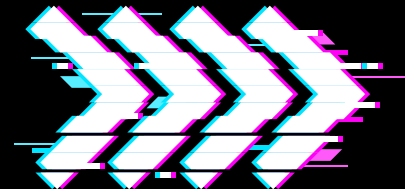


# **FROM CLIMATE EMERGENCY** **TO CLIMATE SURVIVAL**



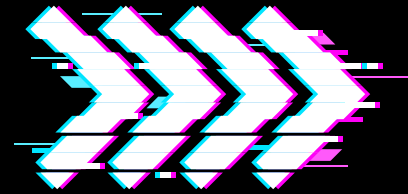
# GROUP AGREEMENTS



1. Be present.
2. Assume good intentions
3. Self reflection (also known as "step up, step back")
4. Disable your microphone when you are not speaking.



# **FINDING OURSELVES** **IN THIS MOMENT**



# **WORD CLOUD ACTIVITY**

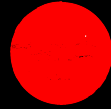
# COMMUNITY BUILDING CONVERSATIONS (8 MINS)



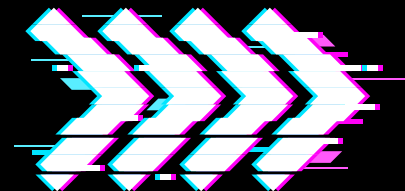
*Use the Breakout Notes Document*

1. How do you feel when you think about this current political moment and what it requires of us as climate organizers?
2. What opportunities is this moment giving us that climate organizers should seize?

**BREAKOUT TAKE-AWAYS  
IN THE CHAT**



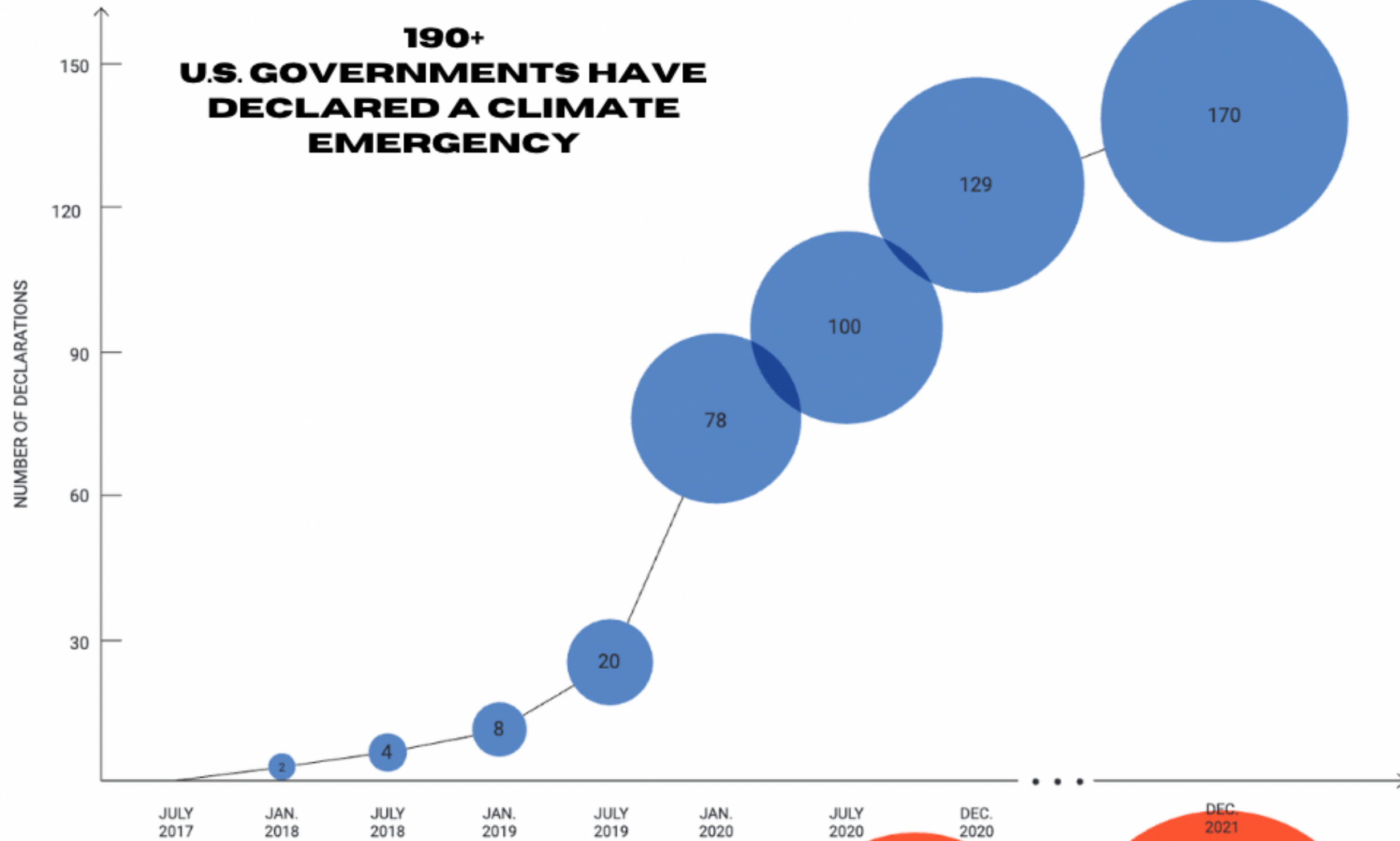
# **HIGHLIGHTS FROM CMP'S CLIMATE MOVEMENT BUILDING IN 2022**



# OUR JOURNEY

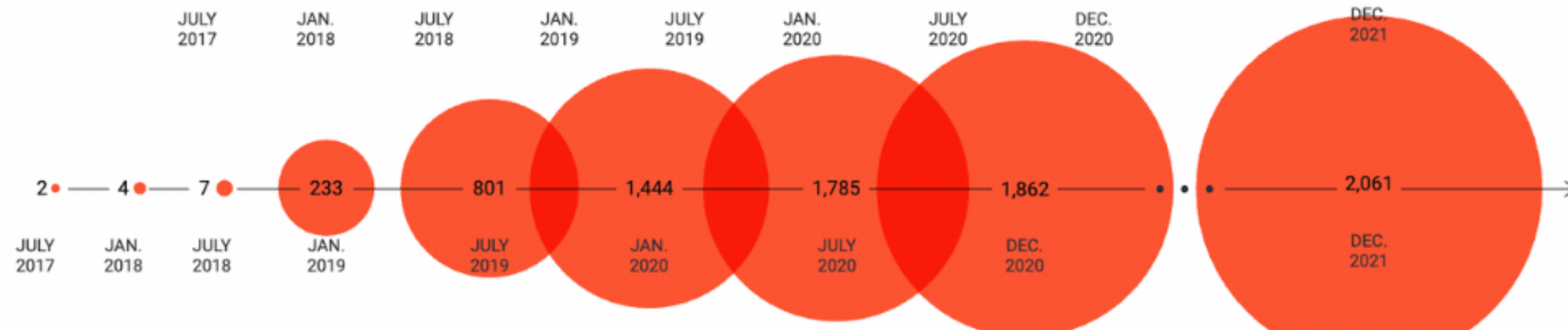
**U.S. CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
DECLARATIONS**

170 declarations  
within 25 states  
43,517,571 people  
13.25% of country

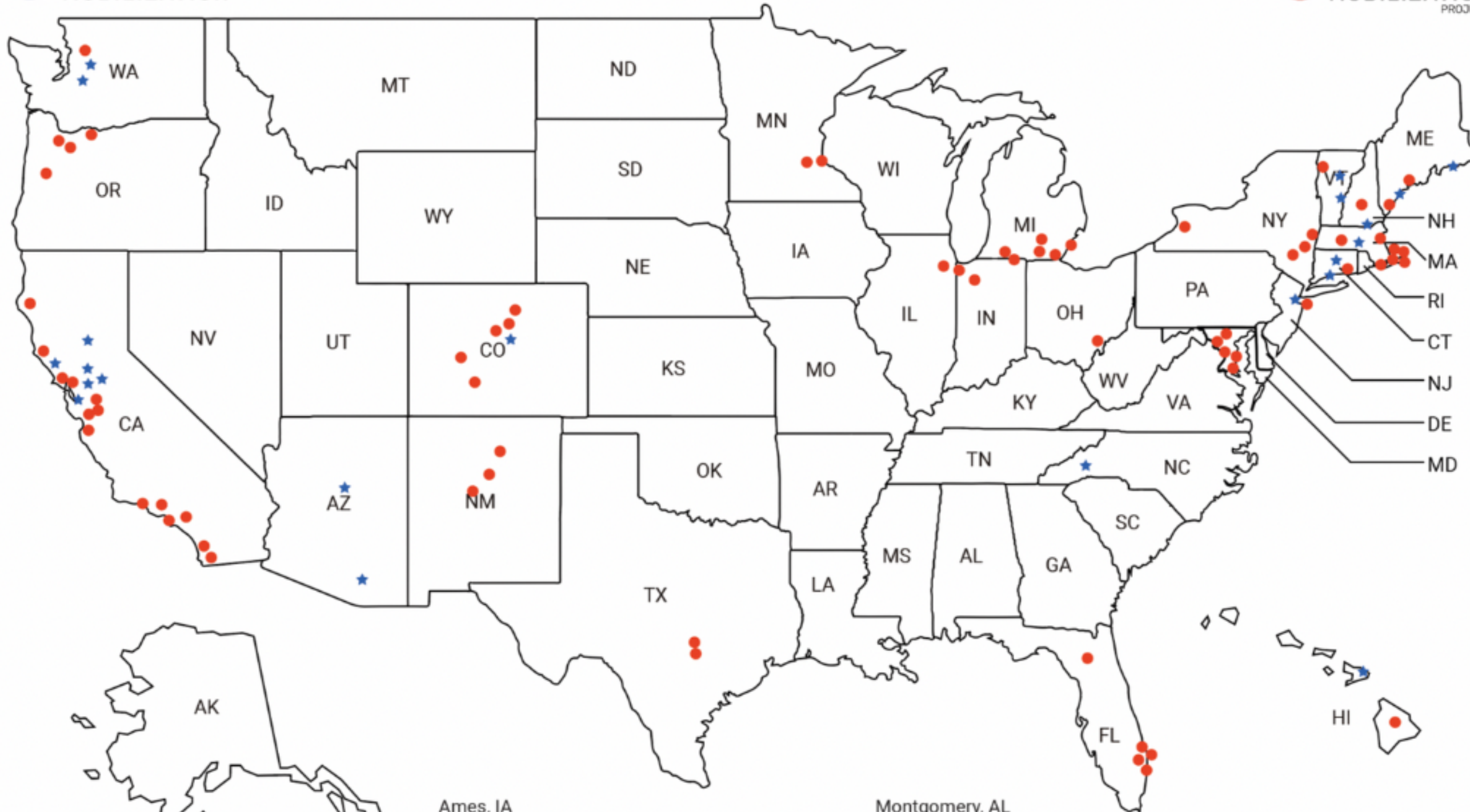


**GLOBAL CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
DECLARATIONS**

2,061 declarations  
within 34 countries  
1,032,468,292 people  
13.24% of world







→  
IN ADDITION TO THE CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS  
ACHIEVED ABOVE, THERE ARE MORE  
THAN 80 ACTIVE CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS ACROSS  
THE U.S., INCLUDING IN:

Ames, IA  
Belfast, ME  
Bingen/White  
Salmon, WA  
Boston, MA  
Butte County, CA  
Charleston, SC  
Chelmsford, MA  
Dayton, OH  
Duluth, MN  
Fairfax, VA  
Fargo, ND

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Pike Township, IN  
Raleigh area, NC  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Somerset, MD  
Stanwood, WA  
Superior and  
Cloquet, MN  
Tampa, FL

Ventura County, CA  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Washington, DC  
Whitehall, MI

- PASSED CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
DECLARATION
- ★ PASSED CLIMATE  
EMERGENCY  
DECLARATION AND  
ADOPTED 2030  
DECARBONIZATION  
TIMELINE





Our team won \$1.4 million for **fare free transit** in Sonoma County while launching a bold transit rider community organizing group; organized a base of **working-class tenants** that successfully fought for and won \$30,000 in housing stabilization programs in Acton; intensively coached over 12 Network groups to **build power for frontline communities** and scale their impacts – and so much more.

**2022 IN REVIEW**



# **THE STORY OF OUR STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION**

# WHY WE DECIDE TO PAUSE AND TRANSFORM OUR STRATEGY



- Congressional failure to take meaningful action on climate;
- The slow pace of local climate programs where policy change is severely limited by what's considered politically possible;
- Rising inequality amid continued neoliberalism;
- Escalating climate disasters that are hitting global and US-based frontline communities the hardest and will continue accelerating rapidly
- And widespread cultural and generational concern about climate change that has not yet been tapped into effectively by a mass movement.

Climate nonprofits in the US are often in the habit of trying to succeed as a non-profit before succeeding as a collective movement – **because of the deliberate repression of our movement through the non-profit industrial complex which deliberately keeps us stuck in cycles of grants, state co-optation, and burnout.**

But our team's movement analysis process allowed us to break out of this dynamic and think about what we really need to *succeed as a movement*. **This allowed for the creation of a new strategy rooted in a realistic understanding of where our movement is at and the challenges we face.**

# MOVEMENT ANALYSIS



We reached out to more than 20 leaders across the Just Transition movement to guide our strategic planning process – we asked them about what **learnings, gaps, and critical takeaways** they saw emerging in their movement work. ***The opportunities that interviewees identified our movement needs to build on included:***

1. We need more support for escalating, disruptive direct actions
2. We need work building a movement of movements
3. We need local organizing & base building as a foundation for larger mass movement
4. We need solutions outside of government
5. We need a more coherent, clear, and unified narrative strategy and message
6. We need more training on healing and community care as the center of our movements – and a politics of empathy and love at the center of our movements.



**“We are missing an opportunity with the pandemic to understand that we are going to be going through cycles of expansion and contraction. In moments of crisis there will be a contraction of globalization and the existing economic infrastructure, there will be opportunities for people to meet their needs in different ways...**

**I often say that the most effective way to be ungovernable is to effectively self govern.”**

**– CMP strategic planning movement analysis interviewee**







**“Taking the example of the Chilean movements, they did not limit themselves by – what does our current system of government allow? **Instead they ask, if our current system of government does not allow us to do what we need to do, how do we change it?”****

**– CMP strategic planning movement analysis interviewee**



# OUR WORK GOING FORWARD

## Movement incubation programs that include:

- **Direct action strategy and tactics** from Indigenous struggles, from the Global South & from history, encouraging participants to develop emergent ideas
- Why and how to start **mutual aid based climate survival programs** – pulling case studies for effective models of sustained community resilience and revolutionary struggle
- **Mass movement** history & state of current climate impacts / need for climate survival approach
- **Healing Justice** organizing practices integrating organizing and healing justice approaches into one – making climate organizing a more joyous, community-oriented, accessible, and sustainable





# **A NEW ERA OF CLIMATE SURVIVAL**

**A PRESENTATION BY SURVIVAL BLOC**



# SAVE THE PLANET ERA



**GET INVOLVED  
NOW.  
POLLUTION  
HURTS  
ALL OF US.**

You can help by becoming a community volunteer. Write:  
**Keep America Beautiful, Inc.**  
99 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016  
A Public Service of Transit Advertising & The Advertising Council.

**Ad Council**

**People start pollution.  
People can stop it.**



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY ERA





# **DUAL POWER**

**“TWO POWERS, ONE DEMOCRATIC, AND ONE CAPITALISTIC, COEXISTING AND COMPETING FOR LEGITIMACY DURING THE TRANSITION AWAY FROM CAPITALISM.”**

**THE COMPETITION TO DEFINE THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS  
NOT BIDEN VERSUS TRUMP.**

**IT IS THE PEOPLE VERSUS CAPITALISM.**

**POLITICIANS ARE TRAPPED IN THE MACHINE. WE CAN  
ENACT THE JUST TRANSITION TO SURVIVE EXTINCTION.**

# HOW TO BUILD DUAL POWER

## Alternative Institutions

Als: The mutual aid structures that sprout in the cracks of the state.  
Alternatives to capitalist ways of life.

Examples: Community energy system; alternative banking system, free schools, coops, community gardens, food distros.

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## Counter Institutions

XIs: Challenge and attack the status quo while creating, defending, and securing space for alternative institutions.

Examples: political protests and self-defense, to occupations, and taking back land or buildings for alternative institutions' use.



# THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SURVIVAL PROGRAMS

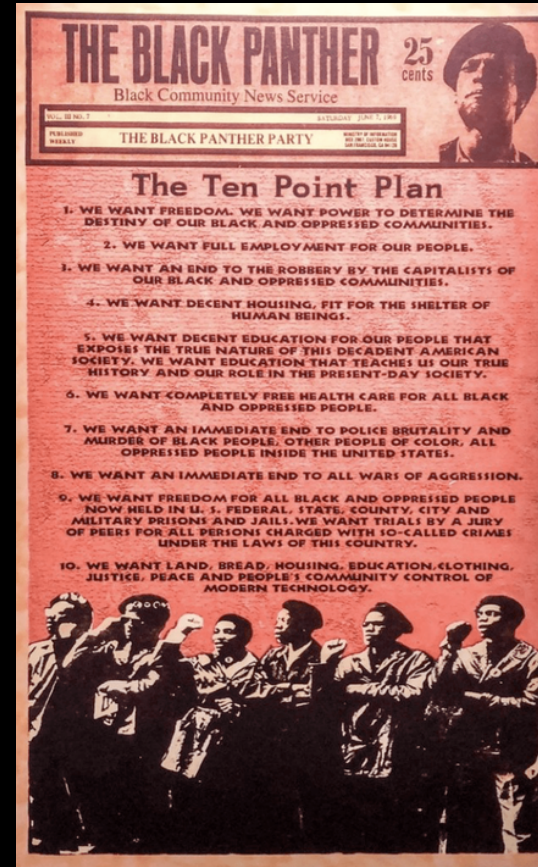
## Alternative Institutions





# THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAMS

## Counter Institutions





**NO REVOLUTION HAS EVER  
TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT A  
PERIOD OF DUAL POWER.**



CAPITALISM IS A FORCE OF HABIT. ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL NOT TRANSFER THEIR ALLEGIANCE FROM CAPITALISM, AND FOSSIL FUELS, TO A NEW SOCIETY UNLESS THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE NEW SOCIETY ALREADY EXIST IN SOME TANGIBLE FORM."

**YES, CAPITALISM IS A SINKING SHIP, BUT NOBODY'S GONNA JUMP, UNLESS WE GOT THE LIFEBOATS READY.**

# **DUAL POWER UPRISING**





**DUAL POWER THRIVES WHEN CAPITALISM'S ILLUSION OF POWER WEAKENS.**



In 2020, **Counter Institutions** (tenants unions and striking workers) successfully pressured the TRUMP Government to enact American socialism, (in the form of rent freezes, medicare for all for COVID patients, UBI). That created space for **Alternative Institutions**, like food distros, to thrive with more members and financial support. Those institutions created space for people to opt out of capitalism and take to the streets, day after day, week after week, month after month.

**The protests created space for mutual aid, and mutual aid sustained protests.**



# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

**CLIMATE EMERGENCY → CLIMATE SURVIVAL**

**POLITICAL POWER → DUAL POWER**

**CLIMATE MOVEMENT → SURVIVAL MOVEMENT**

**SELF-CARE → COLLECTIVE HEALING**



# **BECOMING A THREAT TO POWER**

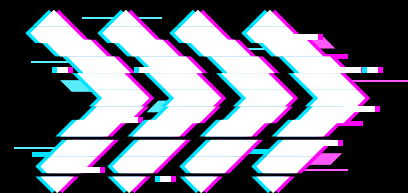




**A COUNTER-CULTURE TO  
SURVIVE EXTINCTION**



# **CLIMATE SURVIVAL ORGANIZING**





**IN THE CHAT:**

**WHAT CLIMATE DISASTERS  
MIGHT HIT YOUR COMMUNITY/REGION  
IN 2023?**

# CASE STUDY: COMEDORES SOCIALES DE PUERTO RICO



Audio from Latino USA  
"Responding with Dignity in Puerto Rico"  
[www.latinousa.org](http://www.latinousa.org)



# COMEDORES SOCIALES DE PUERTO RICO



-- Giovanni Roberto Cáez, Comedores Sociales

"That is why our work in this emergency does not seek to be part of the relief (although it is!), but to insist on **recovery projects and strategies that have the potential to generate long-term changes.**

It is our main lesson since María: **the emergency is only the stage at which, like the blindfold that falls from the eyes, the real work that has to be done to make things change is revealed."**



# DISASTER ORGANIZING

Why is preparing for disasters and responding to disasters about more than just short-term survival?



Build Power, Prefigurative Solutions



Organized networks ready to respond



# IN THE CHAT:

**Reflecting on climate disasters that might hit your community or your region in 2023...**

1. What does this mean for your organization? For the climate movement?

2. What could be done in your community to prepare or respond to disasters...

...in a way that meets people's needs and creates safety?

...in a way that builds power and/or directs energy towards stopping the use of fossil fuels or addressing the root of what is driving climate change?



# DIRECT ACTION :

"APPLYING OUR LABOR TO MEET OUR NEEDS,  
DESPITE THE CONSEQUENCES" -- GOPAL DAYANENI







**“PEOPLE ARE NOT FIGHTING FOR  
IDEAS...**

**(WE) ARE FIGHTING TO WIN  
MATERIAL BENEFITS, TO LIVE  
BETTER AND IN PEACE, TO SEE  
(OUR) LIVES GO FORWARD, TO  
GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF  
(OUR) CHILDREN.”**

**– AMÍLCAR CABRAL**



**THE NEEDS  
THIS SYSTEM  
IS NOT MEETING**



A group of approximately 15 people are standing in a line on a paved street, holding hands to form a human chain. They are dressed in casual attire like hoodies, t-shirts, and jeans. The background shows a city street with trees and buildings under a clear sky. The image has a warm, slightly desaturated color palette.

Working together turns our resources into power to meet our needs:

- By working outside of the systems that leave us behind
- And by directly contesting for government resources and power



**MASS MOVEMENTS  
BUILD MOMENTUM**

**AND CREATE ACCESS  
TO NEW RESOURCES.**



# CLIMATE SURVIVAL AND INTERNATIONALISM



“THE PEOPLE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF CLIMATE CHANGE LIVE IN SLUMS AND WORK OUTDOORS OR IN POORLY VENTILATED BUILDINGS: THE WORKING CLASSES OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH, THAT IS.”

– *PROPERTY WILL COST US THE EARTH*



# **“CLEAN ENERGY” ISN'T CLEAN WHEN IT IS BUILT ON NEOCOLONIALISM AND GLOBAL CAPITALIST EXTRACTION**

The conversation on green capitalism and the dark side of the energy transition — particularly for the Global South and Indigenous communities — is missing from a lot of mainstream US climate spaces.

The supply chains which carry the minerals essential for renewable technology — are from places like Chile and Bolivia to places like the United States and Europe.





# FOSSIL FUEL EXTRACTION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The wealthiest 10% of the planet's population responsible for over 50% of the carbon emissions, **while the poorest 50% contributed only 7% of carbon emissions.**

The same fossil fuel industries that cause deadly emissions are based in the Global South for further fossil fuel extraction – **adding land grabs, human rights violations, corruption, militarization, and environmental destruction to already devastating climate impacts – being hit with both the cause of climate change and its consequences.**

# CASE STUDY: BANGLADESH

More than four million people depend on the Sunderbans for their livelihood. This has also been a huge natural safeguard against frequent cyclones, storms and other natural disasters in the country. **This is the strongest shield for the people to fight against climate change. Lives and property of almost 50 million people will be threatened if there is no Sunderbans.**

For context – by 2050, **one in seven people in Bangladesh will be displaced by climate change.** It is the second country most impacted by climate change.





# INTERNATIONALIST ACTION

The Save the Sundharbans movement called for all industrial construction including the Rampal coal plant to stop near the forest. In 2020, a campaign specifically targeting the German Engineering and consultancy firm Fichtner was launched in Germany – involving climate action groups like XR, Fridays for Future, and Ende Gelände.

Phulbari movement – against a proposed open-pit coal mine that would displace more than 200,000 people – **attained international solidarity through the work of the Bangladeshi diaspora, who started protesting at the London Stock Exchange for continuing to trade the stock of the mining company.**

**The direct action campaign targets are connected through one multinational company: Adani and its multiple subsidiaries.**



**A FOCUSED ACTION  
AGAINST ONE  
CORPORATION OR  
GLOBAL SOLIDARITY  
AROUND A SPECIFIC  
SUPPLY CHAIN CAN  
CREATE BOTH GREATER  
CHANCES OF VISIBILITY,  
AND CONSEQUENTLY,  
SUCCESS IN STOPPING A  
PROJECT.**

**– "PROPERTY WILL NOT COST US THE  
EARTH"**



# WHAT DOES BUILDING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY LOOK LIKE?

As US-based organizers, it can be difficult to find concrete ways to build power and solidarity with Global South movements – even though if we know our struggles are deeply interconnected, and that **our climate survival movement needs to center the Global South.**



# IN THE CHAT:

Reflecting on the internationalism and direct action case study....

- What are the ways we imagine we can build deeper and active solidarity with frontline communities in the Global South through our US-based movement for climate survival? Are there any tactics that stand out in doing this effectively / movements we can draw from?



**VISIONARY LEARNING  
AND MOVEMENT  
INCUBATION SPACES**

Inspire people to participate in historical and global lineages of visionary community building, bringing together groups from disparate movements into shared alignment and strategy for the next era of the climate movement.

**CLIMATE CRISIS  
SURVIVAL**

Creating relationships and community plans so that people can survive, thrive and build power despite disaster and organized abandonment

**HEALING**  
Intentional practices for healing in our movement organizations

**DIRECT ACTION**

Training and coaching that expands changemakers' access to direct action and strategy tools from other movements and from around the world

**MOVEMENT POWER**

Greater movement participation and disruptive power; victories shutting down fossil fuel infrastructure; and a new direct action campaign that leads to the phase-out of fossil fuels from below.

This year, Climate Mobilization will be working with a handful of local groups to launch multi-day movement incubation gatherings in local communities across the country that:

- Bring together local movements across housing, food, climate, mutual aid, disaster preparedness, abolition, Indigenous sovereignty, and more – into one shared space for building alignment, movement strategy. and shared campaign work. Because we know that we need a movement of movements to build consolidated power to take on the fossil fuel industry.
- Facilitate emotional, spiritual, and physical healing and clarity as a foundation for political clarity – moving us one step closer to reconnecting with our empathy and our powerful connection to ourselves, each other, and the earth that capitalism and a culture of apathy and violence has stolen from us.





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- Integrate case studies from the most powerful movements across the globe that our movements can pull strategies from at this political moment – because we know we need space to nurture the radical imagination of our movements. We will focus on movements that have integrated mutual aid programs with direct action by asserting material needs and invoking “decision dilemmas,” built successful models of disaster collectivism, integrated solidarity with the Global South through direct action, and used healing practices to build movement resilience and political power.



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- Build organizers' resilience in the the face of accelerating climate disasters – including a deepened understanding of climate impacts in their communities as well as customized technical survival planning, skill-building, resilience workshops.
- Create space for nurturing one another through food, friendship, joy, parties – to build a model for community rooted in vibrant political and spiritual consciousness.





We are prioritizing partnering with groups who meet some or all of the following criteria:

- Led by people who are most impacted by environmental injustices
- A membership base that is majority working-class and/or BIPOC, or a commitment and demonstrated capacity to build such a base
- Have capacity to build a base and take ownership over launching and scaling climate survival mutual aid projects in their community
- Intensive interest and/or experience with building relationships across movements in their community, and strong desire to build a movement of movements
- Interest and/or experience with strategic and experimental direct action, and capacity to coordinate direct action strategy with other local movements as part of a grassroots national campaign; Interest in bridging community organizing and mass movement models for change
- Politically radical and grassroots local groups

We are particularly interested in partnering with groups working around food justice, Indigenous sovereignty, workers organizing, youth justice, environmental justice, transit and tenant organizing, abolition, disability justice, mutual aid, and disaster preparedness and resilience.



# MOVEMENT INCUBATION TIMELINE

**2023 (1st half)** - Incubate leadership core of a climate survival direct action movement.

**2023 (2nd half)** - Local groups launch climate survival programs and experiment with narrative and action; pilot and iterate overarching narrative; and connect through network.

**2024 (1st half)** - Scale up climate survival programs to build base; popularize new tactics.

**2024 (2nd half)** - Coordinated direct actions; people know steps to take when disaster strikes.

**2025** - Uprising against fossil fuels, sustained disruption.

**Ongoing** - Connect climate disaster trigger events to fossil fuels industries to surge popularity for action; connect Global South disasters to fossil fuels industries and Global North struggles



# ARE YOU PART OF A GROUP?



Join a Movement Incubation Gathering  
or get materials to host your own

<https://bit.ly/GatheringInterest>

**REFLECTION**

**ACTIVITY**



# Of the people we just envisioned:

- Who are the people you feel connected with?
- Who are the people whose legacies inspire you?
- What are the struggles you want to learn more about?

# MOVING TO ACTION

Challenge yourself this week:

Introduce  
yourself to a  
neighbor

Hi Neighbor,

My name is Emmett. I live across the street. Just want to pass on my contact info and say to please let me know if you ever need to borrow tools or cooking ingredients or my truck. Happy to help.

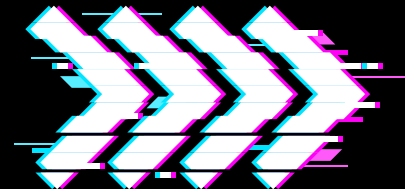
My cell is (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Have a great day,

-Emmett



**WHAT WILL YOU COMMIT  
TOWARD THIS VISION?**



# #STOPCOPCITY

- Take Action Locally
- Mass Mobilization in Atlanta March 4-11

[stopcopcitysolidarity.org](https://stopcopcitysolidarity.org)

Get help planning an action: <https://bit.ly/skillupboctrs>

## MASS MOBILIZATION IN ATLANTA

MARCH 4-11

HONOR THE LIFE OF  
TORTUGUITA

TAKE ACTION TO  
DEFEND WEEAUNEE

TOGETHER, WE WILL STOP COP CITY





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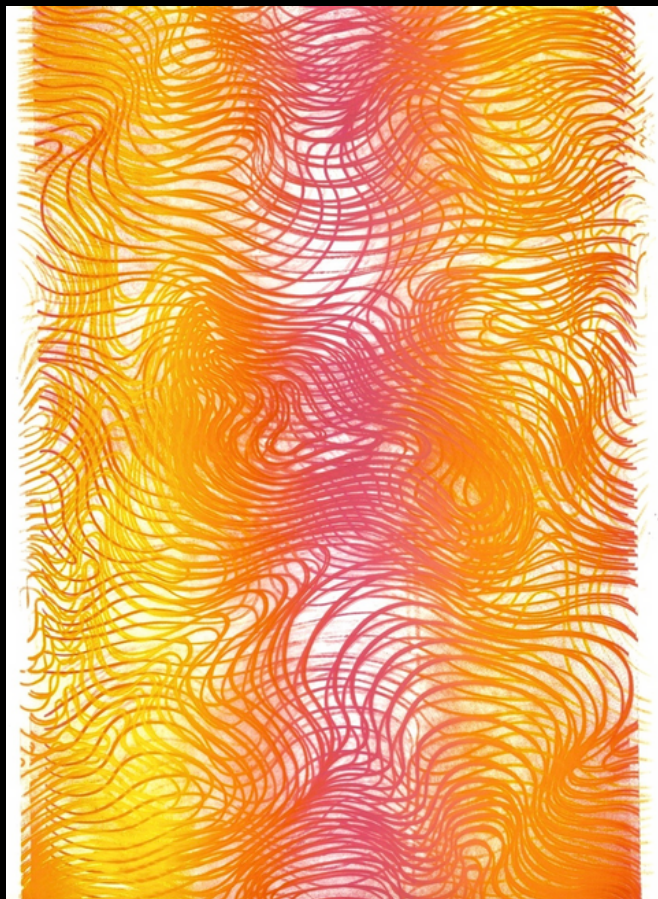
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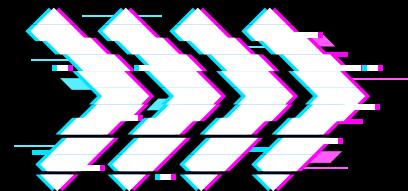
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