the collaboration with influential organisations such as "Hivos," the "Collective Creative" association, the "Stop Pollution" movement, and the "Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment." [Read more...](#)

PANEL DISCUSSION: ENGAGING ART IN THE CLIMATE JUSTICE CAUSE

On the 6th of October 2023, an insightful panel discussion took place at the secondary venue of Danseurs Citoyens Sud in Jara Gabes, centred around the theme "Engaging Art in the Climate Justice Cause." This event served as a platform for addressing the critical issue of climate justice through the lens of art and culture. [Read more...](#)

TUNISIA

RESISTANCE CLIMATE AND ART FESTIVAL TUNISIA: AFTERMOVIE



Hivos organised The Resistance Climate and Art Festival in the Tunisian city of Gabes, known for its oasis. The festival was organised together with **DCS - Danseurs Citoyens Sud**, **#stoppollutionmovement**, **Collectif Créatif Tunis** and the Observatory for Food Sovereignty and Environment. During the festival, participants showcased their work and discussed the meaning of climate justice.

Watch a theatre group from the town of Hajeb el Ayoun perform a dystopian play about how water scarcity plagues their homes.

VIDEO 2D (LOCAL CLIMATE PLANNING)



This video defines Local Climate Planning and explains its importance.

CAMP TABARKA AND 3EJJA CLIMATIQUE CAMP (BORJ CEDRIA)



Partnership with VCA partners Hivos-AMWA (TYI-FinaKlima- OSAE- APEDDUP), ATPNE Korba.

A video recap of the adventure in Tabarka Melloula on October 7th and 8th.

PARTNERSHIP WITH "HOULOUL" PROJECT (SPECIALISED IN WRITING POLICY BRIEFS AND PAPERS)



Forging a collaborative alliance with an entire project proves more advantageous than relying solely on an individual expert.

This preference is rooted in the renowned reputation of the Houلول team within the environmental sphere in Tunisia, ensuring their valuable assistance in advocacy efforts. [See more...](#)

WORKSHOP ON ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION WITH "I WATCH" ORGANISATION

"I Watch" is recognised as a prominent organisation dedicated to promoting information access in Tunisia, particularly in the fight against corruption. Essential details extracted from their resources have been incorporated into the policy paper. [See more...](#)



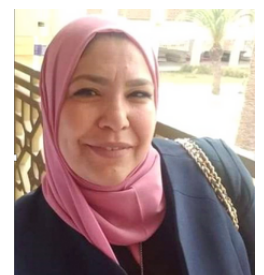
PARTNERSHIP WITH YALUNA MAGAZINE

Yalune is an online platform that disseminates information to the Tunisian audience, including environmental content across their social media, website, Instagram and TikTok. This collaboration involves the creation of two awareness posts regarding access to environmental information and one informative video.

MEETING WITH PARLIAMENT DEPUTIES IN TUNIS AND PARTICIPATING IN A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTIES AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS IN KEF

"I have established clear and regular communication channels with the project team members, external partners, and local stakeholders"

- Imen Jebri Said, "Resilient Cities Project Coordinator, Beja City



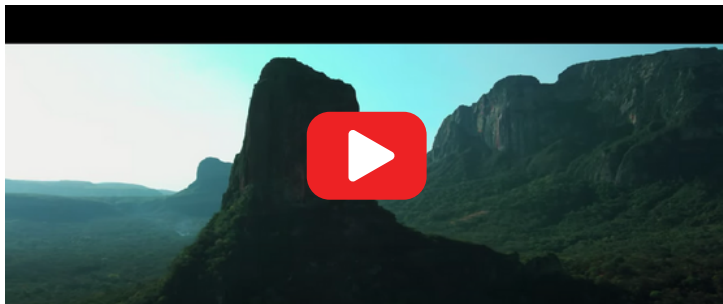
STORIES OF CHANGE



Quidian Román Samaricha, Ana María Tomichá, Marisol Román and Dayana Espinoza travel on foot every day to the mountain range where they grew up: Motacusito. **Read more...**



Nardy Velasco and her fight for natural resources. She is from San Manuel community in Roboré - Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



Women and water in the PACHA landscape: Pantanal - Chaco. A place that was struggling with water problems.



Halima Omri, a 45-year-old local farmer from the Kesra region in Siliana, North West Tunisia, currently heads the Women's Group for Agriculture Development (WGAD) named "El Amal" for two terms. **Read more...**

LOCAL PARTNER ROUNDUP



The "Fe.Na.Klima- Gender & Climate Finance in Tunisia" project, initiated by the Tunisian Youth Impact Association (TYI), seeks to evaluate the connection between local stakeholders involved in climate financing at the local level, with a specific focus on rural women.



Nawaat, as a local partner contracted under SSN in the VCA programme, aims to contribute to the involvement of the most impacted and underrepresented communities in climate just solutions for Tunisia.

Using creative concepts, Nawaat is the leading independent media in Tunisia with an extensive track record in creating alternative media narratives related to social movements, environmental preservation, and human rights and has a proven track record of mobilising the right partners and communities for creative storytelling and amplifying voices around pressing social issues.

The story of Sharon Kamau from Women's Empowerment Link highlights the critical role that communication officers play in addressing the intersection of climate change and vulnerable communities.

In her collaboration with Akina Mama wa Afrika, Sharon is actively engaged in the "Climate Change, Coping, and Adaptation Strategies among Young Women in Rusinga and Mfangano Islands Project". She is a beacon of positive change, illustrating how communication can be a powerful tool for empowerment and resilience in the face of global challenges.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

A NEWSLETTER TO CONNECT PARTNERS



Asunción. Emancipa Paraguay, SouthSouthNorth's (SSN) local partner, launched its first local newsletter. This edition summarises news about achievements and activities locally in Paraguay between September and October 2023.

The newsletter is written in Spanish and provided in PDF format. The aim is to reach greater visibility to the VCA, work with and connect local partners, enhance capabilities, and facilitate alliances between organisations. [Download this publication.](#)

MISAHAT PODCAST EPISODES FROM THE ARTISTIC BOOTCAMP

- **Physical expression and theatre at the service of environmental causes**
- **The importance of Visual Arts in depicting the environmental dilemma with a plug**
- **Performing Arts and their role in translating pressing issues**
- **Photography as a creative and fact-revealing work**
- **The role of art and citizenship in raising environmental issues**

GUIDE FOR LOCAL ACTORS IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND GENDER



This guide has been developed by the Tunisian Youth Impact Association under the Fe. Na Klima project, "Gender and Climate Finance in Tunisia," in collaboration with Akina Mama wa Africa as part of the VCA programme. Tailored specifically for local partners, it aims to deepen their understanding of climate change and gender dynamics, equipping local communities with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for climate justice. The guide comprehensively covers information on how local civil societies can access climate funds, particularly benefiting rural and Asian women and enhancing their resilience in the face of climate change. Stay updated as the guide is soon launched; follow us on Tunisian Youth Impact's **social media channels** for more information.

POLICY BRIEF ON LOCAL CLIMATE PLANNING



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POLICY PAPER ON THE ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



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ARTICLE: LOCAL CLIMATE PLANNING IN TUNISIA



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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PAST EVENTS

- **October:** Art, feminism and climate justice in Brazil - Hivos and its Voices for Just Climate Action (**VCA**) partners organised a climate festival in São Luís do Maranhão, bordering the Amazon rainforest. **Read more...**
- **November:** National meeting of indigenous youth for forests: Integrating youth in the sustainable management of forests.
- **November:** Forum "Building Climate Narratives: Challenges and Opportunities with an inclusive view".
- **November:** National meeting of indigenous women - CNAMIB

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 November - 3 December: Food Sovereignty and Environment journey

The Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment organises its fourth Food Sovereignty and Environment Days (JOSAE) and invites you to participate actively.

The JOSAE is a five-day, four-night trip with the participation of activists, researchers, journalists and students. Starting from Tunis, passing through Zaghouan and arriving in Tamerza, the JOSAE will follow a unique itinerary that offers the ideal conditions for mutually enriching meetings between participants, actors, and actors from the rural world, first and foremost, peasants. Throughout this journey we aim to bring participants to observe and analyse closely the environmental problems related to agriculture, food security and the climate emergency.



On the program, we will have round tables around experts, activists and peasants, including producers engaged in agroecology, artists and journalists, screenings- debates, conferences in the presence of researchers and activists engaged in the «struggles» for food sovereignty, as well as workshops, exhibitions (Photos, local seeds, agricultural products...) and meetings with local actors.

The event will take place over 5 days and 4 nights from November 29 to December 3, 2023.

December: Forum "Sustainable finance and entrepreneurship: Perspectives for a green future".

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VCA is set to effect the amplification of locally-shaped climate action and play a pivotal role in the global climate debate. For more information about the programme, our agenda, and how to collaborate with us or if you have inspiration or tips, please contact us at info@voicesforclimateaction.org or visit our website - www.voicesforjustclimateaction.org.

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