

# GLOBAL SOUTH VOICES ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*“Ten years ago it would rain here and we could grow crops. Now it doesn’t rain. I don’t know why the weather has changed.” - Mywa Mule, rural Kenyan farmer.*

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## What does climate change mean for our brothers and sisters around the world? And what do their stories mean for us?

Climate change does not mean the same thing for all people. For many in the global south, the impacts are being felt now, and in a way which impacts their lives in substantial ways. Just as we are called to understand and respond to the health, food, family, and other needs of our global family members, so we are called to listen to how climate is impacting lives around the world. As North Americans, we need to hear the stories directly from our brothers and sisters around the world to understand how they are experiencing climate change, and how we can walk with them in the challenges that this brings.

The Global South Voices program is an initiative of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) that brings informed, articulate and passionate voices from the global south to North America. As part of the effort to “move the needle” on this issue in Anabaptist and other faith communities, CSCS feels it is critical that the perspective of our sisters and brothers in the Global South are heard. Including these voices is a moral imperative from a climate justice perspective, as well as an effective way of personally motivating North Americans to change attitudes, policies and practices.

Participants visit churches, universities, policymakers, and other venues, in order to raise the profile of climate issues from a global perspective. Participants are available to:

- Tell stories from their home communities of the impact of climate change.
- Speak knowledgeably on specific impacts to areas such as health, agriculture, human rights, and women and children.
- Reflect on how their home communities perceive the role of North Americans in climate change issues.
- Suggest areas of engagement and action for those concerned about climate impacts in the global south.



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## Global South Voices Participants, Fall 2018 (Sep. 14 - Oct. 7)



### **Zacarías Bernabé Martínez, El Salvador**

Zacarías has worked in El Salvador for over 20 years, and is coordinator for the program of Community development at ANADES (Asociación Nuevo Amanecer El Salvador). He has worked throughout the Central American region, including working with communities on issues of climate change. Zacarías lives in San Salvador, El Salvador, and has experience and expertise in health, human rights and agriculture.



### **Sibonokuhle Ncube, Zimbabwe**

Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube is the National Coordinator of Compassionate Development Service, the relief and development agency of the Brethren in Christ Church of Zimbabwe. She has 18 years' experience in various development contexts, and includes programs in climate change management, climate finance governance, and disaster preparedness. Sibonokuhle and her husband live with their 3 daughters in Harare, where she serves as Deaconess at the Lobhengula Brethren In Christ Church.



### **Durga Sunchiuri, Nepal**

Durga has worked as a program coordinator for MCC Nepal since 2015, and previously as a program officer for various NGOs in Nepal. He speaks to the impact of climate change on the lives of rural farmers in Nepal, out of his many years of experience working in community development here. Durga has experience speaking with church groups in the USA, Canada and Finland. Durga lives in Kathamandu with his wife and daughter. He has experience and expertise in managing agriculture and disaster relief projects in Nepal, and will tell stories about the impact of climate change on availability of water in the rural Nepali communities.

