INTRODUCTION:
The World Social Forum (WSF) is a civil society forum to speak out and challenge the existing neoliberalism and hegemonic globalisation that have historically perpetuated poverty, inequality, and injustice. It offers space for people’s struggles across the globe to submerge, collaborate and extend solidarity with each other for equality, peace, and justice. It is not only a forum where frustrations and waves of anger are demonstrated, but also a platform to popularise the alternatives for alter-globalization that promote the counter-narratives towards building ‘Another World’ free from poverty, inequality, war, exploitation, and injustice. The WSF 2024 will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 15 to 19 Feb 2024, where numerous forums like Intercontinental Youth Forum will provide a space for meaningful discourse and collaboration.

ActionAid International Nepal (AAIN), in collaboration with many other networks and alliances, is set to organise a series of events/activities and thematic sessions, including mass mobilization and art activism focusing on climate justice.

CLIMATE CRISIS IS POLITICAL:
• Climate change is an urgent global challenge, disproportionately affecting the poor and vulnerable. The ongoing discourse centres on the possibility of limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5°C. However, it is undeniable that achieving this goal is impossible without concrete and immediate actions to curb ongoing emissions on a global scale. It is unjust for the poor, vulnerable, and underprivileged communities, and countries especially in the Global South to bear the disproportionate impacts of climate change while the Global North continues to profit. Immediate actions are must to address this injustice created by the greed of the wealthy world.

• Global leaders at COP28 agreed on transitioning away from fossil fuels, but there is no fair share of finance. Without the proper financing mechanism, taking action to combat climate risks is impossible. Developed countries should take responsibility and accountability for the damage they have caused to the globe for a long time.

• Financing fossil fuels and industrial agriculture risks locking Global South countries into unsustainable development paths, building expensive and debt-dependent infrastructure that may quickly become outdated (“stranded assets”), rather than investing in transitions to renewable energy and agroecology.

• Public financing can contribute greatly to solutions to the climate change crisis but remains a big part of the problem. Governments continue to channel public funds to fossil fuels and industrial agriculture through a web of public subsidies, state-owned enterprises, state-owned banks, national wealth and pension funds, and official development assistance (ODA).
In the era of urgent climate risks, public funds must be scaled up and channeled in the public interest, to bring about equitable just transitions to renewable energy and agroecology. Therefore, it is crucial to unite with people across the world to amplify collective voices to urgently tackle the climate crisis and demand for climate justice.

Acknowledging this context, ActionAid along with larger partners communities and social justice movements have initiated the Global Climate Justice Campaign 2023.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE EVENTS:**

- Popularize the agenda of climate justice with national and international audiences, emphasizing how climate change is impacting the lives and livelihoods of people in developing countries like Nepal. Furthermore, the session seeks to discuss how private sectors, especially global banks, invest their money in climate-harming businesses.

- Offer a common platform to share experiences and struggles’ stories around the agenda of climate justice from Mountain to Island to connect among various actors/activists to speak/oppose and demand climate justice.

- Dissemination of findings/recommendations of different studies and research reports on “How the Finance Flow” to see challenges in private sectors and how they are harming the climate.

- Strengthen global solidarity among the people’s struggles and voices from the different corners of the world especially from the global south on climate justice.

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

- Mass mobilization- Youth-led rallies/demonstrations, Flash mobs, Drama, art etc.

- Panel discussion on the agenda of Climate Justice will mainly cover the global financial flows, private sector investments and corporates’ interest in Climate harming the extractive economy specifically toxic agribusiness and fossil fuels industries. The discussion will also cover the agenda of mountainous countries and islands. The panelists will be from diverse continents and countries.

- Production and dissemination of studies’ findings, information, education, and communications (IECs) to understand the roots of the climate crisis and demands of impacted communities and countries.

- Booth set-up and dissemination of IECs

- Media Engagement

**DATE OF THE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:**

- February 16th: Thematic session (11:30-3:30 PM)
- February 17th: Flash mob before Climate Justice Assembly in coordination with NMES
- February 17th: Art Activism in coordination with Lalitkala Campus
- February 18th: Flash mob and Drama led by youths from NMES

**KEY DEMANDS:**

- Climate Justice How: Transform the Extractive Economic Model Now!

- Phase out of fossil fuels and transform to renewable energy.

- Stop investing in fossil fuels,

- Redirect investment towards a real solution: renewable energy and agroecology that centre the rights of indigenous people, local communities, women, and vulnerable communities.

- Polluters should pay and be punished.

- We need real solutions that centre the rights of Indigenous peoples, local communities, women, and vulnerable communities.

- Make free Loss and Damage Funds from International Financial Institutions’ (IFIs) interest.

- Simplify access to the Loss and Damage fund for impacted countries.

- Ensure accessible green climate funds for impacted communities.

- Declare Climate Loan as a Crime!

- Compensation is the right of affected communities!

- Build and deepen public pressure on Governments and Corporations for Climate Justice!

- Demand a fair share of commitment to limit the global temperatures to 1.5°C.

- Deliver real and just solutions for people and the planet.

- Let’s voice out for system change for Climate Justice!

- Build power from below! The affected community are in the centre!

- Fund Our Future!

- Climate Justice Now!
How the Finance Flows

IEC Information, Education Communication (IEC)