

November Editorial Glasgow! COP26

Another year of struggle and demonstrations by all environmental activists. This year the Youth dominated it as their future is being seriously threatened!

A myriad of movements in every country in the world! It's time for Mozambique to do something concrete!

I echo the words of the Activist Mariana, who leads the Climate Justice Movement in the world:

“As I write, one of the biggest criminal encounters against humanity and life on earth is taking place - COP26. Those to blame for the climate crisis are multinational companies and governments. The reason all this is happening is the capitalist system”...

where are we and where do we want to go

“System change, not climate change” it’s not a request we make to current institutions. But our responsibility to make it happen. To achieve this, we need to be globally and regionally coordinated, define strategies and create spaces where we can build up people's power. The Glasgow Agreement was created with that ambition, to be a step for the movement to take on our mission to achieve social and climate justice within the timeframe dictated by climate science...

A strategy was built:

- i) *Produce territorial inventories to map existing and proposed sources of emissions - an actual tool that gives us a clear picture of our emissions reality and what needs to be closed or reset;*
- ii) *Create spaces of popular power where communities, movements, and grassroots organizations can collaborate in building action plans for system change and climate justice - the climate justice agenda;*
- iii) *Build and coordinate regional and global spaces that allow us to create global strategies that also adapt to each local context. We defined a structure based on assemblies, global working groups, and strategic conferences.”*

Reflecting from Mozambique’s side, as a member of the environmental defense movements and of the same Environmental and Extractive Industry Platforms...What have we done and what do we propose to do?

The activist Mariana invites us to reflect:

- **- How does your group view the Glasgow Agreement?**

What were your expectations for joining the Glasgow Agreement? What is your current perception of this? What changes have taken place in your group since joining the agreement? How did you get involved in this? (ex: Inventories, climate agendas, global actions, working groups, assemblies, etc...)

- **- Who, in your opinion, will achieve this system change?**

Your group? A mass organization you are leading? An allied organization in its context? An existing organization that your group will "pressure"? Existing government or state powers? Other actors? What role do you see your group playing in this scenario?

- **- What influence does your group have in your local context, and what has your group achieved this year?**

What has been your main focus? What activities/actions did you conduct? Is your group supporting local struggles? Coordinating national mobilizations? Organizing mass actions? Participating in larger spaces for mass mobilization?

- **- How does your group relate to international coordination spaces?**

Are you internationally organized? Are you a local, national or international group? How essential or optional is your group's international coordination in terms of human resources? How much authority do you give to international spaces over your group's internal decision-making processes? How are you dealing with adapting your strategies to international and national calendars at the same time?

We know that the Glasgow Agreement was not created to be another space of empty promises and inaction.

It's up to us to face the terrible reality we live in, look at each other and decide what our story will be like.

Climate Justice has clear ideas and pursues concrete paths to change the current situation in the world!

It is us? There are great “opportunities” for discovering coal deposits in Tete and Niassa, there are research licenses in different parts of the country and at sea, there is a desire to move forward with Palma, making up for the time lost by the Isis war... Will all of that even enrich the country? All which worldwide is considered Negative for the Environment.... Are we going to maintain an indifferent attitude and let the big ones continue to forge ahead?

Much depends on us. In a country where 70% of the population is comprised of the Youth and all the strength of change resides in them, if they are enlightened, animated, and engaged in political change.

It's time to act after the big event in Glasgow!!!