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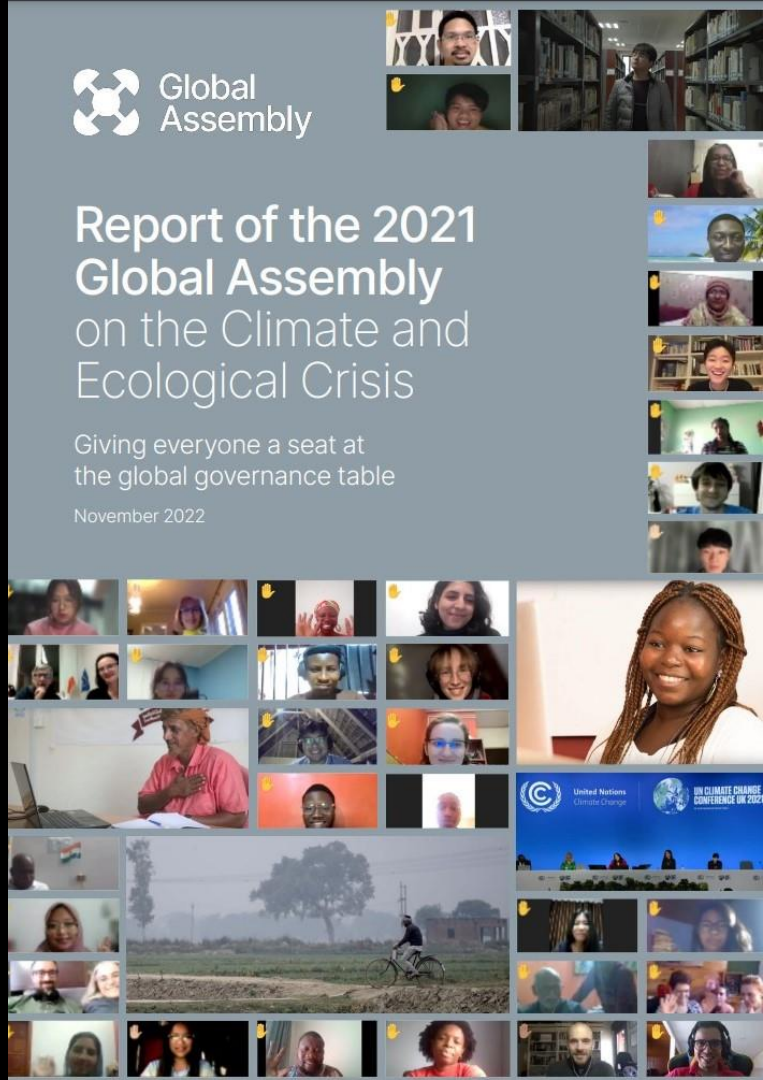

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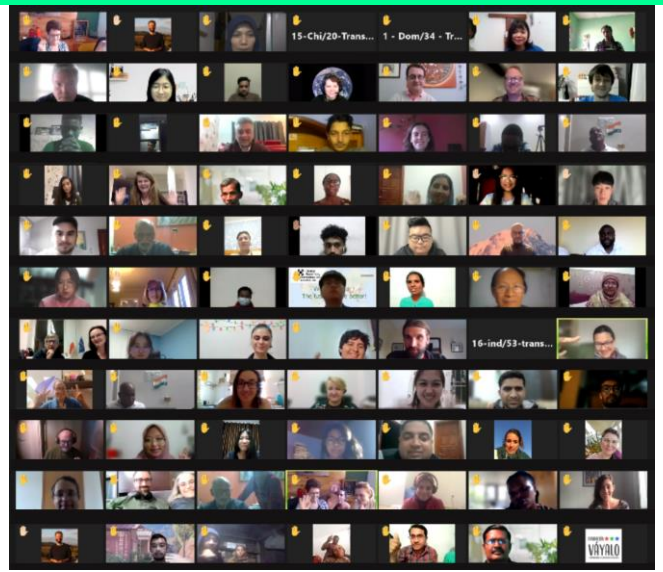
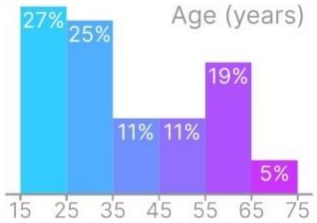
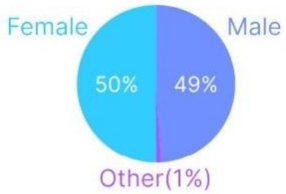


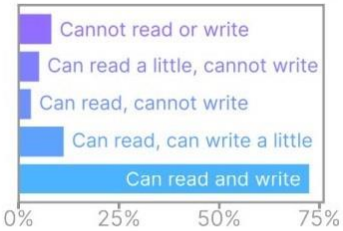
100 people (98 by the end of the process), a descriptive sample of the global population representative by geography, gender, age, education and attitude to climate change, chosen by **civic lottery**.

From October through December 2021, 98 Assembly Members convened over 20 sessions across 12 weeks — a total of 68 hours of online learning, deliberation and voting.

Key demographics



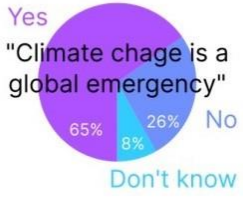




*70% use a mobile phone every day

*36% never use a computer

*34% had never used a video call



16 Assembly Members belong to an indigenous community

6 Assembly Members are refugees or internally displaced

42 languages spoken

Most common: English
2nd: Chinese
3rd: Hindi

*† 66% earn less than $US 10 per day

working or home-making	retired
64%	12%
15% studying	8% unemployed *

* A percentage of only those who provided this information
† Currency conversion performed 10 May 2022

Community Assemblies

The Community Assemblies were conceived to extend the Global Assembly beyond the walls of the Core Assembly. Running in parallel, they enabled anyone to participate in the process by organizing or participating in a local event and deliberating on the 2021 framing question: “How can humanity address the climate and ecological crisis in a fair and effective way?”

Despite the absence of any formal lottery selection mechanism, a strong diversity of people participated. This included a roughly equal division of men and women, a range of literacy levels and ages, and a wide variety of professional backgrounds. About 1,300 people participated from at least 41 countries, speaking at least 13 languages.

Community Assembly in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Inclusive, accessible, equitable / just?

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Inclusive: if it invites everyone who may be affected by a decision

- Core Assembly complemented with Community Assemblies

Accessible: if everyone who is invited can participate fully in the process

- Logistics: Translation, technical support (i.e. laptop, internet connection), breakouts in suitable timezones
- Equal compensation: Core Assembly members who participated were compensated equally ($ 600 for 68 hours of engagement)

Equitable / Just: if it actively acknowledges and addresses historic/ongoing disadvantages some groups face

- Governance: Original nations, indigenous wisdom included (Knowledge and Wisdom Committee)
- Decentralisation of the delivery: global community of more than 400 individuals, and at least 120 organizations across 112 countries
- Process design: different ways of learning acknowledged, but still written materials heavy.
- Research findings show the challenges and limitations of the approach

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