

Background:

Twin Cities Peoples Agreement on Climate Change

In 2010, over 30,000 grassroots activists, policy makers and researchers from around the world came together in Cochabamba, Bolivia to develop a socially just response to climate change. At the center of these discussions were frontline communities impacted by the root causes, impacts and false solutions being developed to address the current ecological crisis. Inspired by, and in solidarity with, the World People's Conference on Climate Change held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, communities in the Twin Cities (the Minneapolis and St. Paul region) convened a series of community dialogues in 2011 to discuss and propose a framework for community-based and democratic solutions to climate change. These dialogues resulted in the formulation of the *Twin Cities Peoples Agreement on Climate Change*.

The Dialogues were held in Minneapolis and St. Paul and those who participated represented a diverse heritage. Co-sponsors of the Dialogues included the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy, the Zenteotl Project, Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota, and the West Side Community Organization. Topics for the dialogs included:

- Connecting the Dots and Claiming the Future: Climate Change, The North Minneapolis Tornado and Economic Injustice
- Out in the Cold – The Housing Crisis and Climate Justice
- Growing Pains - Connecting Local Food and Climate Justice
- The Peoples' Cochabamba Agreement at the intersection of Migration, Displacement, and Climate Justice

Comments and responses from all the Dialogs were gathered and compiled by the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy, with the first release of the draft Peoples Agreement presented through art, panel discussion, and spoken word on December 3rd, 2011 at the International Solidarity Day on Climate Justice in Minneapolis. Through the work of committed community members, youth and activists, the Twin Cities Peoples Agreement on Climate Change was finalized in May 2012.

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