



YOUTH: OPEN SPACE #11 NOTES OF PARTICIPATION

A. Program Note

Topic: Earth, Climate Justice, and Green Transition

Co-hosts: Fifty (Indonesia), Duc (Vietnam), and Ella (Timor Leste)

When: Sunday, 18 April, 2021

2PM - Bangkok, Jakarta, Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Vientiane

1.30PM - Yangon

3PM - Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bandar Seri Begawan, Manila

4PM - Dili

Key Driving Questions that co-host will discuss with participants:

1. How do you think climate change affects you / the youth? Do you experience / witness climate change adverse effects already happening?
2. Why do youth need to focus and align their efforts / initiatives with the issue of climate change and its intersectionality?
3. How are youth able to participate in the efforts and actions towards SDG 13 “Climate Action”, Call to Action on Paris Agreement, and ASEAN’s commitment for a green future and sustainable region?
4. What are practical ways in which we can serve/promote climate justice and support green transition in ASEAN / your own country and community?

B. Substantive Note

The session’s topic for this open space falls under the issue of the environment and the planet **Earth**, together with their social, economic and political dimensions. This year marks the 51 year of [Earth Day](#) (annually observed on April 22). The message remains the same, to urgently call for transformative actions for our planet. Paving our ways into the future meaning saving and sustaining the hospitable earth with its stable climate and rich resources. We are now in the critical points that would decide if we are able to do so or we would live a future with harsh and harsher consequences of climate change.

Climate justice is the key term nowadays to highlight the fact that climate change and global warming are not merely the issue of environment. Climate change and global warming impacted populations differently and are worst impacting the underprivileged communities. The past years, we have witnessed for the first time the climate refugees, which are displaced communities due



to climate change, migrating and moving to a much more hospitable living environment. Climate justice encourages us to look deeper into the intersectionality of the climate change impact— to seek injustices experienced by different communities socially, economically, in the health sector, and any other aspects.

Currently, the UN’s SDG addresses the issues through SDG 13 “Climate Action.” **Read more on the progress, info, target and indicators of SDG 13 [here](#). The 2020 of SDG 13 can be found [here](#).** Right now, we are waiting for the High Level Political Forum on SDG 2021 (happening in July), and the forum will be discussing SDG 13 among other 8 “prioritized” SDGs.

At the same time, we have the Paris Agreement— Legally binding international treaty and agreement on Climate Change. In 2015, 195 countries signed the agreement and 191 ratified the treaty. The goal is “simple,” which is to mitigate global warming and climate change impacts through actions that can keep the rise in global average temperature to well below 2 °C (3.6 °F) above pre-industrial levels; and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 °C (2.7 °F). **Watch The (Current) State of Climate Crisis video by TED (4 Minutes), [here](#).**

Another TED videos we recommend you to watch:

1. [Why is 1.5 degrees such a big deal? \(1 minute\)](#)
2. [What is Net-Zero? \(1 Minute\)](#)
3. [Why Act Now? \(1 Minute\)](#)

Last, it is important to note our current situation with the coronavirus pandemic. Right now, there is a growing spirit of building back better. This has been seen as the opportunity to ensure that we are transitioning into a more sustainable community and living situation on Earth. It is known as “**Green Transition**”. It calls the leaders, governments, and people in power to act and commit to create and do a recovery framework plan that includes the environmental dimension and address the climate crisis and its impact for all that put focus on the most vulnerable community. Most importantly, it calls us, the citizens, the youth to monitor and intervene in the transition and “building back” period to ensure that we are moving towards a green future. **Check the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, [here](#).**

C. Administrative Note

1. There will be another tribute to our friends in Myanmar. We will take a moment of solidarity by taking picture of us raising 3-fingers salute, we encourage participants to wear black (optional)



2. Please ensure that you are connecting through your laptop or smartphone with the most updated Zoom application to ensure no technical problem in participating the session
3. Please connect with this name format: **Name (Country, Pronouns)** -> e.g. Julia (Singapore, She)
4. Connect 10-5 minutes before we start the session to ensure smooth and stable connection upon participation

During open-session in the break out session

5. If you have something to say, please remain muted. Then, **click the participants button and then press the blue hand button**. By this, you are signalling your host that you have something to say.
6. Only speak if the host has allowed you the space to speak. **Don't forget to introduce yourself first**.
7. Please **keep your contribution under 3 minutes** to allow other and more participant to contribute in the space
8. Please mute yourself again after you have finished speaking, also turn your blue hand button off.
9. Feel free to express your thoughts and voices through the Chatbox

During the whole program

10. If you encounter some problem, feel free to report through chatbox.
11. Refrain from giving your personal information (e.g. phone number and whatsapp) on the chat box.
12. This session is recorded for internal ASEAN Youth Forum
13. In the session, there will be notetakers that keep a note on the minute of the meeting.
14. Please participate in keeping the space fun and most importantly safe. racist, sexist, xenophobic, homophobic, ableist, or other works targeting specific groups of people will not be accepted. As we appreciate and respect freedom, we don't tolerate any bigotry, hate, violence and discrimination in our community.

D. Others

We will publish an article on our website about the session. Some of your thoughts, voices, concerns, views, and comments will be included in the article. Please check the lists of article we have made from the previous Open Space here

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