

# **PEOPLES' FORUM FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

## **PROGRAM SYNTHESIS**

**22- 25 June**  
**Basel, Switzerland**

*\*Languages spoken in the panels and workshops include English, Spanish, French and German. Most spaces will have English interpretation. In some cases we will try to have German, French and/or Spanish as well. [Source languages spoken by at least one speaker in the panel are specified. Extra output languages that we will try to interpret are specified in brackets. Interpretation languages depend on capacity and might vary] If you are a multilingual speaker, don't hesitate to reach out and help with volunteer interpretation!*

### **Thursday 22 June 2023**

**9:30am – Welcome coffee and get together & Ritual**

Location: Main hall

**10:00am – Opening plenary. Why Basel. Why us - Introduction to the Peoples' Forum for Climate Justice and Financial Regulation**

This plenary wishes to introduce the Peoples' Forum, its aims and stakes. Besides European environmental activists and NGOs specialized in finance, more than ten delegates from occupied and global south territories resisting extractivism and fossil expansion will quickly sketch their struggles, showing the common points that brought them together as well as the peculiarities of each of their fights.

Time : 1h30

Location : Main hall

Target audience: general public

Languages: English; Spanish; French; (German)

**11:30am – Plenary 2 - Framing the big picture : from fossil extractivism to fossil finance, a neocolonial system of capital accumulation**

The panel gives an overview of the multifaceted problems we're tackling, namely climate chaos, the destruction of the commons, environmental and social impacts, violence against communities and environmental defenders, state corruption, energy dependence and precarization - issues that are all linked to the fossil industry. The idea is to make the key connection between all such aspects and the way they are lived day to day in different regions of the world, to then draw the broader picture of fossil finance. This means both understanding the architecture of today's financial system and tracing

its deep roots in the colonial past and present of fossil extractivism.

- Maria Elena Foronda (Peru, Global Coalition of Peoples facing Extractivism) - *Different faces and layers of fossil extractivism impacts, a latin-american perspective*
- Madhuresh Kumar (India, National Convener of National Alliance of People's Movements) - *Different faces and layers of fossil extractivism impacts, a south-asian perspective*
- Moustafa Fati (Senegal, Global Coalition of Peoples facing Extractivism) - *Different faces and layers of fossil extractivism impacts, a west-african perspective*
- Armel Campagne (France, author/scholar, Le Capitalocène) - *Fossil extractivism and fossil capital accumulation, a (neo)colonial history*
- Aurore Mathieu (France, Reclaim Finance) - *Fossil finance today, how neocolonial capital accumulation is embedded in our financial system*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall

Target audience: general public

Languages: English; Spanish; French; (German)

2:30pm – Co-creation spaces 1 - Sharing different struggle experiences to address a common problem : learning from each other how to stop fossil finance flows and fossil extractivist projects

The co-creation break out sessions take place in small groups working parallel to each other. These spaces aim at enhancing mutual learning: people are invited to network, share stories and/or struggles, identify shared values and goals, work on a common vision, strategies and tactics. The general idea of this first co-creation space is getting to know the different ways we already have of tackling this common problem in specific cases, for example through divestment campaigns, shareholder advocacy, territorial defense, etc., and working towards building alliances to tackle new specific cases together in the future (i.e. joint campaigns against the financial flows behind one company or one specific project).

Time: 1h30

Location : Main hall 1, 2, 3 / Barakuba / Silo

Target audience/participants: environmental, climate and social justice grassroots movements + ONG's working to stop fossil finance and fossil corporate power + Environmental and social defenders from global south and occupied territories + Diasporas and international solidarity networks

Languages: English; Spanish; French (depending on which break out room)

4:30pm – First series of workshops - Deep dive into a multilayered problem

Several workshops will take place at the same time in order to deep-dive into specific topics related to fossil extractivism and fossil finance.

- Workshop 1 - Crisis, extractivism and migration. Structural reasons for migration - *Dario Farcy*

*How spiraling debt in Latin America deepens extractivist projects, motivating migration to the global north. This research is the result of years of political activism and migrant organizing. We want its result to be useful for the groups of migrants in the global North. By presenting the progress of the work, carried out by activists from Argentina, Bolivia and Germany, we want to discuss the usefulness of our perspective with other groups and organizations. Doing so when the document is not yet finished will help us to incorporate other perspectives and make the final work more useful.*

Time: 1h/1h30

Location: Main hall ground floor 1

Target audience/participants: Environmental and social defenders from global south and occupied territories + Diasporas and international solidarity networks

Languages: English; (Spanish); (French)

- Workshop 2 - Fossil Capital - *Simon Schaupp*

*What role do fossil fuels play in capitalism? This workshop introduces the basic categories of a Marxian analysis of capitalism. Then it outlines how fossil fuels were essential in the historical development of capitalism. They are not just resources - like wood or cotton - out of which commodities are produced but rather the motor of all commodity production. However, this centrality to the whole economy also made them an important power lever for the workers' movement, which it used to assert basic democratic rights and welfare. This intricate connection of fossil fuels with the institutions of modernity poses a challenge to the climate movement, which we will discuss in terms of its strategic implications. The workshop will consist of two parts: First an introductory talk and then a discussion on the practical implications of the theory of fossil capitalism.*

Time : 1h/1h30

Location : Main hall ground floor 2

Target audience/participants: general public

Languages : English; (German)

- Round-table 1 - Souths in the north : energy poverty and fossil extractivism in southern europe - *Aliança contra la Pobresa Energètica*

*A discussion to explore the links between energy poverty struggles in Spain and fossil extractivism. The Alliance Against Energy Poverty (APE) is a social movement born in 2014 to fight for universal access to basic water and energy services.*

Time : 1h/1h30

Location : Main hall 3

Target audience/participants: general public

Languages: Spanish; (English)

- Round-table 2 : Commodification of nature - *Maria Elena Foronda (Peru, Global Coalition of Peoples facing Extractivism; moderator) ; Rafael Bautista (Bolivia) ; Juan Manuel Sandoval (Mexico)*

*A discussion that links the extractivism of the fossil industry with the way in which nature is conceptualized and exploited as a mere economic resource, reducing all its cultural values, environmental services, and fundamental uses for communities and ecosystems to a simple exchange value.*

Time : 1h/1h30

Location : Barakuba

Target audience/participants: general public

Languages: Spanish; (English)

- Photographic Action Workshop (1/3) : A tribute to the defenders of the Earth - animated by Leonidas Martín & Oriana Eliçabe (Barcelona, Enmedio collective).

*Workshop to collectively create images that, in perfect symbiosis with the wind, pay homage to all the people who lost their lives defending their territories, the land, and the Earth. On Friday 23rd at 21:00 we'll have an artistic intervention taking place in the Parc Margarethen. And on Saturday, we will take these powerful images to the demonstration, where we will turn them into a choreography that shows the deep connection we have with this living world - black clothes are necessary to participate in the choreography*

Time : 1h/1h30

Location: Silo

Target audience/participants: general public

Languages: English; Spanish

7:30pm – Presentations 1 - Stories of resistance

The evening program is dedicated to stories of activists and their fights against extractivist fossil industries in different parts of the world. Each evening, in varied formats, several delegates of four different continents will share their experiences

- Film : Zona de sacrificio - *Fernanda Herrera (Argentina, GI)*
- Film : La sombra del petróleo - *Maria Elena (Peru, GPCE), Macedonio Vásquez (Perú, GPCE)*
- More to come ..

Time: 1h30

Location: Main Hall

Target audience/participants: general public

Languages: English; Spanish; French; (German) - Depending on the moment

## **Friday 23 June 2023**

9:00am – Welcome coffee and get together

Location : Main hall

9:30am – Plenary 3 - From environmental justice to financial regulation: a systemic approach on fossil finance

The panel underpins the undemocratic and colonial character of our current financial international institutions, pointing out the importance of addressing finance regulation as a strategic approach to advance towards climate, environmental and social justice. This entails first and foremost understanding how financial regulation could be both different and complementary to other existing international campaigns and or judicial mechanisms working towards the respect of nature, life and human rights

- Paulo Andres Estrada Añokazi (Colombia, GPCE) - About consultation: understanding the *Free, Prior and Informed Consent* (FPIC) of the World's First Peoples and Nations, a perspective from the indigenous and tribal communities from Abya Yala
- Nonhle Mbuthuma (SouthAfrica, GPCE) - *Right to say No + StopCorporate Impunity*
- Rosa Galvez (Canada, member of the senate) - *Towards fossil financial regulation (how is it both different and complementary to those other systematic approaches)*
- Benoît Lallemand (Belgium, General Secretary of Finance Watch) - *Short history of financial regulation, the future tendencies and the key possibilities of change*
- Esteban Servat (Argentina, Debt for Climate Global) - *Decolonizing by debt cancellation: how environmental justice links to the external debts of Global*

## South countries

Time: 1h30

Location : Main hall

Target audience: general public

Languages: English; Spanish; (French); (German)

### 11:30am – Co-creation spaces 2 : Building common strategies to tackle together the fossil financial system and its international institutions

The co-creation break out sessions take place in small groups working parallel to each other. These spaces aim at enhancing mutual learning: people are invited to network, share stories and/or struggles, identify shared values and goals, work on a common vision, strategies and tactics. The general idea of this second co-creation moment is finding ways of addressing collectively, with a systematic approach, the question of fossil finance regulation. Organizations and movements will discuss how to collaborate through different strategies and fronts to move towards environmental and social justice not only with the aim of cutting specific fossil finance flows and stopping individual fossil extractivist projects, but also that of addressing the issues in a systematic way

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall ground floor 1, 2, 3 / Bau3 / Corrientes / Silo

Target audience/participants: environmental, climate and social justice grassroots movements + ONG's working to stop fossil finance and fossil corporate power + Environmental and social defenders from global south and occupied territories + Diasporas and international solidarity networks

Languages: English; Spanish; French (depending on which break out room)

### 2:30pm – Second series of workshops : Deep-dive into different strategies and approaches to tackle fossil finance and the fossil industry

Several workshops will take place at the same time. Each of them dives into a specific topic and participates to an overall process of capacity building:

- Workshop 3 : Building global grassroots power to tackle the climate crisis from a Global South, anticolonial perspective - *Alexandra Gavilano (Switzerland, Debt for climate)*

*In this workshop we will explore the connections between debt, extractivism and the climate/environmental/planetary crises. We will discuss how we can create resilience and build power from the bottom-up to end financial colonialism by connecting grassroots activists from the Global South & North, and bringing*

*together workers, indigenous, feminists, climate and frontline environmental movements. A part of this is brainstorming concrete collaborations that can bridge Global South frontline struggles with Global North activists & diaspora, and strategize ways to continue empowering one another. We will discuss how debt, along with the austerity policies imposed by Global North multilateral institutions such as the IMF and World Bank, is driving poverty and is one of the causes of forced migration.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall 1

Target audience/participants: Environmental and social defenders from global south and occupied territories + Diasporas and international solidarity networks

Languages: French; Spanish

- Workshop 4 : Understanding the BIS and the One-for-One rule - *Rosa Galvez (Canada, member of the senate) & Julia Symon (Ukraine, Finance-Watch)*

*Understanding prudential financial regulation as a climate justice tool. Overview of the Bank of International Settlements power structures to discuss where it is relevant and important to pressure.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Bau3

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; (German)

- Workshop 5 : Targeting insurance to block fossil fuel expansion: case studies of successful fights, strategies and tactics - *Isabelle L'Héritier (Canada, Sunrise Project) Nora Scheel (Switzerland, Campax)*

*Discover why insurance is key to blocking fossil fuel expansion. Come and hear more about winning cases, studies, strategies and tactics. Discover how this can be of use for your fights and come out with concrete hands on tools & learnings.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall 3

Target audience/participants: Global south defenders + grassroots and ONG campaigners

Languages: English

- Workshop 6 : Fighting banks financing for fossil fuel projects - *Henriette Butijn, (BankTrack)*

*The East African Crude Oil Pipeline, Mozambique LNG, the Cirebon 2 coal power plant in Indonesia and the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline in Canada: many of these fossil fuel projects will not happen without a loan from banks. Stopping the finance can therefore be a very powerful strategy to get a project cancelled. Join the workshop to dive into stories of bank campaigning in a coalition of Global South organisations and frontline activists and Global North campaigners. Learn about the tools, tactics and strategies that you can employ to beat banks at their own game.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall 2

Target audience/participants: Global south defenders + grassroots and ONG campaigners

Languages: English

- Workshop 7 : Enforcing Climate Justice: The Imperative of strong binding regulations on Transnational Corporations for a Just Transition - *Juliana & Rafaela (Global Campaign to Reclaim People's Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity)*

*The unleashed power and greed of Transnational Corporations (TNCs) is responsible for consistent and systematic violations of human rights worldwide. Moreover, TNCs are responsible for about 70% of the global GHG emissions, on the side of water and soil pollution, desertification processes and deforestation. However, impunity reigns, as there is a huge legal gap within international law that allows TNCs to evade responsibility by jumping borders. After more than 40 years of voluntary frameworks hoping to regulate TNCs, the climate emergency has also brought the urgent need for binding regulations for TNCs. This workshop will draw upon this necessary connection between the anti-corporate and the climate justice movements to build alliances and design strategies for common action. By presenting the history of the UN process of the Binding Treaty, the current state of play of the negotiations and its challenges, we will show how this binding instrument will constitute a major legal and political leverage for movements and organizations fighting for climate and social justice against the corporate-led neoliberal globalization.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Corrientes



Target audience/participants: Global south defenders + grassroots and ONG campaigners

Languages: English; (Spanish)

4:30pm – Third series of round tables and workshops - Beyond fossil finance and fossil extractivism: where should we be heading to? Towards just, people-led transitions of our financial and energy systems

Parallel discussions on related subjects will try to move beyond the strategic and narrow scope of fossil finance, and finally ask: Where should we be heading to? Where not? What common worlds should we try to build together? What other ways of dwelling and relating should we foster and cherish?

- Round-table 3: Towards subsistence-based communitarian economies: defending water and land to build post-development alternatives; *Moustafa Fati (Senegal); Rogel del Rosal Valladares (Mexico) ; Macedonio Vásquez (Peru) Pedro Arrojo (España)*

*In this round-table we try to start from the struggle experiences related to water and land defense against extractivist projects, to ask the question of how to assure the subsistence of the concerned communities. Environmental and social defenders from different parts of the world will share the way they have organized to create concrete economical alternatives for local communities, inventing cooperative systems and networks of solidarity, fundamentally different from the development policies that come with international markets and structures of government. This opens up the question of the possibility of international cooperation to support and extend these community-based economic models.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall 1 + 2

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: Spanish; French; (English)

- Round-table 4 : Re-enchanting the world, not re-inventing it : first nations' lessons for buen-vivir, respect of the Earth and the practice of commons - *Oliveira Montes Lacano (Mexico); Adriana Guzmán (Bolivia); Hereditary Chief Na'Moks (Wet'suwet'en Nation); Paulo Andres Estrada Añokazi (Colombia); Silvia Federici*

*In this table first-nation leaders from all over the world and european critical intellectuals will discuss the different ways of dwelling and relating to people and*

*nature, sharing their teachings on the resistance and practice of living together in a non-extractivist, predatory way. This entails questioning the modern paradigm of western developed fossil based civilizations, but also pointing out at the importance of weaving and defending the commons. The objective is to open further paths of solidarity and mutual learning to build alternative ways of living.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Bau3

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; Spanish

- Round-table 5: Whose sovereignty behind the energy transition? : Tracing the links between fossil capital and sustainable energy. From finance ownership to green extractivism - *Oscar Sampayo (Colombia); Henrieke Butijn; Sergio Oceransky;*

*This round-table tries to point out the new devastating extractivist activities that come hand in hand with the energy transition, and to trace the financial and entrepreneurial actors behind it. Against mainstream discourse, we'll underline the tight links between the fossil industry and the so-called green transition. But more importantly, this panel wishes not only to denounce which transition we don't want, but also start discussing which transitions we should be aiming at. This means asking the question of financial ownership in a peoples led transition, as well as understanding what a community just energetic and ecological transition entails.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Corrientes

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; Spanish

- Workshop 8 : Green extractivism is not buen-vivir - *Camillo and Myriam (Abya Yala Anticolonial Hamburg)*

*An introductory workshop, aimed at European grassroots activists or other interested people, to question certain development paradigms, understand the importance of environmental justice and the difference with the main-stream climate movement. Green-Extractivism is a (neo-)colonial exploitation that directly affects the people and the balance of nature that inhabit the territories of Abya Yala (Latin America) and indirectly affects the world as a whole. Using*

*current cases in Ecuador, Colombia and Peru, we will show the social and environmental impacts and struggles in these areas. We will then discuss the philosophical concept of "Buen Vivir" as one of the possible alternatives to neoliberal capitalism.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Main hall 3

Target audience/participants: European grassroots movements

Languages: English; German

- Photographic Action Workshop (2/3): A tribute to the defenders of the Earth - animated by Leonidas Martín & Oriana Eliçabe (Barcelona, Enmedio collective). Everyone is invited to participate in the preparation of an artistic intervention taking place in the Parc Margarethen on Friday 23rd at 21:00

Time: 1h30

Location: Silo

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; Spanish

### 7:30pm – Presentation 2 : Stories of resistance

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Time: 1h15

Location : Main Hall

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; Spanish; French; (German) - depending on the moment

### 09:00pm - Artistic intervention "A tribute to the defenders of the Earth" & - Parc Margarethen

Oscar Scampayo, Fernanda Herrera and Maria Elena Foronda from the Global Coalition of Peoples Facing Extractivism, along with The Enmedio collective invite you to join an artistic intervention which, in symbiosis with the wind, will pay homage to all those who lost their lives defending the Earth.

*Following an introduction to the artistic intervention, the evening will be dedicated to stories of activists and their fights against the extractivist fossil industry in different parts of the world. Each evening, in varied formats, several delegates of four different continents will share their experiences.*

Time: 1h30

Location: Parc Margarethen

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: Spanish; English; (German)

## **Saturday 24 June 2023**

9:30am – Welcome coffee and get together

Location : Main Hall

10:00am – Short panel : first highlights, where do we stand, what's next?

Time : 30min

Location : Main Hall

Target audience/participants: General public

Language: English

10:45am - Tactical workshops/discussions - Sharing tactics and reflections on activism

- Workshop 9 : Running Inclusive Campaigns: Incorporating anti-oppression values into campaigns - *Leyla Larbi, Ekō*

*Learn and share how choice points impacts campaigns: how to build strong and impactful campaigns using choice points from an anti-oppression lens. Session designed for campaigners, activists, and nonprofit leaders who are interested in climate justice. During the training, I will share Ekō's approach for ensuring that the values of equity, liberation, and inclusion are centered in all of our campaigns*

*and initiatives. The training will also explore concrete strategies for implementing anti-oppression values into campaigns. The training will include breakout sessions, a Q&A session, and opportunities to reflect and to give real-time input. And at the end of the training, attendees will have learned strategies, ideas, and techniques to successfully incorporate anti-oppression values into climate justice campaigns.*

Time: 1h15

Location: Main Hall 3

Target audience/participants: Grassroots and ONG campaigners

Language: English; (German)

- Workshop 10 : Bird-dogging: How to challenge bankers and decision makers - *Katja George*

*How can we make politicians to publically take a stance about an issue or your campaign? How to expose banking and fossil lobby members for what they do behind closed doors? This is what we want to learn in this workshop on the tactic "bird-dogging" - a tactic that is used to confront decision makers and getting them to take a position in front of a camera.*

Time: 1h15

Location: Main Hall 2

Target audience/participants: Grassroots and ONG campaigners

Language: English

- Workshop 11 : Preparation of march material

Time: 1h15

Location Main Hall 1

Target audience/participants: General public

Language: English

- Photographic Action Workshop (3/3) : A tribute to the defenders of the Earth - Leonidas Martín & Oriana Eliçabe (Barcelona, Enmedio collective)

Time: 1h15

Location: Silo

Target audience/participants: General public

Languages: English; Spanish

- Co-creation space 3: Notes on a common manifesto and peoples power agenda

Time : 1h15

Location : Bau3

Target audience/participants: Participants of co-creation space 1 & 2

Languages: English; (Spanish); (French)

### 1:30pm – Peoples’ Parade

The opening gathering for the Peoples’ Parade for environmental justice and financial regulation takes place at Kaserne (Basel)

### 4:30pm - Gathering after the march

The closure gathering of the Peoples’ Parade for environmental justice and financial regulation takes place at De Wette Park next to the BIS - *Fernanda Herrera; Rogel Del Rosal Valladares; Sonal Tiwary; Patience Nabukalu; John Wayne Ridsdale (Chief Na’moks)*

### 7:30pm – Cultural moment

Location : Main Hall

## **Sunday 25 June 2023**

### 10:00am – Welcome coffee and get together

Location : Main Hall

### 10:30am – Co-creation spaces 4: Writing a common manifesto

During the last collective moments we will try to build a common manifesto, drawing from the synthesis of the last two days

Time : 1h30

Location : Main Hall + Silo

Target audience/participants: Participants of co-creation spaces 1 & 2

Languages: English; Spanish; French - Depending on the moment

1:30pm – Plenary 4 - Where did we go, and where are we going?

Part 1: How have our villages expanded

Part 2: Our commitments to each other

The plenary will serve to look back at the forum and piece together the different learnings and outcomes. Learnings from the strategic and exchange moments will allow us to draft the up-coming strategic moments to exchange upon and pressure for an environmentally and socially just financial regulation.

Time : 1h30

Location : Main Hall + Silo

Target audience/participants: Participants of co-creation spaces 1 & 2

Languages: English; (Spanish)

3:00pm – Closing of the Peoples' Forum : Closing ceremony