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Background and Introduction

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South-South Cooperation plays a pivotal role in the broader context of climate action by fostering collaboration among developing nations in the Global South. Given their shared vulnerabilities to climate change, these countries benefit from exchanging knowledge, expertise, and resources. By working together, they can accelerate the implementation of sustainable development initiatives, renewable energy projects, and climate adaptation strategies. This collaborative approach not only strengthens individual nations but also contributes to the overall global effort to address the challenges of climate change.

Introduction

The “Fostering South–South Partnerships to Accelerate Climate Justice” session convened policymakers, practitioners, and media from the Global South to explore collaborative pathways for equitable climate action. Anchored in Climate Alliance Pakistan’s mandate to amplify local voices, the session examined how peer-to-peer cooperation, accountable financing, and inclusive dialogue can dismantle systemic barriers and deliver justice for the most vulnerable. This report articulates the key insights presented by speakers, followed by a robust discussion moderated to refine our collective strategy.

London Climate Action Week 2025

London Climate Action Week (LCAW) harnesses the unique power of London for global and local climate action. It mobilises London’s unparalleled ecosystem of climate and non-climate organisations to accelerate global climate action and supports action in London to ensure it acts as a global climate leader. Now in its 7th year, LCAW provides a brand and platform under which hundreds of organisations, communities, and individuals host their events, creating a large and vibrant programme of climate-focused activities. Following are the goals:

Shaping Global Climate Action Including Diplomacy on the Path to COP

Delivering a net zero, resilient London & UK by helping drive a Just & Inclusive Climate Transition

Demonstrating the “Whole of Society” engagement needed to support decarbonisation and resilience



Presentations by Speakers

Nishanie Jayamaha, Co-Coordinator Secretariat for the Climate & Environment Charter



Topic: Humanitarian and Climate Resilience Policy

Key Discussion Points:

Introduction of Climate & Environment Charter: Nishanie shared the overall background, objectives, and 7 commitments of the Climate & Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations. She shared that the charter is signed by International, Regional, Local, and National NGOs, Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, academia/think tanks, UN agencies, and supported by 13 EU and Member States. The Charter framework also mobilized the Donor Declaration on Climate and Environment, demonstrating donor support to Signatories in achieving the Charter commitments. She highlighted the importance of alignment of Signatories' targets and actions with the charter commitments to better mainstream climate and environment in humanitarian programming.

Empowering Local Leadership: Emphasis on putting communities at the center, leading preparedness, prevention, and response efforts in the face of climate change. The Charter's principles and collaboration mechanisms bolster local agency and resilience, especially in conflict and fragile contexts, while leveraging existing local partnerships and expertise

Eleonora Aralla – Country Representative, CAFOD (Zimbabwe & Eswatini)



Topic: Adaptation, Local Humanitarian Response, Community Empowerment

Key Discussion Points:

Advocacy for Local Action Funds: Co-founded ZAHA to promote critical dialogue on effective aid and locally-led humanitarian preparedness and response; convened a 'Localisation Summit' with INGOs, local actors, and bilateral donors to map out a way forward for locally-led humanitarian coordination in the new scenario resulting from OCHA de-prioritization of Zimbabwe. CAFOD, within ZAHA, advocates for simplified grant processes, risk sharing to enable rapid deployment of resources, and building on the progress within the Caritas Network on due diligence passporting.

Empowering Women-Led Groups: Within the commitment towards gender justice as the core of CAFOD's strategy, CAFOD advocated on key fora like the Heads of Agencies, the Humanitarian Country Team, for the intentional inclusion of women-led organizations' voices and aspirations to inform the design of drought-resilient agricultural practices, anticipatory action, and community-led disaster risk management.



Presentations by Speakers

Stuti Mishra, Asia Climate Correspondent The Independent UK



Topic: Climate Journalism and Public Discourse

Key Discussion Points:

Storytelling as a Catalyst for Change: Illustrating the power of multimedia narratives to influence public opinion and policy. Example: Philippine youth-led reports spurred USD 500,000 for mangrove restoration. She also emphasized that the language of climate diplomacy needs to be simplified for the common people to understand.

Amplifying Success Stories: Leveraging inclusive media platforms to showcase community-driven solutions. Ensuring decision-makers see the ROI of grassroots initiatives from the Global South countries and strengthening the collaboration among the Global South to learn from one another.

Driving Policy and Funding Commitments: Demonstrating how powerful storytelling bridges grassroots action and high-level funding. Advocating for the media's role in securing sustained investment in local climate solutions.

Moderator-led Discussion by Maria Pushkareva



Key Discussion Points:

- **Leveraging Partnerships for Justice:** Speakers agreed that formal peer networks—backed by memoranda of understanding—can dismantle bureaucratic silos. Nishanie stressed that due diligence through existing mechanisms can reduce risk concerns of donors for direct climate financing to reach conflict and fragile settings, while Eleonora recommended annual South-South summits focused on funder-to-funder dialogues.
- **Enhancing Accountability & Transparency:** All panelists called for a unified “Localisation Scorecard” co-developed by governments and civil society to benchmark pass-through rates and project outcomes. Stuti emphasized that scorecard results, when widely published, empower communities to hold intermediaries to account.
- **Transformative Collaboration Across Sectors:** They concluded that synergy between humanitarian agencies, local NGOs, and the media is critical. Joint training programs on grant management—co-hosted by INGOs and national partners—can build financial literacy, while media fellowships for community reporters can sustain public scrutiny over fund utilization.

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Participant Engagement and Outcomes

The interactive segments received enthusiastic participation with several key outcomes:

High Engagement: Active Q&A sessions enabled participants to clarify doubts and share additional insights, reinforcing the event's collaborative spirit.

Leveraging Diaspora Networks for Fundraising: A delegate, Seles Sebastin, asked for innovative ways for funding in the current circumstances. Speakers responded that we need to explore the blended financing opportunities, including the leveraging approach of humanitarian, development, and climate funds.

Transparent Digital Tracking: A participant, Rogelio, sought digital solutions for transparent fund management. Nishanie shared a Sri Lankan model where public-private partnerships on preparedness with stockpiles through the private sector, mobilised together with NGO and Government oversight, can reduce costs and save lives during disasters.

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

The session concluded with a powerful summary from the moderator:

Summary of Insights:

- South-South coalitions power green bonds and pooled funds for climate justice
- Community leadership—especially women-led and indigenous groups—drives resilient solutions
- Inclusive storytelling mobilizes funding and policy action for local climate wins

Call to Action:

Attendees were invited to formally commit to joining emerging discussion groups and follow the progress of the accountability measures discussed. The call to action statements were presented, and participants were asked to endorse and commit to the call to action statements for building momentum around the South-South Partnerships to Accelerate Climate Justice

Future Engagement:

With Rio Climate Action Week 2025, NY Climate Week 2025, Bangkok Climate Action Week 2025, and Baku Climate Week 2025 on the horizon, participants were encouraged to remain engaged through Climate Alliance Pakistan channels, ensuring that momentum built during the session translates into sustained action.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The event catalyzed actionable change in the quest for climate justice across the Global South. The following recommendations emerged as strategic priorities.

Empower Local Leaders, Build Resilience

Commit to sustained capacity-building investments for local humanitarian and climate organizations, with a focus on gender-transformative leadership and resilience in fragile contexts.

Transparent Finance, Local Impact

Establish and fund transparent, bottom-up tracking systems to ensure that climate finance fully reaches local and national actors, strengthening accountability and trust.

South–South Solidarity for Climate Justice

Forge formal South–South coordination platforms where governments, NGOs, and communities can exchange best practices, pool resources, and co-design climate-justice solutions.

Frontline Voices, Informed Policy

Champion the inclusion of grassroots voices in all policy forums—from national planning tables to UN negotiations—ensuring that those on the frontline of climate impacts shape the decisions that affect them.

The session succeeded in translating the spirit of South–South solidarity into concrete actions, emphasizing that shared innovation, transparent funding, and inclusive storytelling are pillars for climate justice. By centering local agency and fostering durable partnerships, participants were left equipped to accelerate the journey to Brazil—and beyond—toward a more equitable, resilient future.

For further engagement or to contribute additional ideas, please contact Qamar Iqbal at contact@cap.ngo. The ongoing journey to transform climate justice is a shared mission—one that grows stronger with every collaborative effort.



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Climate Alliance Pakistan



Climate Alliance Pakistan (CAP) is a transformative, multi-stakeholder coalition committed to advancing climate justice, community resilience, and sustainable development across Pakistan and Global South. By bridging the gap between grassroots communities, youth advocates, policymakers, media, academia, and faith-based groups, CAP is pioneering inclusive climate solutions that are both locally driven and globally informed.



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