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>> ELAINE STABLER: Hello, everyone. My name is Elaine. I'll be moderating today's discussion. I'm just going to wait one more minute or so to see if we have any more audience members joining. And then we will start very shortly.

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Okay. Well, hello and welcome to this Alliance Webinar, True Climate Equity: Why Climate Philanthropy Must Center Disability Rights. My name is Elaine Stabler, Magazine Editor for Alliance and I'll be moderating today's discussion. For those tuning in for audio only, I'm a white woman with long brown hair and purple glasses and gold colored earrings.

This is hosted by Alliance but coming in partnership with Impatience Earth, Disability Rights Fund, and Impatience Wellbeing. Joining me today is a very large panel comprising leaders in philanthropy, activism, and academia. I will be introducing each panelist briefly in just a moment.

Today we're going to be talking about the report, disability rights and and climate justice a funders guide copublished by Impatience Earth, Disability Rights Fund, and Impatience Wellbeing. But first before we get into it, a few words on housekeeping.

Today we're going to run for approximately one hour to one hour 30. There will be a Q&A session which audience members will have the chance to take part in too. It's important to note this webinar includes two chat functions. The first looks like a little speech bubble and you can find it in the bottom right-hand of your screen. You can use this to introduce yourself and let us know if you're having any technical issues. My colleagues are on hand behind the scene if you need it.

The second chat is called Slido and it's used for the question-and-answer part of this webinar. You'll also find it there. You can submit a question at any time using Slido. I'll keep an eye on this throughout the webinar and select questions for the Q&A at the end when you ask a question, it would be wonderful if you could tell us who you are and where you're from. We'll put as many of them as we can to the panel.

Today we also have two interpreters joining us providing ISL interpretation. You should be able to see one of them on your screen already. The interpreters will be automating every 20 minutes and we're also providing manual live captioning today. Click the stream text button on the right-hand side of your screen. And should you wish to have it in a language other than English, you can do so by the CC button on the bottom left-hand side of the screen. If you don't see the option here, look for the three dots button which should provide it.

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Lastly, I'm delighted to let you all know today we're offering a 20% discount code to anyone who would like to subscribe to Alliance Magazine. We are a compendium of news, analysis, opinion on global philanthropy and social investment. The link will be in the chat shortly. And a recording of today's webinar will be shared shortly after the session.

Now, without further ado, welcome to my panelist who is are joining me today. We have Bonface Massah, Executive Director African Albinism Network. Catherine Hyde Townsend. Dr. Sarabajaya Kumar, Dwi Ariyani Disability Rights Fund, Maria Un HWD Indonesia, and Yasmin Ahammad Impatience Earth. Now I'm going to hand over to Yasmin. Sorry for stumbling there at the end. But she's going to speak to you about climate justice and disability. Please do take a moment to reintroduce yourself and your physical characteristics if you wish.

>> YASMIN AHAMMAD: Thank you. My name is Yasmin and I'm the CEO of Impatience Earth. To give a visual description of myself, I am a brown woman with shoulder-length black hair wearing a dark green jumper. And I wanted to start by giving the audience a bit of context of why Impatience Earth has partnered with Impatience Wellbeing and Disability Rights Fund. It stems from us trying to address our own blind spots in this area.

Impatience Earth has been working with funders since 2020 to help them understand and act on the climate crisis. And we've been fortunate to have worked with lots of clients who are really passionate about resourcing communities who are the most vulnerable to climate impacts whether at home or globally and whether it's women, youth, Indigenous peoples, or racialized communities.

But people with disabilities are an afterthought if thought about at all. This includes us at Impatience Earth as philanthropy advisers. This is in spite the fact there are over 1.3 billion people with visible and invisible disabilities around the world. 80% of whom are in the Global South. And with the military conflicts we're witnessing on the news these days, this number is growing day by day.

For those of us who have the privilege to sit in the Global North, we shouldn't be dismissing this as a problem as "over there." We must all remember that as we ourselves get older, we are more likely to live in a society that disables us. In countries where life expectancy exceeds 70 years, individuals spend an average of 11% of their life span living with a disability.

But most importantly, people with disabilities living in our own communities right now are often at the sharpest end of poverty. And most likely to suffer physically and economically when storms, heat waves, and floods hit.

I could give you a lot of facts about what makes people with disabilities more vulnerable to climate, and there is a whole section in the guide that will tell you about this. But we know that it's the stories that stick. So I wanted to read something that someone who registered for this webinar shared with us. I want to say thank you to that individual for sharing. I've shortened and anonymized it for their privacy. But here it is. I live with autoimmune disorders. Heat and sunlight trigger my symptoms so badly sometimes that I need intensive steroid treatment that can last a month to calm the body. These past two summers have been debilitating for me. Symptom flare ups, staying indoors in AC, deep fatigue.

As you can deduce, all of this keeps me isolated as well as sick. Depression and anxiety slam me. Friends and family drift away when I cannot be present for months at a time. Global warming and environmental injustice are crushing this once-vibrant person and lover of all things outdoors.

I live in financial fear of the 23-year-old air conditioning unit breaking down. Where will that money come from that I require to stay alive? I am on full disability benefits, and I'm not permitted to earn even a penny or I will lose my public retirement benefit.

So this is a story coming from one of the theoretically richest nations on the planet. So we aren't even talking about just people with disabilities living in countries where climate adaptation financing isn't reaching. And this is why we want disability firmly on the radar of climate funders and vice versa to put climate on the radar of disability rights funders.

And we also wanted to highlight the fact that people with disabilities are not just powerful -- sorry.

Powerless victims in this picture. As the guide shows and this webinar will illustrate, they're often at the

forefront of solutions in their communities.

And I wanted to end with a few acknowledgments beforehand it back over to Elaine. Firstly, I wanted to thank the Climate Justice Just Transition Collaborative giving us funding and space to hold our first discussion on climate justice and disability rights during their webinar series a couple years ago. It was that which sparked this guide.

Secondly, a big thank you to all the people who contributed to the research. This included the 200-or-so people who responded to the survey, the 30 organizations of people with disabilities that took part in focus group discussions, all the Funders and the five organizations that validated the report. And massive shout-out to our lead consultant Faith Lemon. She did all the hard work of pulling this together for funders. So we hope it will spur some much-needed introspection within the funded community, and action on ensuring that people with disabilities are no longer an afterthought. Thank you very much and back to you, Elaine.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Yasmin. Before I hand over to our next speakers, I just wanted to let everyone know that the Slido chat has been disabled so that we can prioritize the live captioning which is coming to you via stream. So if you have a question for our panelists, you can put it in the normal chat. So that's just the normal chat box. I'll be monitoring this one throughout and we can put our questions to panelists at the end.

But now I'm going to hand over to Dwi and Sarabajaya to speak a little bit more in-depth about the report. Dwi, you're up first. Please do take a moment to reintroduce yourself and share a few words on your physical characteristics if you wish.

>> DWI ARIYANI: Thank you, Elaine. Hi, everyone. My name is Dwi Ariyani. I'm based in Indonesia. I'm working as Acting Program Director for Disability Rights Fund. I am woman with disability, a wheelchair users, and I'm Asian woman wearing a hijab and glasses. And I would like to share with you all about the funding or the part of the report that share about the obstacle that we're going to share those with disability can share how they work on the intersectionality between disability and climate change.

So over 19% of the OPD NGO and ENGO responding that they are working at the intersectioning between climate change and disability, but only 30% of the collective work is funded. There is a lot of obstacle that highlight in the report one of them is limited funding opportunity. The funding the work on climate justice and disability. There is still a collaborative missing with partnership between OPD and environmental organization to foster knowledge exchange and join initiative.

There's also highlight the lack of capacity some OPD mention that there is still lack of OPD that have expertise on climate change. On the other side NGO and ENGO or organization of justice say they still have lot lack of understanding of disability issue. So this lead also to there is still lack of collaborations, innovations to work together within OPD and the environmental organizations.

And in some of the obstacle also mentioned there is still lack of seeing organization or people with disability as partner from the environmental justice organizations that organization of person with disability are also working on the climate justice issue.

There's also still a lack of reliable data on the intersection of climate and disability. There are still disagreed data remains at these intersections as advocacy evidence base to advocate on the inclusive climate actions. And there's still also a lack of participation of organization of person with disability in the decision making when it come to climate change policy, program, and the framework on this also still missing participation of person with disability.

And stigma also still highlighted by organization of person with disability. They mention that OPDs still see as beneficiary rather than a partner by organization they're working on climate justice. And there is a lot of opportunity funding, but there is lack of accessibility. So the opportunity is not profiled in accessible way so that organization of person with disability can access those opportunities.

And OPD also still left out in the decision making on climate change. This is also lead to the fact there is still not much work happenings on the intersection within disability and climate change. And from the funder respondent, they mention that 82% support climate actions. 94% provide grant to marginalized group, particularly woman and youth. But I think there is also still a lack of data whether those marginalized group for example woman or youth whether there's also including woman with disability and

youth with disabilities.

Only 24% of the funding goes to disability inclusive climate justice. And grant maker are also still not see that disability is something that mind to their organizations. And they also things that they feel of making mistakes and they feel still lack knowledge on expertise on disability issue.

In the report also highlight some of the opportunity that will be shared also by my colleagues. So I hand over to Elaine. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you so much, Dwi. Now we're going to come to you, Sarabajaya. Please do take a moment to reintroduce yourself and share a few words and your physical characteristic if you wish.

>> DR. SARABAYA KUMAR: Thank you so much, Elaine. So my name is Sarabajaya. I am a scholar and teach at University College London. I also direct Impatience Wellbeing where we focus on all issues disability. So we focus on equitable living, equitable working, and equitable representation. And have a number of progs that we're pursuing there.

It's a great pleasure to be with you all today. As my great colleague Yasmin has already said, this has come out of wonderful collaboration with everyone here. So we're very grateful. In terms of my physical characteristics, I'm a brown woman with shoulder-length, curly hair. I was -- I'm wearing glass earrings from Italy today and have a gray top on. I'm also registered blind and in America I think they say legally blind. And I'm a motorized wheelchair user.

By way of a sentence of background, I have experienced a lot of exclusion from the climate justice movement myself even though I've been an environmental activist since the 1980 s. And I thought this was therefore the time to get they have communities and the funders who fund these communities working together.

So in terms of the report, I'm really going to talk about the sort of opposite of what Dwi discussed. So I'm going to talk about the opportunities which have come out of the reporting relation to what OPDs, organizations of people with disabilities, or as we call them DDPOs, Deaf and Disabled Peoples Organizations in Britain. And International NGOs. So these are suggestions from these groups.

So the first one is to funders to please make your fundings equitable, sustainable, and flexible. And the suggestion is you can do this by conducting outreach, embracing participatory methods, ensuring inclusive application processes, and encouraging grassroots groups.

The second suggestion is you could facilitate collaboration and networking through. Creating platforms and opportunities for knowledge sharing. And there's a lovely case study in the report of food sovereignty for people with disabilities in Indonesia. We don't have time to go into all the case studies during this little presentation, but I just point that out to you.

The second -- sorry, the third thing is to prioritize data collection and analysis. So as funders, you can report research on climate change and disability. And again there's a nice case study report in the -- in our report about disability and climate change in the Pacific with findings from the Solomon Islands and Tufalu. I've made a note about their findings. So I'll just share that quickly with you.

That climate change is negatively impacting both in all these areas agriculture, fishing, food security, access to water, and health. And they note in their report which came out in 2021 that disasters are a significant concern as well as emerging issues which are leading to new risks.

Also we'd like -- or they would like and we as a disabled person myself, if you could promote participation. So champion leadership of disabled people. This would be great, because we are underrepresented in all sectors of the economy be it government, nonprofit, or the public sector. And the more that we're included and we're voices at the table, the more we can influence policy which actually improves things for everybody, not just disabled people.

We also suggest that you fund mutual aid and community building. OPDs need funder support as they advocate for equitable and accessible humanitarian responses. And an example in our report is also a wonderful disability inclusive disaster-ready guidebook from Nepal.

So again, another thing for you to think about in terms of disability inclusive preparedness. We also like our capacity built. And others. So the building of capacity both of disability organizations but also climate

organizations through the investment and training and development. There's a need for funders to recognize the expertise embedded in the disability movement and fund OPDs to train climate INGOs. Another nice example is the inclusive climate adaptation and mitigation example in Nigeria. The report respondents would also like you to fund climate work at the intersection of gender and race. And disability. And specifically funding for disabled women and girls we say is critical due to our increased risks in the climate crisis.

And again, another illustration is the Feminist Coalition in Mongolia. Funder ideas include conducting intentional outreach, so that overlaps very much with the earlier suggestion. And then also collaborating with other funders to share best practice. Confronting ableism and actually recruiting disabled people. Funders also agree trust-based approaches and participatory grant making which was as suggested again by OPDs and INGOs would assist their efforts. So these are the key opportunities that I've drawn out from the report and very much look forward to discussing with all of you later. Thank you. Back to Elaine.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you so much, Sarabajaya and Dwi for those excellent presentations.

Audience members, if you have any questions on those presentations, please do pop your questions in the chat. I am monitoring it, so if you've got a question that's just popped into your head, feel free to write it down and I'll make a note of it. We'll put as many as we can to our panelists at the end.

But now I'm going to approach our panelists who haven't spoken yet. And I'm going to be coming to Catherine first. I have an opening question for you. Which hopefully will frame your speech in a moment. In both climate action and philanthropy, people with disabilities are too often excluded or siloed into separate conversations. How can we shift from seeing disability as an add on to recognizing disability communities as essential leaders in climate justice? And what are some of the promising approaches you've seen bridge this gap effectively already? And please do take a moment to reintroduce yourself and share a few words on your physical characteristics as well.

>> CATHERINE HYDE TOWNSEND: Hi, everybody. My name is Catherine Hyde Townsend. I'm a white American woman. I live with chronic pain. I am wearing glasses and I have mid-length brown hair. And today I'm wearing a black blouse with a gold necklace.

It's a pleasure to be here with my colleagues on this call. I want to share my role at Ford which is leading our approach to disability inclusion across Ford's 11 offices around this world.

So thank you, Elaine, for this question. First I'd like to address kind of why disability is too often seen as an add-on approach. Because I think the way that we think about the funding needs to address this reality. I think in many people's minds, people with disabilities are separated from other communities.

So you heard our previous speakers talk about this. Disabled people are not seen as being part of Indigenous communities or youth communities or gender communities. And I think that this is part of what we need to shift. And this doesn't mean that you are addressing a new community. It's really a new way of seeing the communities that you're already serving.

And so I also think that too often there's a tendency to think that the disability organizations or the quote, unquote disability funders can cover the disability community. And for those of you -- and I see there are many people from the disability community, you'll know that the disability funding community is extremely small. And part of this is reflecting the exclusion of people with disabilities in communities and certainly in philanthropy. And so amongst the philanthropies that provide billions of dollars for climate funding, very few have an intentional strategy to include people with disabilities in their efforts.

And I think as this report points out, that is critical. Because without that, it means that disability organizations, many of whom are on the front line of climate change, don't have sufficient or sustainable resources to continue their important work.

So that's a little bit about the context. I think we also need to address, though, why add-on approaches are less effective and what we see as promising; right? So when we look at the nexus of climate and disability and focus with this kind of lens approach, we tend to look at things like risk reduction and evacuation.

Very important.

But we're also missing mitigation, budgeting, how our disability communities are part of climate financing, and what about loss and damage as well. Right? Let's think about the devastating financial loss that can

happen if you lose access to accessible devices.

Additionally, it's very problematic when we think about the disability community only as beneficiaries. So as part of vulnerable communities, for example. And that's a problem, because we're disempowering a community that has an immense amount of power and creative ideas to actually fuel climate change efforts. Right?

At a time when I think we can all agree we need new energy, new creative ideas that can help push us to tipping points. So this leads me to the promising approaches in my work at Ford. And I'm going to deviate, I think, a little bit from what I was going to say. When I was listening to the summary of the report, I know that for somebody who's new, it can be overwhelming.

And my suggestion would be just to start. Start somewhere. Interestingly the example we wanted to give from Ford, we started with an add-on approach. We were supporting one funder who was supporting a group of mosquito divers in Honduras. So these are indigenous diver who is are diving for food and their food sources were more restricted.

But over time what we came to understand was that work really needed more scale, it needed more partners. And there were a variety of organizations that came together. A climate justice organization, a mainstream human rights organization. And women's rights organizations and labor rights organizations. And together they're putting -- they're working on strategic litigation in the inter-American court system. I think what's exciting about this is it started as an add-on approach. But when we really got down to what would change things, it required this kind of cross-movement collaboration. And I think it's an incredibly exciting project that shows the power of bringing communities together and understanding the ways that gender and justice, disability and justice, and the injustice that Indigenous communities face can come together.

So I think I'll close that we really need to learn by doing. I hope you all read this report. It's an incredible report. I don't think there is any of its kind. But we just need to get our hands dirty as we like to say in English. People with disabilities are the ultimate hackers. Again, another phrase that we like to use in the U.S. And engaging on disability allows donors to put our values of inclusion, right, nothing about us without us and leaving no one behind into action. And at the same time we're harnessing the resilience and power of an incredible community.

So thank you so much and I'll pass it over to Elaine before Bon shares his work. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Catherine. I really appreciated your presentation just then. And I think it's probably one of the standout quotes we've had so far in this webinar. I couldn't agree more. We are limited on time so I'm going to move straight onto Bon. I have a lead-in question for you as well. People with albinism face unique and often overlooked vulnerabilities in the face of climate change. Could you explain what these are and how can climate policy and funding mechanisms better recognize and respond to these intersectional challenges? And take a moment to reintroduce yourself and share a few words on your background and physical characteristics.

>> BONFACE MASSAH: Thank you very much. I'm personally a person -- and executive director of Africa Albinism Network. We are a network that supports organizational persons with albinism across Africa. Focus is to promote rights and protection of rights of persons with albinism. I think it's an honor for us to join this partner. Listening to the previous presenters and also looking at the report, it's very clear that all of us have been affected by climate change positively or negatively.

Based on the work we do at Albinism Network, let me say we have been greater affected by climate change. One is because of the sun. So we live in fear of skin cancer. But also we live in fear as a result of disaster displacing people including persons with albinism. And in the context of the way we have disasters, we are not going displace us.

So once we have a disaster, it also increases the risk of majority of people with albinism including children being affected. This is I think something that we should -- the long-term effect of climate change for persons with albinism.

Looking at the topic today, it's very personal when we look at the climate. What does that mean to us with albinism? I think we need to ask donors or funders instead of looking at various domains of rights that we

enjoy as human beings including people with disability.

But also we must be very impatient and climate change innovations. Multiple vulnerabilities we face as persons with disabilities and albinism. I'll be very specific. I think to give a few examples of I for those with albinism. I mentioned sun exposure. That leads to skin cancer. Which is many of us due to inavailability of sun screen.

Secondly, it's about the accountability of gaps we have. (Indiscernible) -- to ensure that we have all our sunscreen and WHO and including various governments.

It is important to ensure that we have sunscreen within the rights so that it can be available to us but also government can provide the funding and be allocated to ensure the sunscreen is available. (Indiscernible)

Climate change is also affect us a lot in terms of access to education. Most of the work we do across Africa, we still have a lot of schools where learners are learning at a tree. And under tree. So exposed to the sun. We can't see well. And this leads to persons with disability being excluded from terms of access to education. And that has a limit to access to business.

I think also experience we see in most African countries is the risk around disasters. Most of the responses are not very inclusive for people with disabilities. In our case we have seen a lot of exclusion when it comes to specific needs of persons with albinism. And this is something we can improve while we funders have funding innovations, different programs to provide specific responses through different types of disability including persons with albinism.

Allow me I think also to share experience in terms of the need for funders to invest in organizationals of persons with disability. As a network, we work as an OPD. And we have seen how powerful our voice or the voice of people with albinism has been in the space of climate change.

And if we know the voice of albinism, deliver it to the organizational persons with disabilities will lose out. Also lose out issues of self-representation of persons with disabilities within the climate justice space.

So donors and stakeholders ensure to invest in capacity for organizations of persons with disabilities. Capacity to fund our core way as OPD but also capacity for us to develop and engage how we further society organization and government funders within the climate change space.

We should really move out of looking at just finding issues. I think we are funding interventions that are changing lives of people. We are funding interventions that are transforming policies and attitudes towards persons with albinism and disability.

As I conclude, I also want to share a few opportunities. We have opportunities in the sense that across the globe we have seen in the individual and collectively testing people with disabilities standing up and speaking for themselves around the various partners we are facing. That is something funders can invest in to ensure that we sustain that positive energy but also improving the voices of person with disability.

I also want to mention on the issues of policy and legal frameworks to ensure that when funders are providing innovation and programs that they are legal frameworks and policies are very inclusive of specific needs of persons they are for. Providing funding, budget, interventions, but also programs around climate change.

This is opportunity as I conclude that we keep the discussion going to so the change the narrative and stereotypes that have been there around climate change and persons with disabilities. To ensure we create a space and position for person with disabilities within the climate change discussed globally and locally to protect for more rights. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Bon, thank you so much and thank you for also sharing some real personal stories and human stories of experience. It's really illuminating. Next I'm going to come to Maria and then we'll move onto the audience Q&A. Maria, I have a lead-in question for you as well. Indigenous women with disabilities often face layered forms of discrimination that make them particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Yet they are also leading powerful community-driven solutions. How do we better understand and support the intersection of indem they in both policy and practice. And please do take a moment to reintroduce yourself and share words on your background and personal characteristics.

>> MARIA UN: Thank you, Elaine. Yeah. Good evening, everyone. My name is Maria Un. I live in Indonesia and I am a physical disabled using a crutch. I have brown skin and curly hair. And today I am

wearing a blouse and hijab. Also wearing glasses.

First of all, I would like to thank you to Impatience Earth and DRF for inviting me on behalf of HWDI to share about our work in Indonesia. HWDI was established as an impact of the global movement for the protection and empowerment of women with disabilities who experience multiple forms of discrimination. And to achieve its vision, HWDI focuses on empowering women with disabilities conducted advocacy, gender equality, and assistance for women and girls with disabilities who are victims of gender-based violence especially sexual violence.

As a part of empowering women with disabilities, HWDI run programs to empower women with disability in six communities in Indonesia so they are able to participate fully in decision making process including in climate issues. This program fully supported by DRF, DRAF since 2017.

And what is the intersection? I think we all agree that climate change can use -- cause problems to everyone including persons with disabilities. However, for Indigenous women with disabilities who have strong relationship with the territory, with natural resources, they are a group much more vulnerable to impacts caused by climate change. Indigenous areas have hilly and mountain surfaces and lowlands are prone to disaster due to climate change such as flood, landslide, forest fire, and so on.

And persons with disabilities are the most vulnerable group who bear a greater and heavier socioeconomic burden especially in those categories of women and children compared to those without disabilities. The daily lives of Indigenous women with disabilities are highly dependent on natural resources. Extreme weather changes, also affect the lives of Indigenous communities. Especially those living in ecosystem areas most vulnerable to climate change such as small islands coastal carries and tropical forests.

And how Indigenous women with disabilities this proportionately impacted by climate change. Indigenous persons with disabilities, especially women, are among the groups neglected in various forms of participation in natural resources, management, and various efforts to adapt to the negative impact of climate change in environmental development scams at all levels of government.

The issue of natural resource management especially related to climate change with the involvement of Indigenous women with disabilities is an interesting and regretted issue. Indigenous women with disabilities also experience various challenges due to the adverse impact of climate change.

The phenomenon of including temperatures change in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather have an impact in various obstacles in getting out their livelihood activities. Indigenous women with disabilities are not invited in any trainings, workshop, or discussion related to climate change including when people are talking about regulation. And how are Indigenous women with disabilities also at the forefront of solution?

One, Indigenous women with disabilities as agents of change in... (Silence).

>> ELAINE STABLER: Maria, you've cut out. Are you still with us?

(Silence)

For everyone listening, I'm just going to give Maria another two minutes or so. See if she can come back.

(Silence)

Feel free to use this time if you've got a burning question in your back pocket to pop the question in either the chat window or there's a Q&A window which has appeared. And if you have access to either of those, feel free to put your question to the panelists in there. We're going to be coming to the audience Q&A in just a moment.

(Silence)

Okay. I think my colleagues are going to be trying to get Maria back. But until she's back with us, we're going to move on. To all of the panelists who have spoken so far, thank you so much for your insight, the experience, everything you've shared so far. It's been truly illuminating and I think it set us up for a very good audience Q&A.

Some people have already submitted questions, which is excellent. But if you've got one and you haven't asked it yet, feel free to put it in the chat. I'm going to open up this audience Q&A to the whole panel. So we had one pre-submitted audience question which I'm going to kick off with. And I'm going to put this to all panelists. How can climate philanthropy actively involve people with disabilities especially women and

Indigenous peoples in East Africa not just as beneficiaries but as co-designers and decision makers in climate resilience programs and funding mechanisms? What practical models exist or could be developed to ensure their leadership is recognized, resourced, and meaningfully integrated into climate justice strategies?

So of course this question references Indigenous peoples in East Africa in particular, but all of our panelists can have the chance to pump jump in. I'm going to open this up to Indigenous peoples from all over the world. Perhaps I'm going to come to Bon first. Are you able to share some thoughts on this question?

>> BONFACE MASSAH: Yeah. Thank you for that question. Thank you for me the first thing is to start looking at where we come from. As an organization of person with disability, I think our strength has been championing general human rights issue in terms oufr right to education and climate change. It hasn't been a strong site.

So in terms of our meaningful involvement, it's really I think the capacity of issue of let's make sure our lived experience of people with disabilities are well documented. And should be really targeted organizational persons with disabilities to make sure that we recommend these experiences but also we start building their capacity to be engaged at the local level. But also at the national and international level.

Second is the issue of resources. I think we need an examination of if we don't fund or fund organizational disability to build a strong movement. How far as funders we are promoting that is already there.

And that is a component by the limited capacity. And when with climate change, we have a good experience working with the many streams of organization. And it was very telling for them to understand. That's how funders need to invest. They need to bring us in that space. But also to teach within the climate change space and even understand it differently.

For me that's what we need to do to invest. And many involvement to make sure we know in terms of our advocacy messages and also the climate change space. Engagement and simple society spaces and our participation in the opportunity for us to understand and present issues of albinism at that global level. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thanks, Bon. Catherine, I can see you have raised your hand. Actually, I was going to come to you next. Do you have a response to Bon and to this question?

>> CATHERINE HYDE TOWNSEND: Yes. Thank you. I wanted to really stress the importance of relationship building. And you can do that in any way that ucht. But invite people with disabilities into your offices, into your events. Any kind of strategy or feedback that you're doing. Engaging with people with disabilities is the number-one thing that we need to start doing. Because without that, we can't get to understanding or even knowing about the amazing grant-making opportunities and amazing leaders that exist in the community.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Great. Thank you so much. We have many audience questions, so I'm going to move on again. And we haven't heard from Yasmin in a while, so I'm wondering if Yasmin wouldn't mind answering this question. This comes from audience member Remi who says: I would love to hear more about what from the panelist perspective on the ask to support mutual aid, how we can advocate for this better within funder spaces.

>> YASMIN AHAMMAD: Thanks, Elaine. And thanks, Remi. I'm not sure I'm the best place to answer this question on mutual aid, so I'd like to invite other panelists to contribute if they're able to.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Absolutely. Would any of our other panelists like to jump in?

>> DR. SARABAJAYA KUMAR: Elaine, could you repeat the question, please? What about mutual aid? I wasn't quite...

>> ELAINE STABLER: Absolutely. I can repeat the question. This comes from Remi who says I'd love to hear more about what from the panelist perspective on the ask to support mutual aid, the type, and how we can advocate this better within funder spaces. So how can we advocate for mutual aid better within funder spaces?

>> DR. SARABAJAYA KUMAR: So I suppose I would -- I do think Yasmin, you can talk about funder

spaces, maybe, because you do discuss things with philanthropists, but I think it goes back to what Catherine was saying. That we as disabled people need to be in the spaces to be able to advocate. So funders do need to sort of look at their portfolios and what they are funding and not funding and who's excluded from that, whose voices are excluded.

And of course as disabled people who lead disabled people's organizations in certainly in Britain that's what we call our OPDs. Many are what we call kitchen table volunteer-led initiatives. Very small but very powerful organizations. Not just on us leading organizations. But absolutely on the funders to engage with us, you know.

So I'm not sure, Remi, but that's what we're arguing in this report is that climate justice funders, climate funders and disability justice funders, they need to be inhabiting each other's spaces and mutual aid organizations are very much part of the disability movement. Yasmin, I don't know you've got something to add in terms of kind of the conversations you have with funders and philanthropists from that side.

>> YASMIN AHAMMAD: Yeah, thanks, Sarabajaya for kicking it off. Yeah, I guess I wanted to add because I would say a big feature of our work this year really has been supporting funders to look beyond sort of household names and NGOs when it comes to climate action. And to really look very, very locally at who is doing what in the community to build resilience.

And so we are very much kind of looking beyond this very siloed approach to thinking about climate action, you know. We've invested a lot in mitigation. It shifted to adaptation. But how can we really think about building climate resilience so taking an integrated approach to it and my colleagues with another organization South South North have published an article in Alliance Magazine today about the resilience continuum..

And so mutual aid is a huge part of that. If you've got strong mutual aid networks, you are building that climate resilience at a very local level. And so I would say, you know, really funding locally. Like really understanding communities, really enabling those communities to lead and resourcing them is key to this.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, both of you. I think that definitely answered the question. I'm going to move on again, because we have many, many audience questions and we are limited by time. So this question comes from Dorothy. Most funding is in advocacy for inclusion. Can there also be funding for social protection initiatives that support persons with disabilities to ensure income security, health, and cover the disability-related costs as we mitigate, adapt, and adapt to climate change?

This question -- I mean, if anyone would like to jump in, go ahead. Otherwise I will select someone to respond.

(Silence)

Okay. Catherine, I wonder if you wouldn't mind coming in for this question.

>> CATHERINE HYDE TOWNSEND: Sure. And the effort here we're talking about around climate can change is happening in other conversations around funding. And so certainly around the carriage and social protection, surprisingly enough or maybe not surprising to those of us who've worked in the disability rights field for a while, people with disabilities are really absent and their voices and priorities too often aren't represented.

So I think there's a similar work. And I think that, again, this shows where some of the creativity and collaboration can happen. And while I know that in this funding moment, this might seem really hard I think this kind of collaboration across issues and communities is exactly the kinds of new approaches that we need both for the social change that we're looking for. But also for us to use our funding resources as efficiently as possible.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you so much. Fantastic answer. I have an interesting question now. This comes from Tanya. And I'm going to put this question to the analysts who've represented the organizations that published the report. So we should have at least three of you. Tanya says: When I read the chat intros, the majority of attendees are from disability-led organizations. How does this messaging get shared with climate organizations or funders?

>> YASMIN AHAMMAD: I can start.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Absolutely. Thank you, Yasmin.

>> YASMIN AHAMMAD: Yes, sure. So yeah. This guide is -- while we developed it -- we developed it with funders in mind but we understand it's also useful for disability organizations doing their own advocacy and trying to raise funding from climate funders. And I think in the registration list that we saw for this webinar, there are -- there were actually quite a few funders. So we hope that if they aren't here today, that they are going to watch the recording afterwards.

And I think us as Impatience Earth, we have a network of clients and other funders. So we do have access. So we will be disseminating this report and this webinar recording as widely as we can within those networks to really start those conversations. And, you know, in our client work going forward, I think disability will be a much more explicit thing that we will be talking about.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Yasmin. Would any of the other panelist who is represent the organizations who published the report like to add anything to Yasmin's response? Okay. If not, I'm going to go to the next audience question -- oh, Dwi. You've come in. Please share your thoughts.

>> DWI ARIYANI: Thank you, Elaine. Yes, this is Dwi from Disability Rights Fund. We also are part of funders network like Indigenous Funder Network or Human Right Network. So we will also share this report to those funder group and also through social media. And if there is a possibility of collaboration to share the report, I think this also something that we look forward in the futures.

And we -- I would like to also add something if that's okay, Elaine, about the solidarity. I think it's important also about mutual aid that we also bring the solidarity between across movements like a lot of discussion today we bring are so the intersection with the climate change and indigenuity and also have to highlight the importance of gender equality, climate change, and also disability to be also raised and how we can work together through those different issue to work together ensuring that disability is also part of their work also.

And as grant making with the participatory grant making, DRF also try to have been in reach out those aralized and particularly those cross road OPDs. So I hope also the some funder that participate in this webinar are also thinking to reach the grassroots levels as service. As Maria also said, woman with disability, for example, is the one that really is the front line affected when access natural resources. So thinking as funder how to reach the grassroots of person with disabilities and enshushing their voice is included in your decision making. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Dwi. Thank you for that eloquent response as well.

>> DR. SARABAJAYA KUMAR: Elaine, I can't get my camera on, I'm so sorry. But I did want to add something to that, if I may, very briefly.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Absolutely. Please go ahead.

>> DR. SARABAJAYA KUMAR: So Yasmin can chime in if she'd like, but our... What was behind the impetus for this report was there was a very influential report called I think the Edge Report some years ago. And that was what we were thinking of when we were thinking of this report that we hope it would have a similar impact for disabled people but with not just climate funders but starting with climate funders.

I think something that Catherine also said earlier on or Elaine also you said it sort of memorable sort of phrase is just get started. You know, in my own experience of leading Impatience Wellbeing which is a disability strand of the Impatience work, it is very, very difficult to get funding for disability causes. I know this. But each -- I just take it as each conversation at a time. And if we can all -- all of us on this call share the report with even just one funder that we know, that's another way of getting the message out. So it's both us that have to sort of push the report forward, but also the funders on this call, if you could reach out to the organizations you haven't reached out yet to and say you've attended this webinar and read the report and that you, too, feel these voices are critical. And just start the conversations, that would be brilliant. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Sarabajaya. Absolutely. Just get started. That is definitely a key takeaway that most people on this call are going to be taking away no matter what organization or background they're coming from. Okay. So we have hit sort of six minutes past 3:00. I'm going to be taking two more audience questions and then we're going to be coming around to our thank yous, closing

remarks, et cetera.

So if you haven't had a chance to ask a question or you have asked a question and no one has -- we haven't been able to get to it today, don't worry. My colleagues are collating the questions as we speak and you will receive a written response in due course.

But now for our second-to-last audience question, I'm going to put this to you, Bon. Cecilia says: How can we better prepare as non-OPDs to effectively collaborate with OPDs?

>> BONFACE MASSAH: Can you repeat the question?

>> ELAINE STABLER: Yeah. This question comes from audience member Cecilia. How can we better prepare as non-OPDs to effectively collaborate with OPDs?

>> BONFACE MASSAH: Yeah. That's quite an interesting question. The first prepare our mindsets. I think organizations who are not working with people with disabilities, look at our own attitudes. That's what shapes how we see persons with disabilities. That's what shapes about fear and also brings in exclusion. In your inclusion interventions and both programming and therefore at implementation level. Just letting opportunities where people feel would be present.

But I also encourage you to start documenting lived experiences of people with disabilities. Give them space to speak, document those experiences and be able to share those experiences. But key is to open up our own hearts as individuals without disabilities and be sure we are very intentional respecting other people with different abilities.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Wonderful. Thank you, Bon. I'm going to give all of my panelists a chance to come back with a response as well if you have any insight on this particular subject.

(Silence)

Okay. Otherwise -- oh, Sarabajaya. Do you have something to share?

>> DR. SARABAJAYA KUMAR: Yes. I think in the report, the OPDs and INGOs and funders all talked about how -- and it speaks to this question, actually, about feeling -- what can you say? A lack of confidence, I suppose, is the way to phrase it. Of approaching disabled OPDs, DDPOs, disabled people. And I think that's a reflection in any survey research that is done. That non-disabled people do worry. You know, they're anxious about saying the wrong thing and that sort of thing.

Honestly, don't be. We're all exploring this journey together. There's no question of offending people. If you feel you're saying the right thing or -- the wrong thing, just ask. We're all -- at the end of the day, we're all human beings. We're all trying our best. Just be brave, enter these sort of spaces with us. We'll be brave and enter these spaces with you. And let's just solve some issues together.

You know, I was just thinking in terms of the sort of divide in a way between disabled people and non-disabled people, there are as Yasmin said, 1.6 billion of us in the world. In the UK, we are almost 24% of the population. That's almost a quarter of the population. And probably, we all know disabled people that we didn't really know were disabled. So we're probably already having conversations.

So, you know, all I would say is be brave and don't worry about offending. Just, you know, just ask. Just ask. I think that's the best thing. Just ask. As I said at the begin, I'm blind, motorized wheelchair user. This is new to me. I acquired my impairments as indeed most disabled people do.

You know, I don't find offense at all if people ask me things. I'm very happy to share. And the same with organizations. And we heard from Bon and we heard from Maria, the fantastic work that they're doing. There's many, many examples and case studies in the report. There's fantastic work going on. So yeah. We welcome conversations with you. That's really what I wanted to say. Thank you.

>> ELAINE STABLER: Thank you, Sarabajaya. That was really valuable contribution as well. Thank you to all of the panelists who have spoken so far. And all of the audience members who've posted a question. I'm going to give Maria a chance if she is with us to come in and wrap up her presentation. I realize that she didn't get the opportunity to finish. Otherwise we will take one more audience question. Maria, are you with us?

(Silence)

Okay. I believe Maria is still having some technical difficulties. Just give it another few seconds before we go to our final audience question. Okay. Sarabajaya, actually, I'm going to --

>> MARIA UN: Yes, hello?

>> ELAINE STABLER: Oh, you're here.

>> MARIA UN: Yes, Elaine?

>> ELAINE STABLER: Hi. We're glad to have you back.

>> MARIA UN: Yeah. I'm so sorry with this technical trouble.

>> ELAINE STABLER: It's absolutely fine. Just glad you could get back on. I wanted to give you the opportunity to wrap up your presentation. I realize you were cut off. So would you like to share sort of the summary or closing remarks to your presentation?

>> MARIA UN: Yeah. If we look at the situation of Indigenous women with disabilities, I think I agree with what was said that discrimination against Indigenous persons with disabilities especially women, it still very high. And they are also excluded. Not involved in every decision making process in the fields as Indigenous people with disabilities.

And I think, really, Indigenous women with disabilities, they need support to empowering themselves so they are able to participate meaningfully in the decision-making process. Most of Indigenous women with disabilities are lack of education, lack of knowledge. And I think they really need support to empower themselves, yes. Thank you, Elaine.

>> ELAINE STABLER: No problem at all. Thank you. Thank you for all of my panelists today. Thank you for your expertise and your insight. I think it's been a wonderful discussion. Like I said, audience members, if you have a question or comment we did not get around to answering today, my colleague is collating them as we speak and we can come back to you with a written response in due course.

I would like to just share a final reminder. Alliance Magazine is offering a 20% discount code to all attendees today. If you'd like to subscribe to Alliance Magazine, we are a compendium of news on global philanthropy and social investment. The link is in the chat. I think someone is going to be reposting it shortly.

Again, thank you so all of you. I hope you enjoyed this Alliance Webinar in partnership with Impatience Earth, Disability Rights Fund, and Impatience Wellbeing. I hope you get to read the report as well. Share it widely. It's truly a great and insightful read.

So all of our audience members, have a wonderful rest of your day wherever you are in the world. Thank you so much.

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