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Environmental Justice Groups Host Response To False Solutions pushed at the UN Climate Ambition Summit

Lenape Lands, New York City, NY— National climate justice leaders from organizations representing impacted, frontline communities will be holding a press conference on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023** during NYC Climate Week to demand real climate solutions, a Just Transition, climate reparations, and a phase-out of fossil fuels.

Frontline speakers denounce false solutions such as carbon capture and storage (CCS), carbon markets and offsets, climate geo-engineering, nature-based solutions, nuclear power, biomass energy and biofuels, hydrogen energy, and more, that are being pushed inside the UN Secretary-General's Climate Ambition Summit and advanced by corporate, governmental, and big NGOs during Climate Week. Listen to those on the frontlines opposing these industrial techno-fixes and greenwashed climate schemes and demanding real climate action from the U.S. and Canadian governments.

Press can [RSVP here](#). Registration is required. We encourage the press to send questions in advance via the [registration link](#). This is a HYBRID press conference, held both in-person and over zoom.

WHO: Tom BK Goldtooth, **Indigenous Environmental Network**
Eriel Tchekwie Deranger, **Indigenous Climate Action**
Adrien Salazar, **Grassroots Global Justice Alliance**
Dawn Wells-Clyburn, **Climate Justice Alliance (Push Buffalo)**
Julia Bernal, **Pueblo Action Alliance**
Anthony Rogers Wright, **The Black Hive, Movement for Black Lives**
Mohiba Ahmed, **Desis Rising Up and Moving**

WHAT: Press Conference hosted by members of [It Takes Roots](#)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19, 2023
10:30 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. Eastern

WHERE: The People's Forum
Violeta Parra Stage (ground level)
320 W 37th Street
New York, NY 10018

REGISTER: bit.ly/ITRpressconference



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[The Indigenous Environmental Network \(IEN\)](#) is an international alliance of Indigenous Peoples whose mission it is to protect the sacredness of Mother Earth from contamination and exploitation by strengthening, maintaining, and respecting Indigenous teachings and natural laws. IEN works with Indigenous grassroots community organizations, Tribal governments, Indigenous national organizations, multi-cultural alliances, Tribal universities and colleges, as well as Tribal Knowledge holders and spiritual leaders. We work to empower and build the capacities of Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities to develop mechanisms to demand environmental justice, protect our sacred sites, land, air, water, the health of our people and all living things, and to build sustainable communities.

[Grassroots Global Justice \(GGJ\)](#) is an alliance of more than 60 U.S.-based grassroots organizing groups composed and led by poor and working-class multiracial, Latinx, Black, Indigenous, Asian Pacific Islander, Arab, and white communities. GGJ brings groups into a long-term process of relationship building, political alignment and transformational leadership development. We weave and bridge together US-based GRO groups and global social movements working for climate justice, gender justice, an end to war, and a just transition to the next economy. GGJ is a founding member of It Takes Roots and is also a member of The Rising Majority, a broad front of multiracial, anti-racist organizations that are specifically being led by Black leadership across the country. GGJ is also a member of La Jornada Continental for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism, a collaboration focused on rebuilding a strong articulation of popular movements across the Americas.

[Climate Justice Alliance \(CJA\)](#) formed in 2013 to create a new center of gravity in the climate movement by uniting frontline communities and organizations into a formidable force. Our translocal organizing strategy and mobilizing capacity is building a Just Transition away from extractive systems of production, consumption and political oppression, and towards resilient, regenerative and equitable economies. We believe that the process of transition must place race, gender and class at the center of the solutions equation in order to make it a truly Just Transition. CJA is a growing member alliance of 89 urban and rural frontline communities, organizations and supporting networks in the climate justice movement. Member organizations lead CJA by anchoring major Just Transition projects focused on the social, racial, economic and environmental justice issues of climate change. We are locally, tribally, and regionally-based racial and economic justice organizations of Indigenous Peoples, Black, Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander, and poor white communities who share legacies of racial and economic oppression and social justice organizing.

[Indigenous Climate Action \(ICA\)](#) is an Indigenous-led organization guided by a diverse group of Indigenous knowledge keepers, water protectors and land defenders from communities and regions across so-called Canada. We believe that Indigenous Peoples' rights and knowledge systems are critical to developing solutions to the climate crisis and achieving climate justice. We inspire action through the development of tools and opportunities created with, by and for our communities, with the goal of uplifting Indigenous voices, sovereignty, and stewardship of the lands and waters for future generations.

[The Black Hive](#) is at the heart of the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) climate and environmental justice efforts. We are a cohort of Black climate and environmental justice experts who use our collective experience and knowledge to assess how climate change and ecological destruction impact Black communities in the U.S. and across the Global Black Diaspora. Together, we organize for cleaner, better, and safer futures for Black lives.

[It Takes Roots \(ITR\)](#) is a multiracial, multicultural, intergenerational alliance of alliances representing over 200 organizations and affiliates in over 50 states, provinces, territories and Native lands on Turtle Island; and is led by women, gender non-conforming people, people of color, Black and Indigenous Peoples. It is an outcome of years of organizing and relationship building across the membership of Climate Justice Alliance, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Indigenous Environmental Network and Right to the City Alliance. Our four alliances are led by communities on the frontlines fighting for racial, housing and climate justice, and Indigenous sovereignty.
