

It Takes Roots to Weather the Storm: Road to Paris and Beyond Calendar

June-September 2015

June 12-14: Representatives of GGJ and CJA participate in Coalition Climat 21 preparatory meetings in Paris.

July: Form a National Coordination Team (NCT) of CJA & GGJ members, co-convened by GGJ, Indigenous Environmental Network and Institute for Policy Studies. Begin regular strategy meetings leading up to December.

June 21-August 29: During the “Summer of Our Power”, CJA coordinates a national “relay” across US communities to highlight frontline struggles and solutions to the climate crisis, engaging member organizations in workshops, political education, and strategizing regarding Obama’s Clean Power Plan, CJA’s energy democracy platform, and just transition principles and strategies. The relay culminates in the Gulf Coast to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. GRI and GGJ connect these events to the global people’s climate process and the delegation to Paris.

September: Select delegates and begin trainings and support on political education, nonviolent direct action, narrative communications and grassroots fundraising.

October 2015

October 1-4: Representatives of GGJ and CJA participate in preparatory and strategy meetings in Paris with Climate Space and Coalition Climat 21 (CC21).

October 5-9: Team of GGJ/CJA members meet with local Paris communities through an exchange with CC21 to share lessons on anti-racist organizing & engagement of communities of color.

October 14: US-based People’s Climate Movement National Day of Action calling out US Congress members & corporations who deny climate change and block progress on popular alternatives.

Oct/Nov: GRI provides funding to key Global South social movement organizations to support their participation in Paris strategy meetings and mobilizations.

November-December 2015

November Date TBD: Face-to-face preparatory meeting of the National Coordination Team to finalize plans for Paris.

November 28: UN accredited GGJ/CJA and international movement delegates arrive in Paris.

November 29: Organize a Frontline and impacted communities contingent at the mass mobilization in the streets of Paris and in major cities in France and around the world to make our demands known to Heads of State and government, just before negotiators head to COP21 in Paris.

November 30-December 11: UNFCCC/COP21

December 4: The majority of GGJ/CJA delegates and Global South social movement organizations arrive in Paris to participate in the convergence, debates and mobilizations.

December 4-5: International Tribunal on the Rights of Nature

December 5-6: Global Village of Alternatives

December 7: Women’s Assembly (TBD)

December 7-12: Climate Action Zone, escalating decentralized actions to pave the way beyond the COP21.

December 12: Mass mobilizations and actions in Paris: The movement has the last word on the outcome.

January-June 2016

January & February: Debriefs and reportbacks.

Spring: Strategic meeting of international social movement leaders to evaluate and assess the mobilizations, actions and movement building in Paris, and develop coordinated joint strategies to advance post-Paris organizing.

Date TBD: Write a report documenting lessons of Road to Paris.

Date TBD: Convene follow up meetings to coordinate US activities in the next stage beyond Paris, especially around Obama’s Clean Power Plan and US presidential elections.

Ongoing support to climate justice movements on the ground in US and internationally as the Paris agreement rolls out.