CLIMATE ACADEMY

PEOPLE'S PATHWAYS TO CLIMATE ACTION INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON Nature-based Solutions and Futures Thinking

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Futures thinking offers ways of addressing and helping to shape the future. Futures thinking can offer insights into how policy, strategies and actions can promote desirable futures and help prevent those (potentially harmful) events people consider undesirable. In this session, participants will engage in four futures thinking activities. These activities are designed to stimulate strategic dialogue, widen understanding of possibilities, strengthen research, and inform decision-making.

Suggested reading resources:

- How to play the future four-square game
- Forecasting skills
- Urgent optimism
- Collaborative foresight
- Simulation skills



In this interactive virtual workshop we will build four futuristic scenarios with Nature-based Solutions experts. We will first do a survey of participants' outlooks on, a) whether the application of NbS in addressing climate change is likely to improve or worsen in the future, and b) the degree to which participants feel empowered to affect this future. Based on the outcomes, we will introduce four different activities and discuss them with four NbS experts. The skills are: action skills, simulation skills, forecasting skills, and collaborative foresight skills.

AGENDA

Time Slot		Activity	Who
BONN	HANOI		
13:00 –13:03	18:00 –18:03	Introduction	Himanshu Shekhar, UNU-EHS
13:03 –13:15	18:03 –18:15	Tools introduction activity: The Future Four-Square game	Koko Warner, UNFCCC
13:15 –13:30	18:15 –18:30	Action skills	Siddharth Narayan, East Carolina University, USA
13:30 –13:45	18:30 –18:45	Simulation skills	Linjun Xie, University of Nottingham Ningbo, China
13:45 –14:00	18:45 –19:00	Forecasting skills	Patricio Gabriel Belloy Kauak, University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston's McCormack Graduate School
14:00 –14:15	19:00 –19:15	Collaborative foresight	Lilian Daphine Lunyolo, UNFCCC & UNU-EHS
14:15 –14:25	19:15 –19:25	Workshop insights and conclusion	Koko Warner, UNFCCC
14:25 –14:30	19:25 –19:30	Concluding remarks	



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