

BREAK OUT SESSION 5 - ACTIVITY REPORT

Maximizing the Fight against Climate Change for Sustainable Development

- Introduction to the session, Presentation of the facilitator and the experts, presentation of the flow.

Polling Question 1 - How much will climate change affect our lives? (1: Not at all, 9: Very much).

More than 85% agreed that it will affect negatively in the future.

World Climate Roleplay – Grace Mwaura, Climate Interactive

- Introduction of the game and the C-R OADS software,
- Participants' contribution to the game
- Debriefing discussion on their decisions

Participants had the chance to experience a powerful simulation, called World Climate using the C-Roads software. They were split in different groups as developed and developing countries and had to take decisions towards the mitigation of the climate change.

Some outputs:

- Developing countries are not given the tools and the necessary equipment to tackle climate change,
- We need to take into consideration the historical background of the countries,
- Developed countries historically are the ones who contributed the most in climate change,
- Developed countries have a larger responsibility to contribute to a solution.

Experts' interactive input – Katuscia Eroo, Legambiente

- What is the role of the civil society organisations in fighting against climate change?
- What are the concrete actions taken towards the fight against climate change?
- What more can be done?

The Expert shared with participants her experience working in one of the biggest environmental organisations in Italy.

Ideas for action

Participants were asked to turn to the person next to them and start discussing about possible actions that can be taken in order to tackle climate change in local, national and/or international level. They had to write down on the paper one concrete measure to be taken.

Facilitator invited one person to present his/her idea for action very shortly to the plenary.

Ideas for action - Delegates proposed the following:

- Developing a certification system at the UN to monitor the extent to which projects are achieving their goals,
- NGOs should consider their own environmental impact,
- More youth participation in voluntary service as tool for education for sustainable development and in the fight against climate change is recommended,
- Lobby for subsidies on clean tech industries and the development of clean energy production,
- Develop and implement educational and awareness raising projects,
- Support the installment of solar power generators,
- Establish a global investment fund for the development of bio-based materials and technologies for the increase in efficiency of transport and agriculture sectors,
- Advocate for the implementation of legislations that will provide incentives for manufacturers/producers to have green industrialization,
- Develop massive partnership towards full implementation of consumption and production laws that protect the environment,
- Put forward policy reforms that will ban the use of plastic,
- Enforce insulation for buildings to reduce energy consumption from heating and cooling,
 - o Support measures: Develop green accreditation for buildings, offer tax reduction on green
- Organize sea cleaning events and supporting awareness raising campaigns for the protection of the oceans,
- Promote and establish a culture of recycling and reusing through education.