

POLITICAL PARTIES &  
ELECTIONS SUPPORT AND  
CLIMATE FOR GROWTH (FIGCCC)  
JOINT CONVENING

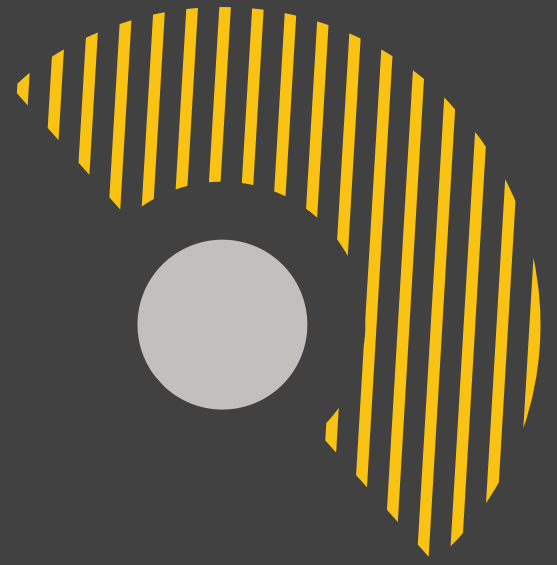
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TOWARDS INCLUSIVE AND  
RESPONSIVE POLITICS AND  
DEVELOPMENT:

LESSONS FROM PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES  
IN CLIMATE GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

## CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

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DWF has been implementing a three-year project, Fostering Inclusive Growth Through Climate Change Champions or “Climate for Growth” from 1 March 2021 to 31 August 2024. The project supported democratic and participatory processes within the renewable energy economy in two provinces in South Africa (Northern Cape and Western Cape) by fostering inclusive growth by integrating community-driven development priorities into municipal planning processes.

In addition, the project was creating an environment where civil society organisations (CSOs) could meaningfully engage with and represent their communities amongst government officials and Independent Power Producers. Over these past three years, FIGCCC has implemented a wide range of initiatives, including building the capacity of local CSOs to meaningfully contribute to climate mitigation policy, supporting CSOs to engage with local government planning processes (IDP), supporting local government to assess the impact of climate change on service delivery, and also creating opportunities of dialogue between civil society and local government on matters around climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Through its interventions, the project successfully assisted one of the project municipalities, Witzenberg Municipality in the Western Cape, in revising its climate needs assessment and adaptation strategy and informing climate change mitigation and adaptation in the municipality. The municipal council subsequently adopted the document. In addition, over 40 civil society organisations working in non-climate-related sectors were able to draft climate change adaptation plans that they can implement together with the core services they render to communities.

The project also brought together officials from the targeted municipalities working in environmental affairs and municipal planning departments to discuss climate change-related policies.

While the FIGCCC project is phasing out, DWF has recently embarked on a regional programme: Political Parties and Elections Support. The overall goal, objectives, and some of the Political Parties and Elections Support interventions present DWF with a strategic opportunity to consolidate and sustain some of the key achievements, lessons and experiences from the FIGCCC project.



## THE JOINT CONVENING

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The Political Parties and Elections Support is a five-year (November 2023–November 2028), seven-country programme (covering Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and South Africa) whose overall goal is to support a trend toward representative multiparty systems with political parties that are responsive to citizens while providing targeted assistance to promote electoral integrity. One of the specific objectives of this programme is to have political parties develop responsive and evidence-based policy-making skills and practices.

In this regard, some of the interventions of the Political Parties and Elections Support will include supporting and facilitating the existence of functional platforms and mechanisms that allow political parties to know and access citizens' needs as well as supporting political parties and elected representatives to have the capacity and knowledge to develop responsive and evidence-based policies. Furthermore, the Political Parties and Elections Support will also support civil society to have the knowledge and capacity to influence political parties' responsiveness to citizens' needs.

To ensure that the operationalisation of the Political Parties and Elections Support interventions can leverage the relevant lessons, experiences, and best practices of FIGCCC, while contributing to the sustainability of FIGCCC's interventions, DWF has organised a joint Political Parties and Elections Support-FIGCCC multi-stakeholder joint convening.

**Themed: Towards Inclusive and Responsive Democratic Governance and Development: Lessons from Participatory Approaches in Climate Governance in South Africa.**

The joint convening serves as a platform where, on the one hand, stakeholders will reflect on some of FIGCCC's successes, lessons and experiences in supporting democratic and participatory processes within the renewable energy economy in two provinces in South Africa (Northern Cape and Western Cape). On the other hand, allowing the same stakeholders to identify relevant best practices that can be mainstreamed/ integrated into the Political Parties and Elections support, thereby ensuring their sustainability.

## OBJECTIVES

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Therefore, the joint workshop seeks to realise the following objectives:

Present to the stakeholders the approaches, successes and lessons of the FIGCCC project with respect to its efforts to support democratic and participatory processes within the renewable energy economy.

Beyond climate governance, identify other relevant sectoral/developmental issues that political actors in South Africa will need to focus on going forward.

Identify the key lessons (both from the approaches and successes) that may further inspire and facilitate the implementation of some of the interventions under the Political Parties and Elections Support, particularly with respect to inclusive, responsive and participatory policymaking.

## TARGET GROUP

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The convening will target participants drawn from the following:

1. Municipality Partners: Local government entities involved in the FIGCCC project.
2. South African Local Government Association (SALGA): Representatives from municipal government bodies.
3. Civil Society Partners: Civil society organisations collaborating with FIGCCC.
4. Broader Civil Society: Organisations working in various development sectors such as social welfare, community safety, education and public health.
5. Independent Power Producers/Private Sector: Representatives from the energy sector and private industry.
6. Project partners and staff.

## APPROACH

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The convening will be facilitated as a multi-stakeholder dialogue, engaging local government representatives, civil society organisations, and private sector stakeholders. The methodology will focus on fostering robust and productive discussions, reflecting on key development issues, and allowing for nuanced contributions. This will be achieved through expert presentations, multi-stakeholder plenary sessions, and sharing experiences in promoting democratic participation and inclusive decision-making processes.

## 27 AUGUST 2024

TIME	ITEM	OBJECTIVES	FACILITATOR
<b>Session 1: Opening &amp; Setting the Scene</b> Moderator: Tadala Chumachiyenda, DWF Regional Coordinator			
07:30 –09:00	Breakfast		Hotel
09:00-09:30	Welcome/ opening	Welcome guests/ aim of the event/ outline the agenda and guest speakers	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
09:30-10:30	Introductions	Introducing everyone in the room and the organisation they represent	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
10:30-11:00	Officially opening the convening on behalf of Democracy Works Foundation	Outlining the purpose of the workshop	Sandra Mutyambizi , Director of Finance and Operations, Democracy Works Foundation
11:00-11:30	Tea break		Hotel
<b>Session 2: Reflection on the Fostering Inclusive Growth through Climate Change Champions Project (FIGCCC) Approaches, Successes &amp; Lessons.</b> Moderator: Raisa Cole, Organisational Business Development Manager, DWF			
11:30-12:30	Project reflections Towards participatory climate governance reflections: A FIGCCC Case study approaches, successes & lessons	FIGCCC in Retrospect- Reflecting on the FIG CCC project with special focus on approaches, successes & key lessons	Mira Dutchke FIGCCC Project Manager Democracy Works Foundation
12:30-13:00	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentations	Lesego More FIGCCC Project Officer Democracy Works Foundation
13:00-14:00	Lunch		Hotel

# AGENDA: DAY 1

TIME 14:00 –17:00

TIME	ITEM	OBJECTIVES	FACILITATOR
14:00-15:00	FIGCCC in Retrospect Part 2: Witzenberg Municipality Reflections: Developing the Climates Needs Assessment Report and Impacts of Climate change in the Municipality	Witzenberg Municipality to reflect on the process of developing their Climate Needs Assessment Report and Collaborating with DWF	Representative Witzenberg Municipality
15:00-15:15	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentations	Lesego More Democracy Works Foundation
15:15-16:15	FIGCCC in Retrospect Part 3: Reflections from Civil Society-Climate Justice Action Network	Lessons on promoting community participation in Climate Mitigation and fostering a culture of collaboration	Mmabatho Mabika Mpumelelo youth movement Emmerentia Goliath Witzenberg Development Support
16:15-16:30	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentation	Lesego More Democracy Works Foundation
16:30-17:00	Reflections &Closing	Feedback from the session Announcements	Mira Dutchke Democracy Works Foundation

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TIME	ITEM	OBJECTIVES	FACILITATOR
<p><b>Session 3: Beyond Climate Governance identifying other sector development issues that merit action by political actors and other relevant stakeholders</b>                      Moderator: Tadala Chumachiyenda</p>			
07:30 –09:00	Breakfast		Hotel
09:00-09:15	Opening & Welcome	Announcements Outlining Agenda for the day	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
09:15 -10:00	Introduction of the Political Party & Elections Support Project	Introducing the Political Parties and Elections Support and linkages to FIGCCC	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
10:00-11:00	Towards consensus on Developmental Priorities in the Post May 2024 South Africa	Reflection on priority sectoral & development issues from political parties' perspective: Analysis of the 2024 Political Parties' Elections Manifestos	Martina Della Togna Independent Consultant
11:00-11:15	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentation	Lesego More Democracy Works Foundation
11:15-11:30	Tea break		Hotel
<p><b>Session 4: Identify the key lessons (both from the approaches and successes) that may further inspire and facilitate the implementation of some of the interventions under the PPES particularly with respect to inclusive, responsive and participatory policy making</b></p>			
11:30-12:30	Presentation of Inspire's Research Findings	Multi-stakeholder platforms as mechanisms for facilitating inclusive and responsive policy making: Insights from the Study by Inspire on "How to improve the levels of engagement and coordination between the Private Sector, the Public Sector and Civil Society around Climate Change actions"	Holle Wlokas & Kalnisha Singh Inspire

# AGENDA: DAY 2

TIME 12:30 –17:15

TIME	ITEM	OBJECTIVES	FACILITATOR
12:30-12:45	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentation	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
12:45-13:45	Lunch		Hotel
13:45-14:45	Presentation by Data for Governance	Data based policy influencing and advocacy: Insights from Data for Governance Tool for articulating data-based advocacy and engagement between African CSOs and the African Union	Representative from Data from Governance
14:45-15:00	Question and Answer Session	Q & A session on presentation	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
15:00-16:00	Break way session: Exploring mechanisms for civil society to influence political parties and public representatives towards responsive policy making	Themes to be reflected upon in Groups	All participants
16:00-17:00	Feedback from Plenary	Presenting reports from Plenary and Q & A session	Tadala Chumachiyenda Democracy Works Foundation
17:00-17:15	Closing	Closing Remarks from DWF	Sandra Mutyambizi Democracy Works Foundation