



# Global Assembly

**COP26**

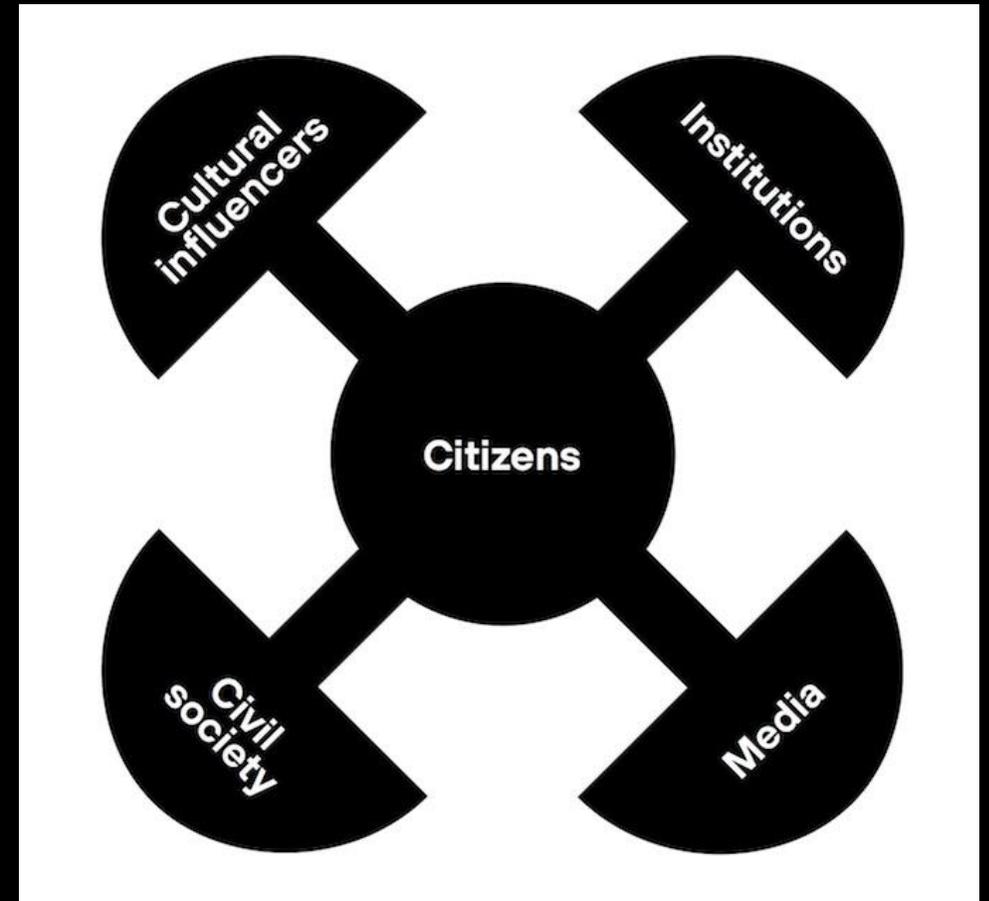
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# What is the Global Assembly for COP26?

- A global scale deliberative process bringing together everyday citizens from around the world to discuss the climate and ecological emergency in the run up to COP26
- The global assembly will involve both:
  - a core group of 1000 people: a snapshot of the world's population broken down by gender, age, economic background and geography chosen by lottery
  - distributed events that mirror the core group, and will be run by anyone anywhere e.g. communities, schools, organisations
- Five engagement routes:
  - Cultural influencers
  - Institutions
  - Media
  - Civil society
  - ...and of course citizens.



# Why a Global Assembly for COP26?



# The context of climate deliberation

- World Wide Views <http://wwviews.org/>
  - On global warming: COP Copenhagen in 2009 (4000 citizens in 38 countries)
  - On biodiversity: held in 2012 (3000 citizens in 25 countries)
  - On climate and energy: COP Paris in 2015 (almost 10,000 citizens in 76 countries)
- National Climate Citizens' Assemblies
  - Ireland: 2 week-ends in October- November 2017
  - UK: Climate Assembly - 3 in person weekends and 3 short online weekends (January – May 2020)
  - France: Convention Citoyenne pour le Climat – 7 in person weekends and 1 online week-end (October 19-June20)
  - Denmark
  - Scotland....
- Ongoing: Local & regional climate citizens' assemblies and juries (all across the UK)
- Planned: Spain, Germany, Washington State...

# World Wide Views >> <<

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## A methodology for global citizen deliberation

World Wide Views is a global citizen consultation initiative. A World Wide Views citizen consultation provides decision-makers with a unique insight into the global public opinion on complex governance issues that are debated and negotiated at global venues, such as the UN.

### Right now

The Danish Board of Technology welcomes ideas and support for new WWViews citizen consultations connected to global policy making processes.



## Projects

### Climate and Energy



The third WWViews project, and the largest ever global citizen consultation, held in 2015 with almost 10.000 citizens participating in 76 countries.

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### Biodiversity



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### Global Warming



The first World Wide Views consultation, and the first-ever global citizen consultation, held in 2009 with 4000 participating citizens in 38 countries

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# Getting Climate Citizens' Assemblies Right

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*Climate assemblies can help unlock more effective action against climate change, but improvements are needed in how they are run.*

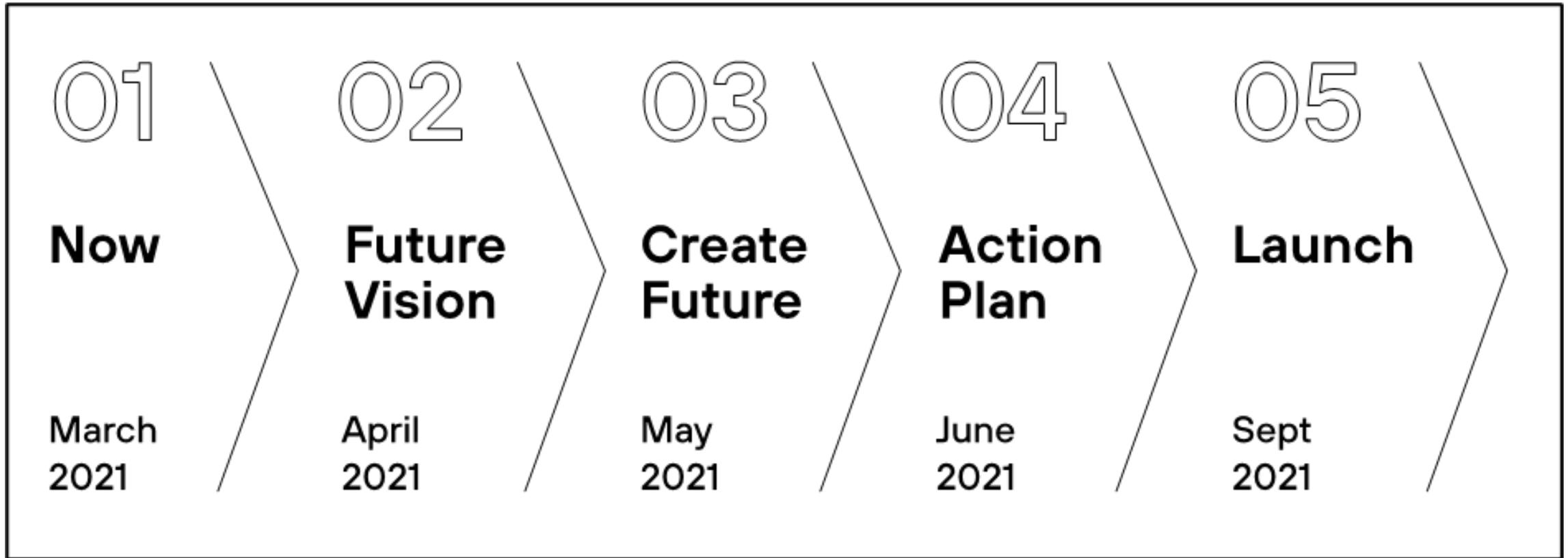


A lot of stock is being put in climate citizens' assemblies (CAs) to help solve tough political issues. In recent months, two high-profile climate assemblies—in France and the UK—proposed hundreds of measures and recommendations; and more climate assemblies are planned in Germany, Scotland, Spain, and beyond.

A big reason for the surge of interest in climate CAs—and other deliberative [mini-public fora](#)—is the lack of confidence in, and poor track record of, conventional policymaking in tackling climate change. In fact, CAs and mini-publics are now being pushed as a fix to pretty much every knotty policy issue, whether it's [COVID-19](#) or [democratic failure](#).

# Ten principles for climate deliberation

- Make transformative or incremental change a conscious choice
- Be future-focused by sharing all possible scenarios
- Look at mitigation and adaptation as two sides of the same coin
- Design a highly robust independent process
- Maximize representation when possible
- Create a large scale conversation
- Create and build awareness about the process with the involvement of civil society, citizens, government, businesses, cultural figures and the media
- Foster emotionally intelligent participation
- Explore how change happens
- Generate hope by design



Note: These timings may change based on when the funding is secured. The latest we can start phase 1 is June 2021.

The purpose of each phase is to support citizens:

1. Now: Understand the reality of the situation globally and share people's response to this.
2. Future Vision: Articulate hopes for life in 2040 and prioritise different future visions.
3. Create future: Prioritise actions commensurate with the future they want (i.e. including adaptation and mitigation).
4. Action Plan: Develop plans for making the priorities happen (e.g. who needs to do what: government, business, citizens).
5. Launch plans and recommendations: backed by various organisations and requests of support from others (e.g. government, business).

Launch of the Global Assembly on December 9<sup>th</sup>

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Thank you