

CONCEPT NOTE

Session title: Enhancing transparency and accountability in climate finance: Lessons from civil society

Date: 23 June 2025

Time: 12:00 – 13:15

Venue: “Berlin” Room SB62 venue

We have a climate accountability crisis. Delays and setbacks mean that countries must dramatically accelerate cuts to carbon emissions over the next few years to reach the temperature goal set out in the Paris Agreement. According to the [State of Climate Action Report 2023](#), only 1 of 42 indicators assessing the state of transformations needed is on track. And despite the growing need for climate resilience, finance flows for adaptation fell [15% in 2021](#), and the scale of adaptation action has stagnated, according to the UN. Political leaders must be bolder and one way to encourage that is through transparent and participatory policymaking processes that lead to fair outcomes. Even policies that are carefully designed to be equitable can face public backlash if the processes to create them are not trusted.

[SouthSouthNorth \(SSN\)](#) in collaboration with [World Resources Institute \(WRI\)](#), the [Huairou Commission](#), and 25 implementing partners from Brazil, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Senegal, and Mexico is implementing “[The Green Accountability Platform](#)” which seeks to strengthen civil society actors' capacity, including vulnerable communities, to participate in and influence climate policy and finance through social accountability. This work, made possible with financial support from the World Bank's [Global Partnership for Social Accountability](#) is improving the impact and equity of climate finance in the target countries by supporting integration of community, citizen and CSO feedback into process and decision making. This work comes together through a Community of Practice on Green Accountability that brings internal and external actors together to advance knowledge, learning and practice on accountability and transparency for more equitable climate finance and action.

Green accountability seeks to help meet this challenge by creating systemic ways for people to have a voice and role in the climate decisions that most impact their lives. It places citizens and civil society at the heart of climate finance to direct funding, implement solutions, and hold decision-makers accountable for effective and equitable climate action. Green accountability embeds citizen voice into climate

finance by providing citizens with tools to participate in decision-making and monitoring of expenditure flows, thus addressing issues that directly affect them.

This session, co-hosted by SouthSouthNorth (SSN) and the Huairou Commission, will bring together representatives from projects and communities working on innovative tools and mechanisms for accountability at the national, subnational and local levels with linkages to UNFCCC processes for more equitable, affordable and transparent climate finance.

Speakers:

Hannah Sack, SouthSouthNorth

Jane Anyango, Polycom Girls, Kenya, Huairou Commission

Sandra Guzman, GFLAC Mexico

Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh, Women for a Change Cameroon

Sheilla Dourado, Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos (INESC) Brazil

Jesse Worker, WRI

Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speaker
12:00- 12:05	Introduction to the Green Accountability Platform: strategic objectives and impact	Hannah Sack, SSN
12:05-12:50	Reflections from civil society on enhancing transparency and accountability in climate finance in local contexts	Sandra Guzman, GFLAC Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh, Women for a Change Cameroon Jane Anyango, from Polycom Girls, Kenya, Huairou Commission Sheilla Dourado, Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos (INESC) Brazil
12:45- 12:50	Closing remarks and reflections	Jesse Worker (WRI)
12:50 – 13:15	Q&A	Moderated by Jesse Worker (WRI)