

How can the Global Minority Improve its response to Climate Change?

THE PREMISE

Are you a climate change actor from the global minority?



Acknowledge and take accountability for the evidence that:

- (1) the global minority is most responsible for 92% of Excess Emissions

Action: Do your planned actions reduce the carbon emissions of those most responsible for them?

(2) that causation and impact are disproportionate i.e. the countries/regions/communities responsible for the most emissions cause disproportionate harm to the countries/regions/communities which emit the least emissions.

Action: Support the global majority honouring all 3 themes of the [Paris Agreement](#) in the form of climate finance, technology transfer, and capacity building

- (3) climate justice will require deliberately addressing those injustices with the disproportionately impacted communities

Action: The global minority should compensate the global majority for loss and damage. If you are wondering how to go about compensating for loss and damage, [here is a useful resource.](#)

Now that the premise has been set up next

EVIDENCE-BASED ACTION

How advanced are your data-sharing practices?

Not Advanced

*when your data or information is not accessible or accessible with limitations to individuals or entities outside of your organisation

Consider investing in:

(a) **publishing open data or information** in a technical format, being cognisant of the mismatch in language between source and users, raising awareness of the availability of the database to a wider audience

(b) **facilitating other departments, governments and communities** in the global majority or agencies to prepare and publish the datasets they have, inclusive of platforms that are sensitive to people not literate in knowledge systems of the global minority or technology lacking communities

(c) on the **intersectionality of data**: have you included data from communities in the global majority, is that data diverse i.e. does it include minorities in those groups?

Advanced

*when external individuals or entities have access to your data or information AND actively participate in data sharing activities such as developing frameworks for interoperability, data governance, etc

Consider using open data systems to:

(a) **improve your decision-making Tools** such as Climate Just or platforms such as Climate Change on Github have integrated data from a variety of sectors and actors on a wide range of climate issues such as flooding, heatwaves, etc. Use these to inform your strategies, especially with communities in the global majority.

(b) On intersectionality: **Keep asking 'who is/might not be included?'**

(c) **Collaborate** with actors/stakeholders in the global majority to either improve the quality of their data or invest in assisting them in publishing their data

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CONNECTING TO THE GLOBAL MAJORITY

To which stakeholder group do you belong?

State or state-funded initiative

Fund:

- the data producers in the global majority
- improving the quality of data, data interoperability standards, and open data infrastructure.
- the development of open data platforms with global collaborators
- Monitoring and Evaluation projects to find gaps in data from the global majority

Third sector/individual activists

Instead of starting new projects in the global majority, fund open data efforts for existing community-based initiatives in the global majority – follow their lead, they know their situation better.

Diversify your partnership programmes to identify small projects whose work might be impactful but lack funding.

sticking to the same groups but on this:

Advocacy

Support governments in the Global majority to pass and adequately enforce Access to Information Acts

Support the development of legal and policy frameworks to support the collection and release of climate-relevant data

Raise awareness targeted at actors in the global minority to acknowledge climate justice as CLIMATE ACTION .

Promote the usefulness of open data as a tool to support and strengthen the efforts of actors in the global majority

Encourage partners who are actors to publish their data for global use

SUSTAINABILITY

these arrows are red to reflect the importance of this next step

How can you make your approaches more '[bullshit](#)' proof?

1. Always acknowledge and respect the agency of actors in the global majority. While it is ideal to [seek an understanding of the context in which these decisions are made](#), respect for these decisions and therewith agency, should not be dependent on the understanding of those who do not live the realities at hand.

2. [True justice cannot happen without the reallocation of power or resources](#). It is crucial to always remember that open environmental data is merely a tool to facilitate this transfer, and if no transfer is happening the 'bullshit' and tokenising is persisting.