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# Re-imagining global governance

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# **Climate and ecological crisis**

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As a result of pollution, climate change, destruction of natural habitats and exploitation, one million species of plants and animals are now threatened with extinction.

Climate change and the loss of biodiversity threaten food and water security and human health.

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# Principles of Justice, Equity & Fairness

Equity means that while acknowledging that tackling climate change is a common problem for all countries and hence every country needs to take actions, some countries (the richer countries) have nevertheless a greater responsibility as they have been the main beneficiaries of emissions for the last two centuries.

Justice is about the adverse impacts of climate change on poor people and countries where the problem has been created by the emissions of richer people and countries. In this context, it is the poorest and most vulnerable developing countries, who want all the major emitting countries (who now include large developing countries such as China and India) to take actions to reduce their emissions and also provide finance for adaptation to climate change. Fairness is a principle that underlies the way in which countries perceive the application of equity and justice, and fairness can be very subjective in its application.

# Principle of Effectiveness

Effectiveness is the ability to produce desired output. Effectiveness in respect to climate change mitigation can be assessed by evaluating the impact of climate policies. Although the direct and indirect effects on emission reduction are the prime concern when proposing and implementing policies, various policy instruments have various effects in other domains, most of which concern citizens and their day to day lives.



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# Characters



## **You can also create your own character cards**

indicating your profession, your age, location, a little bit about your daily routine and what is your main opinion on climate change and how is it affecting your own life.



## **Goal:**

Participants take the role of an other citizen. The activity will stimulate interrogations and emotions. Participants will add perspectives to the role and to the discussions.



## **Instructions:**

Participants choose a character card to engage in the role play. Participants change roles in rounds. Round can last 15 minutes. You can use a bell to ring each round.





# Sharmin



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# Ndiaga



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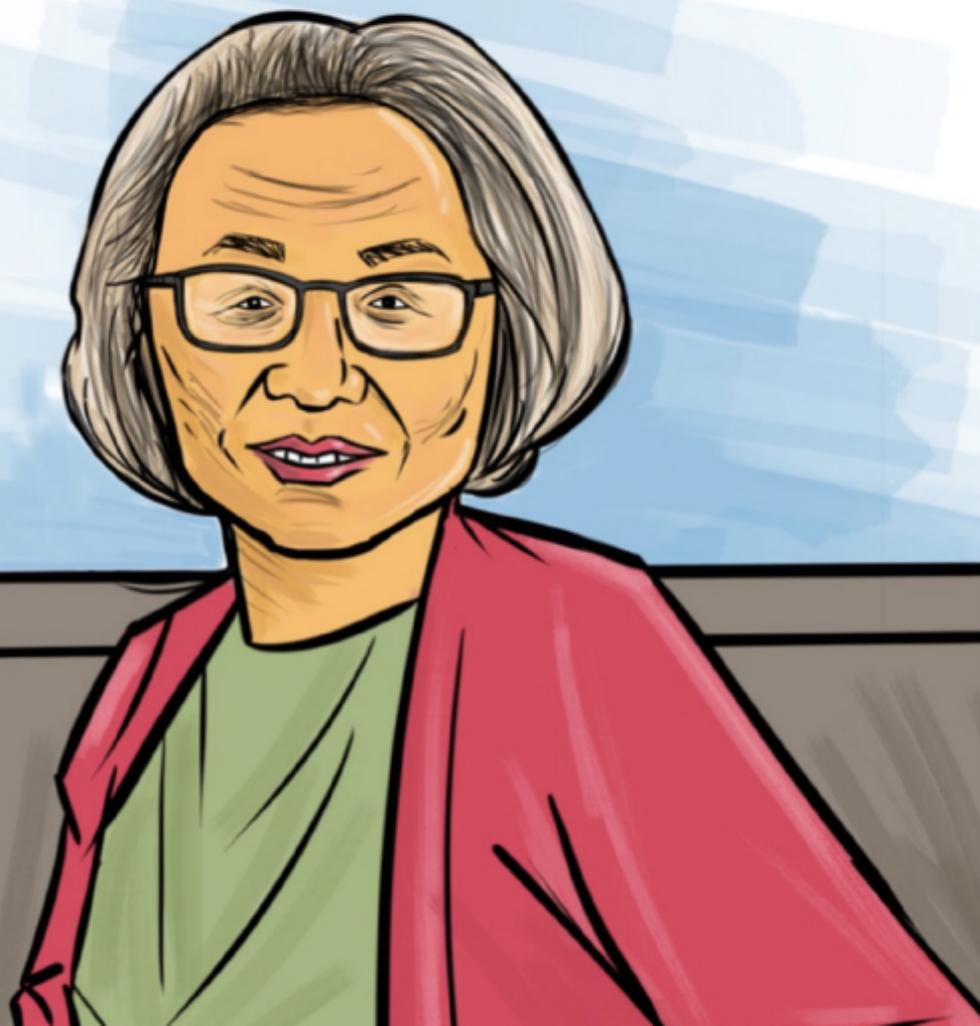


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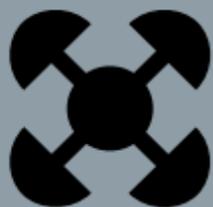


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# Discussions



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climate change  
mean to you?



How does  
climate change  
affect you?



How can  
humanity  
address the  
climate and  
ecological crisis  
in a fair and  
effective way?



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effective  
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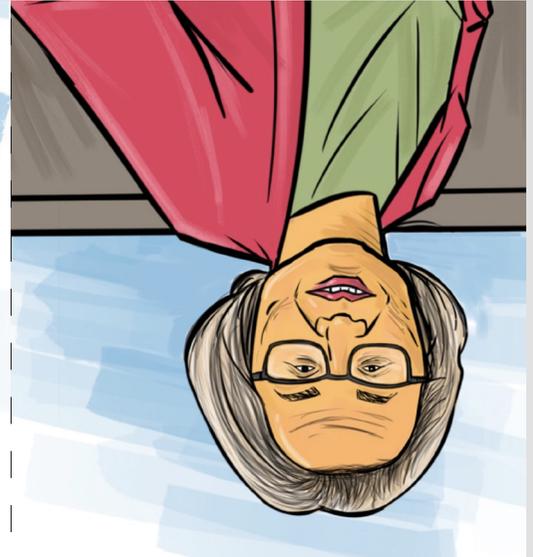
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What does climate change mean to you?



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