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## Intergenerational Conversations towards Systemic Transformations for Achieving Climate Justice

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# Plenary Session

## About the Session

We live in an evolving and progressive young world, wherein one out of every six people belong to the age group of 15-24 years. It is critical that we work with youth through each and every opportunity that can trigger strong intergenerational conversations that further resonate social and environmental awareness, ushering a new paradigm of change. To support sentiments of an ever-growing population of young people, we as responsible adults need to feel the pulse of youth, and provide supportive platforms to facilitate their expressions about contemporary policies and political decisions. Embarking on the journey of learning about climate change and bringing a paradigm shift in the behaviour of individuals, it is pertinent that they should be equipped with skill sets that are holistic and inclusive of the right values and attitudes that empower them to contribute to sustainable development. Intergenerational dialogues have an important role to play in this context, wherein pooling of experiences of elderly generations is balanced by a zeal and commitment of the energetic young population. This session reinforces the relevance of such forums as a safe haven for youth to engage in constructive dialogues and action leading towards environment improvement. The session has successfully made an attempt to strengthen global citizenship competencies /education and the important role played by youth's agency, communication, value for culture and diversity. It highlighted practices of including youth voices and choice in global learning spaces.

## Speakers

### Opening Remarks

- Mr Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan, New Delhi
- Mr Vincenzo De Luca, Ambassador of Italy to India, New Delhi

### Moderator

- Dr Livleen Kahlon, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute

### Youth Leadership Addresses

- Ms Vanessa Nakate, Climate Activist, Uganda
- Ms Laura De Vries, European Climate Pact Ambassador in Netherlands
- Ms Ridhima Pandey, Climate Activist, India
- Mr Arun Krishnamurthy, Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India

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## Actionable Messages

**Message 1:** Climate justice should have the heart of the people and should have the community involved. Any climate solutions proposed in a particular region or community should involve the leaders or the elders or the chiefs in those communities, because those people know the solutions that they need. It should move beyond technologies, and data points and statistics.

**Message 2:** Most of the global issues such as climate change, or poverty does not come in silos. Therefore, the first step towards any change will be to break these shackles, mingle with people, understand what they are talking about, exchange viewpoints, and then collectively come to an action plan. Hence, an intergenerational dialogue becomes a very important part of the collective action.

**Message 3:** Any policy, especially those on climate justice, should take generational justice into account. In this regard, a generational test on policy is really important because when policy is tested on long-term effects and suitability for the future, it is ensured that the policy is fit for the future generations, as well.

**Message 4:** Governments and policymakers really have to listen to the different voices from the ground, whether it is the youth or indigenous communities. It should not be one-sided, i.e., just the youth speaking and the policymakers not really listening to them. A person experiencing the perils of climate changes and impact of carbon emissions will be able to provide a better account of the issues, and thus can become an important part of the solution.

**Message 5:** A very important way to deal with the climate crisis is to use a language or tone while communicating the subject in a manner where the common man and woman would understand the climate crisis better. There is a large potential in communicating climate change which is not boring, does not look like a green wash, in a manner where logic and science can be embedded with cultural knowledge to ensure that we have the larger population involved in the solution.

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**Mr Ugo Astuto,  
Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan**

“ We have to influence the way we consume, the way we live, the way we use our resources and the role of the young generation and their participation to the process students becomes important. We want to encourage, we want to promote, and we want to have dialogue with young people.

**Mr Vincenzo De Luca  
Ambassador of Italy to India, New Delhi**

“ The first step towards any change is to break these shackles, mingle with people, understand what they are talking about, put forward your viewpoint and then come to a collective action because earth problems do not come in silos. When there is a problem, it impacts the entire globe and therefore, when the solutions are looked at, they have to be connected.

**Dr Livleen Kahlon,  
Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute**

“ Climate justice is about the people and the planet, the same way climate change is more than just statistics and data points and net zero targets. It is about the people, because we have to move beyond the statistics of what is happening to what is actually affecting people's lives. It has to have the heart of the people within the solution.

**Ms Vanessa Nakate,  
Climate Activist, Uganda**

“ I sincerely believe that systemic change can only be achieved when we as humankind come together. If you really want to achieve our sustainability goals, we really have to change our mindset because it is simply not a problem we can solve alone.

**Ms Laura De Vries  
European Climate Pact Ambassador in Netherlands**

“ There are a lot of expectations from us but no one tends to have these same expectations from the government itself or no one seems to be asking governments the questions that they have been asking us. No one thinks why the youth is leaving their schools in the first place, are skipping their time from studying and becoming an activist, fighting against government policies or fighting for their rights.

**Ms Ridhima Pandey,  
Climate Activist, India**

“ Modern sophistication and more has meant that there is disconnect between the human and the planet, and we have got one step further there is disconnect between the human and the being himself or herself and this is where the problem lies. We have just become walking talking consumers which is adding to the climate crisis and it is no way slowing the process.

**Mr Arun Krishnamurthy,  
Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India**

# Narrative

## Opening Remarks

### **Mr Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan**

For once, we have balanced gender representation from women in the ministerial among the ministerial speakers. It is a particular pleasure to participate in to open this session where young people will discuss the topical issue of climate justice. I think I state the obvious by saying that the youth is a major stakeholder in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss.

Let me also recall here another initiative that has the same objectives of the one we are participating today. The European Climate Pact which provides a space for people across all walks of life to connect and to develop climate solutions, be they big or small. And today, we have an ambassador of European Climate Pact among us. We all realize that addressing climate change requires more than the regular government to government, high level climate negotiations and the COP26 by itself did not solve the climate crisis but it did keep the objectives of the Paris Agreement within reach which is an important achievement.

At Glasgow, we set ourselves three major objectives:

- 1) To ensure global emissions cut that keep global warming well below 2 degrees while aiming for 1.5 degrees.
- 2) To close the gap of the USD 100 billion climate finance goal while ramping up support for adaptation
- 3) To complete the Paris rulebook so that we can keep track of the progress and we can hold countries to account on that progress.

It is fair to say that on all these three accounts Glasgow has achieved press. I am sure you will argue this is not enough and I am afraid you are right, there is indeed a lot of work still to be done, a lot of work to keep a global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius. We are not yet there. We need to implement the promises made in Glasgow as rapidly as possible including when it comes to international finance and we need to continue to work with our international partners aiming high, having high level of ambition.

We see on the positive side that the transition is happening. The countries still planning huge investment in fossil fuels. They are starting to realize that there are huge risks of ending up with expensive stranded assets. The clean energy transition can also be an economic opportunity besides improving equality and lowering import dependency. It is clear that no country can tackle alone the climate challenge or biodiversity loss and I am glad to say that the European Union is working closely with India, specifically in the area of energy efficiency, renewables, sustainable finance, and climate mitigation and adaptation. Both the European Union and India, we have set for ourselves very ambitious renewable energy targets for the next 10 years and we shall demonstrate that strong government goals can drive innovation in our economies and can contribute to reaching the Paris Agreement goals more than anyone else.

The youth will be affected by the impact of climate change, so it is important that the youth also has the opportunity to speak up and to act as a constant spur to action. We need to be ambitious, we need to take action now for the sake of the future of the planet, for our own future as a species. The title of today's session is well chosen. We definitely need intergenerational conversations. We need a systematic transformation and the change of paradigm in our economic models. It is a challenge but I think it is clear to all that the cost of inaction is even higher.

Thank you all.

## Opening Remarks

### **Mr Vincenzo De Luca, Ambassador of Italy to India**

I am glad to open the youth plenary in the context of the World Sustainable Development Summit 2022, towards the resilient planet.

Last year, we launched for the first time a session dedicated to youth in light of the Italian engagement on young participation in the climate agenda in the COP26 and thanks to the drive of the delegation of the European Union here in India, ultimately represented here by a dear colleague of mine, Ambassador Ugo Astuto. In Milan, some of the participants attended the Youth Climate Summit. We try to give an opportunity to young generation from all over the world to raise their voices. Of course, there are very well-known faces in the fight against climate change movement like Ms Greta Thunberg, or Ms Vanessa Nakate who is here, or Ms Ridhima Pandey, but there are millions of young people who want to associate their voice and their commitment to the fight against climate change, because in Milan, we had 400 young people from 189 countries. The fact that young generation takes part in the process is very

important because it is sure that first of all, commitment is from the government to take action, they have to set targets. We hope that targets will be more and more stringent. But after government, there is a responsibility of the civil society. Young generation is the pillar of civil society, all over the world. It is true that there is a government responsibility, a social responsibility, but there is also an individual responsibility in fighting against climate change and if you want to join all these commitments, we need to raise awareness all over the world.

Also in the economic sector, there are targets established by the government, there is also a reason of competitiveness, but it is also true that we have to influence consumption. We have to influence the way we consume, the way we live, the way we use our resources and the role of the young generation and their participation to the process becomes important. We want to encourage, we want to promote, and we want to have dialogue with young people.

The possibility that young people from all over the world have an opportunity where they can discuss with each other and then, they can discuss with the governments that are ultimately responsible for the climate change policy, is a very important step in the process of environment protection. I am proud to tell you that this year Italy has chosen the permanent part of sustainability incorporating environmental protection in our constitution; that means it is not just a policy of a government, it is a policy of the state, and it is a policy of the people, which is important. This is what we want to try to achieve all over the world and I hope also this summit can contribute.

Thank you so much!

### **Moderator**

#### ***Dr Livleen Kahlon, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute***

Thank you His Excellencies, Mr Ugo Astuto and Mr Vincenzo De Luca. Always a pleasure to be connected with such imminent dignitaries who have stayed committed to the cause of youth and climate change for a long period of time now. I will come straight to the topic of today's discussion which is the youth plenary and under the theme of intergenerational conversations towards systemic transformation for achieving climate justice. What bigger tribute could be to the cause of youth when we have with us youth representing themselves, representing their thought, representing their viewpoint of what they feel about climate change and yes, it is very important that the world needs to stay connected and the generations have to stay connected too. Most of the time we work in silos, we create our own working groups with people with whom we are comfortable because we get the same vibes, we are from the same era and we think alike. The first step towards any change is to break these shackles, mingle with people, understand what they are talking about, put forward your viewpoint and then come to a collective action because earth problems do not come in silos. When there is a problem, it impacts the entire globe and therefore, when the solutions are looked at, they have to be connected and I congratulate the organizers of WSDS for coming up with this novel.

Without much due may I welcome our eminent youth speakers, we have with us:

- 1.) Ms Vanessa Nakate, Climate Activist, Uganda.
- 2.) Ms Laura de Vries, European Climate Pact Ambassador in Netherlands.
- 3.) Ms Ridhima Pandey, Climate Activist, India.
- 4.) Mr Arun Krishnamurthy, Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India.

So a warm welcome to all of you and for the benefit of our audience let me tell you the flow of the next 15-20 minutes. We will give the flow to each of our participants to put forward their viewpoint on the topic and after that we will put in some common questions concerns to all of them and let us get into more conversation mode and looking at the questions that come up on the chat box. We will connect our audience to the speakers and then move forward to the next part of the session which is the recognitions and awards to youth who have made a difference. So with this, a pleasure to welcome Ms Vanessa Nakate from Uganda, the floor is yours. Please tell us what you feel about the concept of climate justice, how it is approached and how solutions are found out within your networks, so that we are able to learn from what you are doing best. Welcome to you Vanessa.

### **Youth Leadership Address**

#### ***Ms Vanessa Nakate, Climate Activist, Uganda***

I am happy to be here and to speak with all the incredible youth activists here and I own and appreciate the work that you are all doing. My name is Vanessa Nakate. I am a climate justice activist from Kampala in Uganda and this is a country that has one of the fastest changing climates in the world and we have seen the different climate disasters unfold in different parts of the country, from floods to landslides to droughts and affecting so many people's lives. And, yesterday I was watching the news and talking about a certain region in Kasanda, and the sides of interior where the

heavy rainfall destroyed schools and homes and people's farms and animals, and people were left with nothing and they were having a cry out for help for their communities, for food, for water and this is not just happening in Uganda, this is happening across the African continent, across the Global South. We are seeing the climate disasters affect so many people in some of the worst ways possible. We have seen the recent flooding in Brazil that left over 78 people dead and many people's property, houses destroyed. Recently, tropical storm Ana in southern Africa that affected so many people and led to the death of so many people, and literally two weeks later, we saw cyclone Batsurai affect Madagascar and leaving so many people affected.

So, it is evident that the climate crisis is already happening but it is also evident that youth activists, young people from different parts of the world are not silent. It is evident that they are rising up and demanding for a future that is sustainable, a future that is liveable and equitable for all of us. But as young people organize in our specific countries, be it the different projects that we do, be it the strikes that we do, we cannot do this by ourselves. Many times, young people have been given the responsibility to make this world a better place but I always say we have done our part; we have always been asked questions like what else should young people do after the COP26? What new methods should they use? And I think that young people have done everything, we have done everything that we can and the right questions should be directed to the leaders or the right question to ask us would be – What will it take for leaders to listen?

And our answer is always the same 'political will', because the resources are there to address the climate crisis. We have everything needed to address the climate crisis but if there is no political will from leaders and governments, then we cannot have climate justice. We had COP26 in Glasgow, a few months ago and we saw that the government of United Kingdom consigned culture history with other countries but a few weeks later we saw H.E Mr Boris Johnson, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, massively give permission to massively expand a coal mine in Wales. We have seen the U.K give permission or green light for a new oil and gas field in the North Sea and considering six more developments. We have seen the EU consider natural gas sustainable and allowing investments that could go into clean energy, to go into dirty gas. We know that we cannot eat coal, we cannot drink oil, and we cannot breathe so-called natural gas.

So as young people, we have done our part but what are the leaders doing? How many times are we going to attend conferences, attend events and talk about some things, so it will take political will and when it comes to the intergenerational kind of conversation, I feel like in that conversation, it is the young people doing their part but what are older generation doing? We need them to advance climate justice, to advance climate action in our communities, and to me what climate justice really is– it is not just about solar panels, it is not just about tree planting campaigns. Climate justice is about the people and the planet, the same way climate change is more than statistics and data points and net zero targets. It is about the people, because we have to move beyond the statistics of what is happening to what is actually affecting people's lives, so even when it comes to climate justice it should be beyond installation of solar or tree planting campaigns. It has to have the heart of the people within the solution.

If we are talking about tree planting campaigns, will doing these campaigns mean that indigenous communities are going to lose their land. If they are, then that is not climate justice. If we are talking about advancement of electric vehicles, if EVs are going to lead to more violence and child labour in countries where the minerals for these vehicles are mined, then that is not climate justice because it means a small group of people is benefiting from the electric vehicles while another group of people is suffering because of the same solution. So to me, climate justice should have the heart of the people and should have the community involved. You cannot just carry a climate solution to our community without involving the leaders or the elders or the chiefs in those communities; that is needed for climate justice because those people know the solutions that they need, but many times we see solutions being suggested but not all these solutions work for our communities.

So it is important to have not just the intergenerational kind of conversation whereby everyone does their part, and like I say the young people are already doing their part, but even the leaders to do their part in advancing climate justice and if it is climate justice, it has to include the heart of the people and we always have to ask ourselves, if we are proposing this solution for this community– Who is benefiting from it? Who is getting harmed by it? Because even with solar you find that the people who are providing that solar they are providing it in communities, that cannot even afford the solar because it is expensive. I have read articles that talk about solar plants being constructed and installed in communities but then the people who live near those the solar installations they do not even have electricity they do not benefit from it that is for a few privileged people. So climate justice should have the heart of the people, it should include everyone and climate justice is also listening to the voices of those from the most affected areas because it is important to listen to every story, to listen to every experience, to listen to every voice, people need to know that every activist has a story to tell and every story has a solution to given, every solution has a life to change. So

climate justice is possible. Another world is possible, it is necessary but it will only be possible and we can only achieve it if we have a real intergenerational conversation where everyone does their part and we have climate justice that is not just about these technologies but also has the heart of the people and communities on the ground.

Thank you!

### **Youth Leadership Address**

#### ***Ms Laura de Vries, European Climate Pact Ambassador in Netherlands***

Thank you so much Vanessa for your very inspiring speech. I sincerely believe that systemic change can only be achieved when we as humankind come together. If you really want to achieve our sustainability goals, we really have to change our mindset because it is simply not a problem we can solve alone. If one country does really well and others do not, for example, because they do not have the means, the first country will still be affected by climate change, therefore it is crucial that we work together with each other, as countries across borders, but also as companies, governments and citizens.

Also, I really feel like the root cause of our problems is our lack of long-term thinking and empathy with each other, because in my opinion we sometimes forget that we are one species, human kind, and therefore, cannot be satisfied when there are humans across borders that are in a situation of distress and cannot be happy when the need of the one is at the expense of the other and therefore, it is crucial that we have more sharing, more talking, more connecting as humanity.

For me climate justice is about four aspects:

Number one, **generational justice**. As youngsters, we are the generations that will have to live with the consequences of climate change that is why it is only logical that we can participate in this discussion about the action that is being taken. After all, today's choices determine the world of tomorrow. It also goes for policy. We simply do not have the time to feel regarding climate action and therefore, it is really important that also in policy, generational justice is taken in account. It is why I even find a generational test on policy is really important because when policy is tested on long-term effects and suitability for the future, we make sure that policy does not have negative side effects for future generations and therefore, does not have to change in a few years because it does not fit the future.

Secondly, **justice across borders** because countries really have to make sure that they see themselves as one humanity and work together, share knowledge because we really have to do it together with each other, we cannot do it alone.

Also, thirdly, **justice within your country** because we really also have to take each other in account, so the companies have to take in account the citizens and the citizens have to take in account the workers and the companies and so on. We really have to take each other in account and hold each other accountable also that goes for the government, companies and for civilians.

And lastly, **inclusion**, because we really have to make sure that anybody can contribute to, and feels involved with climate transition and sustainability transition such as persons from rural areas and cities, people with less money, people with more money, white people, people of color, men and women. Because it is crucial that everybody can take part because if they cannot, we really have a problem with each other because we have to do with each other, we need everyone, we need everyone's knowledge, we need everyone's involvement. It is so crucial that we do this together and have empathy with each other and learn free from each other and we really, as humankind, cannot allow us ourselves to be not connected in solving this issue so I really want to stress the importance of working together as humankind.

Thank you!

### **Youth Leadership Address**

#### ***Ms Ridhima Pandey, Climate Activist, India***

Thank you so much for having me today. It is a pleasure and I can say I mean I have been listening to Vanessa and listening to Laura as well. Speeches by youth leaders seem very similar because what we talk about is the real challenge, talking about all the voices being heard. It is really important and talking about indigenous communities, talking about our struggles, talking about how kids are getting affected, talking about why people expect us youths to bring up the change. I have heard this thing a lot that, "We want kids like you to come up", "we want more kids like you", and "you guys are going to shape the future" and phrases like that but it is good that you are appreciating us but at the same time no one thinks why the youth is leaving their schools in the first place, are skipping their time from studying and

becoming an activist, fighting against government policies or fighting for their rights in the first place. They have their rights and should be given to them without all these struggles.

These comments does not really matter to us and at the same time, people are not that aware because recently I was reading about this arsenic pollution in India which affects approximately 230 million people which is a lot but to be honest I myself did not know about it. So I feel like it is important for everyone to understand this thing that people expect a lot from us, as Vanessa said. There are a lot of expectations from us but no one tends to have these same expectations from the government itself or no one seems to be asking governments the questions that they have been asking us.

It is really important for all of us to come together because at the very end, for me, I feel like we have to create this ideal world where kids do not have to go through what we guys have been going through today. They do not have to skip their school, strike for their rights, or they should not have to come out to make the older generation understand that we are not the only ones living on this planet and we need the environment, we need this whole ecosystem to survive. So I feel like all these things are really important and at the very same time no one alone can bring up the change.

There has to be the governments or the policy makers, who have to understand that they have to give the youth, their voice and they have to listen. It should not be just us speaking and them not listening, because that is not going to change the way things are going on. If they really consider this crisis seriously, I feel and I believe that the most important thing is listening to all the voices, whether it is from the youth perspective, whether it is from the indigenous communities or whether it is from those who are most impacted, like the poor people on the streets, and having their representation because at the end of the day, they are going to be the one telling their struggles. A wealthy person or a minister living out there does not know how that person stays like living in the pollution today in Delhi, breathing that air every single day. They are the only ones who can tell us how it feels to them and what they want to change.

At the same time, I feel like giving every person a chance to express their opinion could bring up a change and at the very end, it is a world we all have to share. So we all have to come together and we have to set common goals in terms of what we really want and we have to keep aside the misunderstood development that we all are considering today and just think about, if we can take it a little slow and think about how to survive first and just learn how to respect the environment around us and then taking things forward, could be the ideal for me.

Thank you.

### **Youth Leadership Address**

#### ***Mr Arun Krishnamurthy, Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India***

Thank you for the kind introduction. My greetings and salutations to the ambassadors and my fellow panellists and to all those who are watching. I bring to you a very simple story that of a common man from suburban, Chennai in South India. An urban water body, which once was a fresh water source being dumped with non-degradable trash, construction debris and to be built upon over a period of time only because of urban expansion. This meant that a habitat got killed, all dependent life forms including the human form was affected negatively in one way or the other. Now the population in this neighbourhood had a compulsion because there was non-degradable trash that was being generated and there was no waste management solution which meant the waste had to be dumped somewhere and then the easiest target was a drying water body simply because the monsoons failed. When the monsoons failed, when the water body dries up, it is nothing but a large public land where one can use it for multiple purposes. But then when the rains happen and when the rains happen in the form of a new normal not like how it used to in the past. There is excess water a lot of rain in a very short time and the water body which was drying up, which is now being dumped with garbage and debris has no space to store this water, which means there is inundation, flooding, loss of life, damage to property and more.

Climate change is a far-fetched topic in ground reality for many individuals like me simply because climate change or climate crisis and its communication is where I see the flaw to be, simply because we are not speaking the language or the tone or the subject in a manner in which the common man and woman would understand the climate crisis. The larger crisis within climate change for me more than everything else that everybody has pointed out is the gap in communication. Why are we not able to reach out to the last or the first citizen in the grassroots? Even today as we speak garbage that is being generated being burnt or consumption patterns that are changing cultural practices which once definitely put in sustainable livelihoods are now being wiped out. All of this is only increasing the climate risk and it is not in no way reducing it and we have a global pattern and we have one form of how all of us have to live.

The amount of garbage we generate or the 'use and throw' practice or forgetting cultural grounded roots which ones definitely prescribe better sustainable means and this is where we have a larger role in communicating climate change effectively in a manner where it is not boring, in a manner where it does not look like a green wash, in a manner where logic and science can be embedded with cultural knowledge to ensure that we have the larger population involved in the solution and not the problem.

That's exactly where we are focusing on fresh water habitats: lakes and ponds of India. Take India as a country for example with acute water shortages in many parts of the country not just in the recent past but over several years. But cultural and local practices meant that there were localized solutions ranging from the step wells of Western India to the temple tanks of South India to the large agrarian lakes that were set up across this country based on need and that actually brought in a culture, a discipline to live in harmony with nature. Over a period of time, modern sophistication and more has meant that there is disconnect between the human and the planet, and we have got one step further there is disconnect between the human and the being himself or herself and this is where the problem lies. We need to get the larger population to explore, experience thereby evolve into the human being once again. We have just become walking talking consumers which is adding to the climate crisis and it is no way slowing the process. And, my humble request to all those who are watching: look at individual solutions and when many individuals bring onto the table a solution they would definitely be a global change. Let us not look for or wait for a global solution, which would penetrate to the last mile; probably from the first mile or the zero mile will have to start for us to reach our destination which is justice to all life forms, which is a planet that focuses on sustainability, which is simply harmonious co-existence with all life forms.

I thank you all for patiently listening and I thank the organizers for giving me this opportunity. Look forward to volunteering with all of you not just for India's environment for the globe over from local platforms.

Thank you!