The Citizen Between Science and Policy: Innovation in Governance and Climate Change Resilience

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Democracy is not an inconvenience

Climate scientists are tiring of governance that does not lead to action. But democracy must not be weakened in the fight against global warming, warns **Nico Stehr**.



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World Wide Views on Climate and Energy

FROM THE WORLD'S CITIZENS TO THE CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICYMAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

10 000 CITIZENS, 97 DEBATES IN 76 COUNTRIES



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The Citizen between Science and Policy ECAST & WWViews

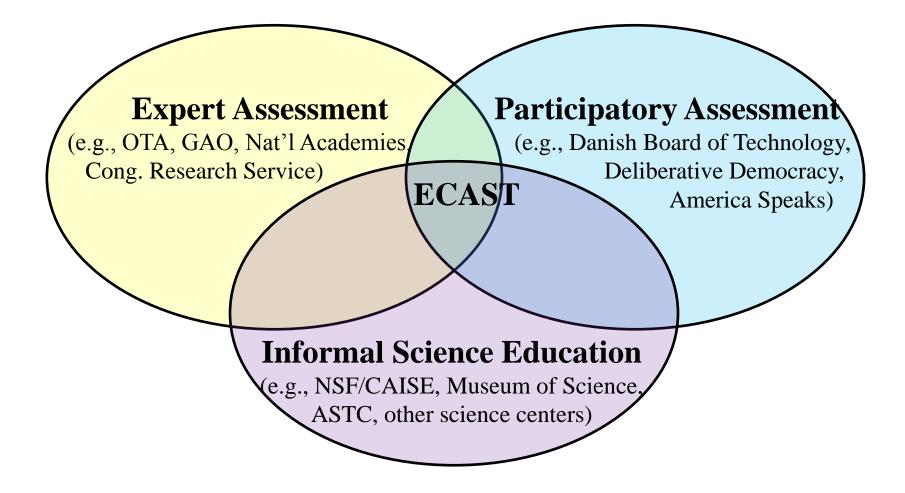


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Three streams of work (at least)



In my museum and the ISE community...

Everyday citizens and policy-makers all face decisions related to science and technology

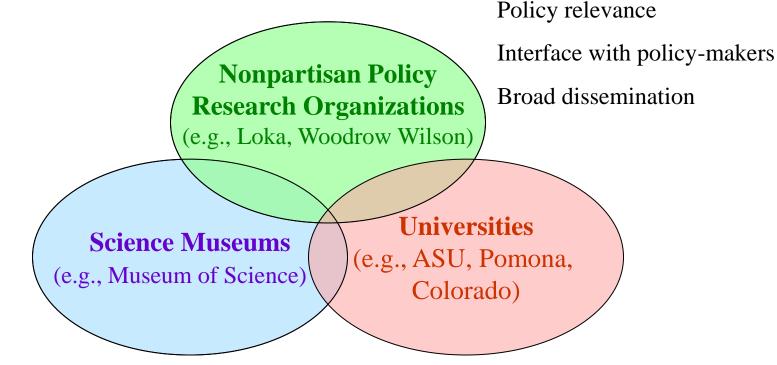
These **decisions are tough** because:

- They require **knowledge** of the science
- They involve **complexity and uncertainty**
- Impacts cumulate across populations and over time
- Different stakeholders can have very different values

The science is useful but it doesn't tell us what to do!

- How can scientists, policy-makers and the public all contribute and **inform each other**?
- How can we develop the public's **ability and inclination to think** critically about today's socio-scientific issues?

In the US, WWViews brought together...



Direct public interface

Trusted public educators

Innovation in citizen-friendly pedagogy

Innovation in TA concepts/methods Research, analysis and evaluation Training of researchers/practitioners

What's needed is assessment that:

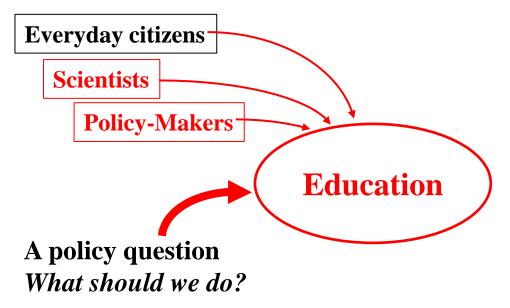
- Gives a voice to lay people, often omitted in the politics of science and technology
- Lets decision-makers know constituents' informed views
- Stimulates **broad societal discussion** and **civic engagement**
- Allows innovators to **anticipate public reaction** and to alter innovation to reduce controversy

Our model...

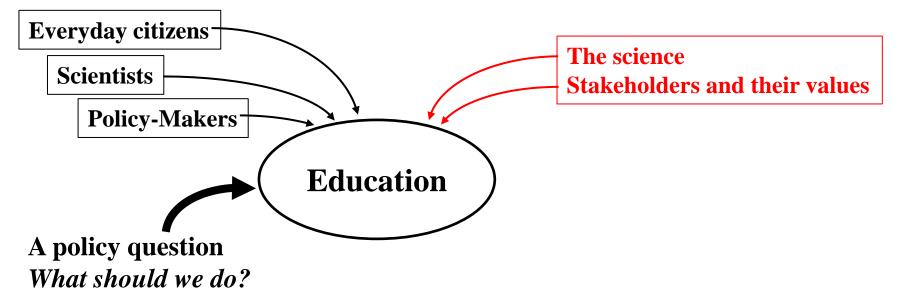
Everyday citizens

A policy question What should we do?

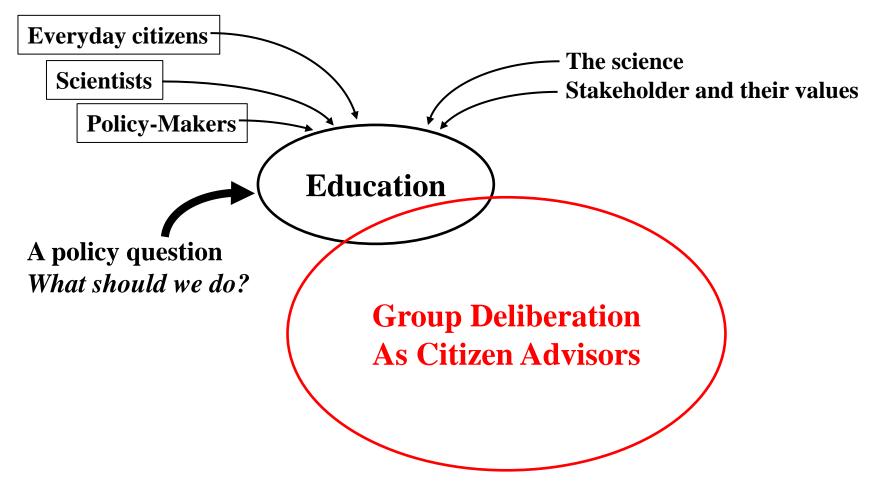
Our model: Education...



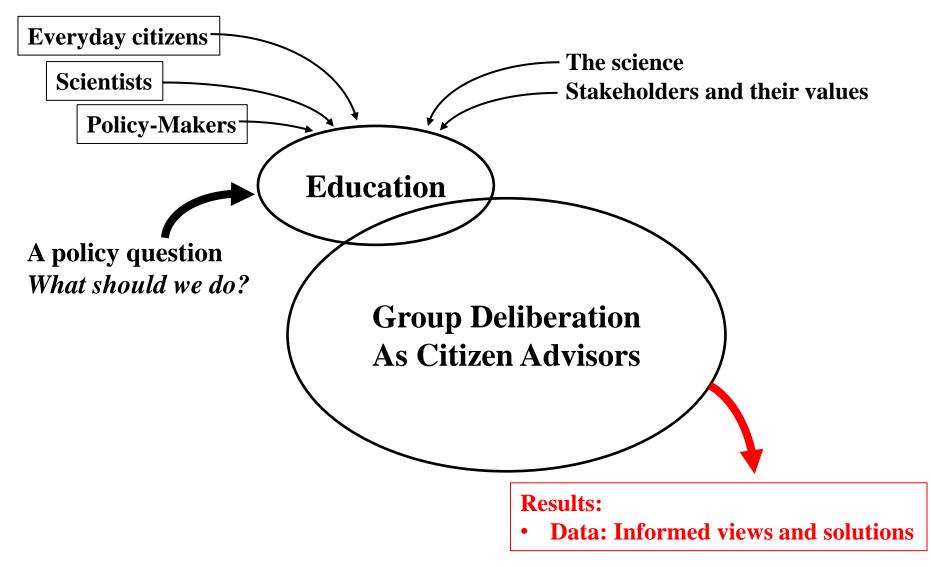
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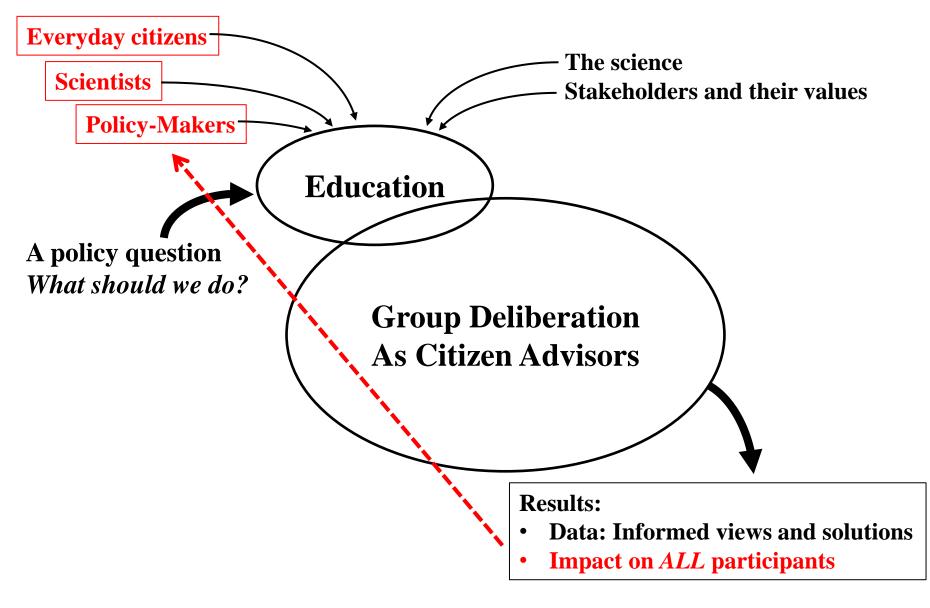
Our model: Education + Deliberation



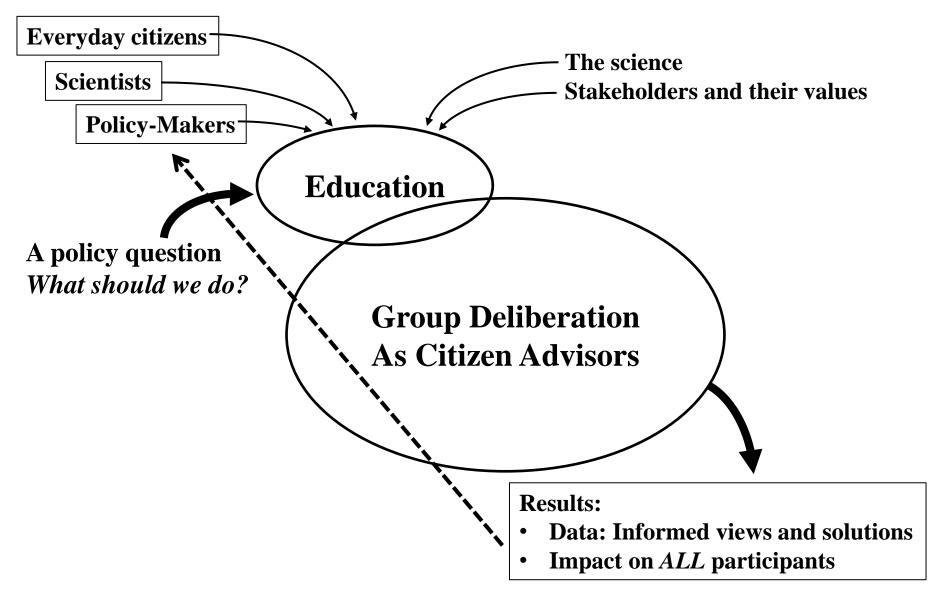
Deliberation as the core of our model



Deliberation as the core of our model



Deliberation as the core of our model



Highlights

- *NOT*
 - Polling or a focus group
 - A debate
 - An open meeting



- The Museum presents the *science*... and the *stakeholders*
- Deliberation is focused on policy questions and is facilitated
- Citizens act as advisory groups
- Museums are special places
 - Trusted, safe, inclusive
 - Impartial, committed to education
- The results are uniquely useful

An adaptive, scalable institutional network for education and expert/citizen assessment

Year	Topic	Scale	Project/Milestone	Funding	Institutions	
2008	Nanotech	Nat'l	National Citizen Technology Forum on Human Enhancement	NSF	ASU, G. Tech, UNH, U. Wisconsin, UC Berkeley	
2009	Climate Change	Global	World Wide Views on Global Warming USA	Internal, NSF (Research)	ASU, MOS, Georgia Tech, U. Colorado	
2010	Particip. Technology Assessment	Nat'l	Report: A 21 st Century Model for Internal Technology Assessment		ECAST partners	
2011	(Multiple)	Local	Forum progs. to test methods. Having a client matters.	Internal	MOS, ASU, SciStarter	
2012	Biodiversity	Global	World Wide Views on Biodiversity USA	Internal NSF (Outreach)	ASU, MOS, U. Colorado, Koshland, VT,	
2013	(Multiple)	Local	Forum progs. to test methods	Internal	MOS, ASU,	
2014	Asteroid, Mars	Nat'l	pTA of NASA's Asteroid Initiative	NASA	ASU, MOS, SciStarter	
2015	Climate Change and Energy	Global	World Wide Views on Climate and Energy USA	Internal	ASU, MOS, SMM, Colorado State, Macalester,	
2015	Resilience, cap. building	Local	Science Center Public Forums	NOAA	ASU, MOS, ASC, NEU,	









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BRAZIL







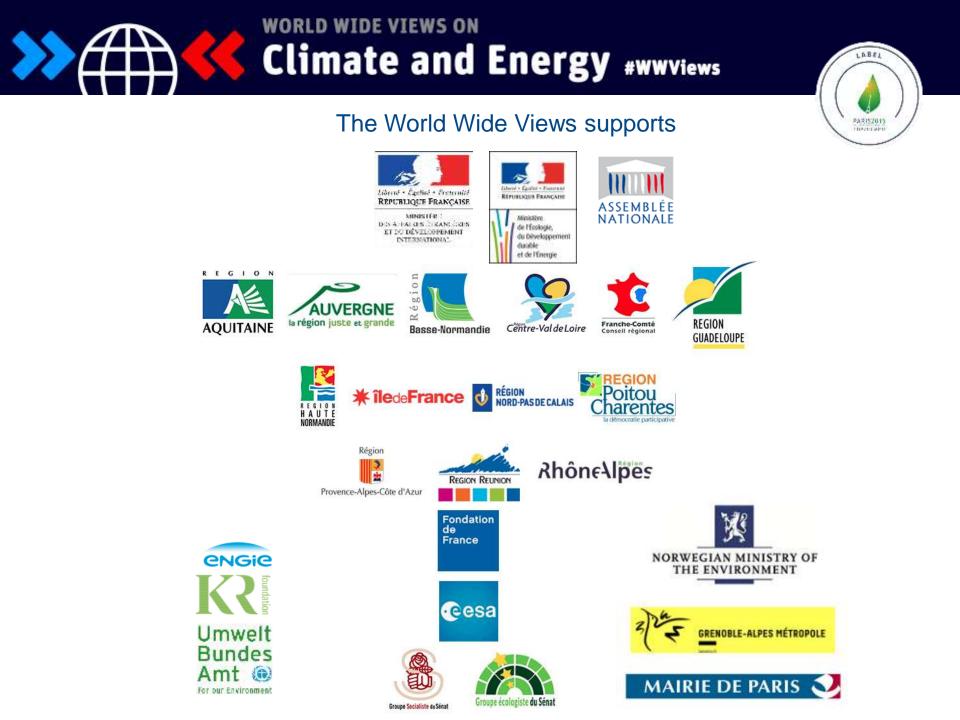
United Nations Framework Convention on **Climate Change**

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10,000 citizens

97 debates

76 countries

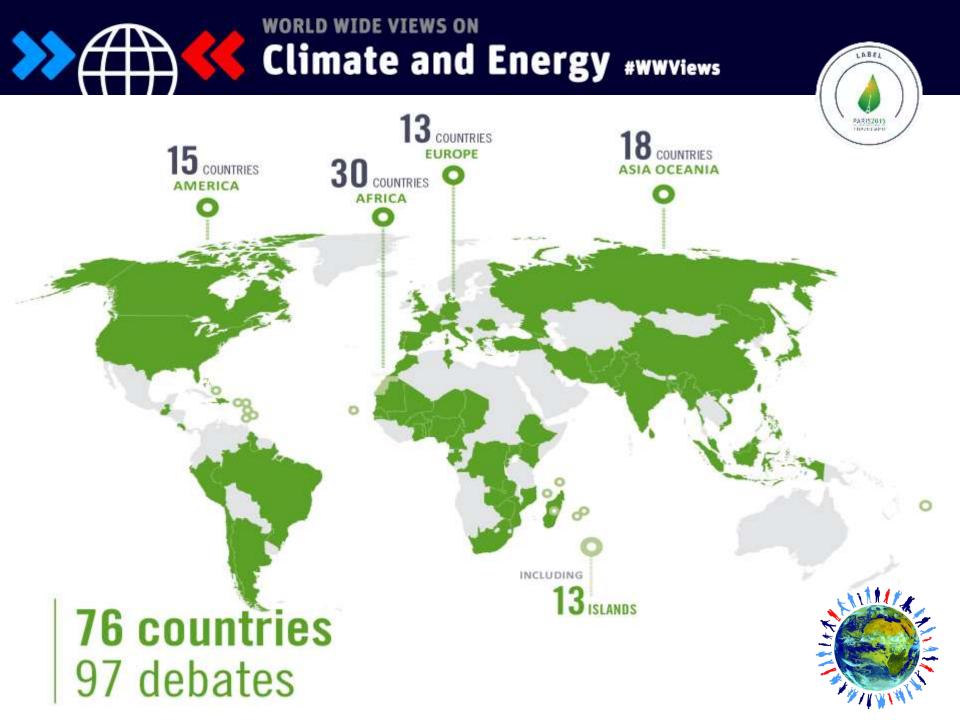


United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change









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World Wide Views co-initiators

- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- The Danish Board of Technology Foundation
- The French National Commission For Public Debate
- Missions Publiques













PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

NIGER





SOUTH KOREA



SANTA LUCIA



VIETNAM



CHINA



MOZAMBIQUE



PHILIPPINES



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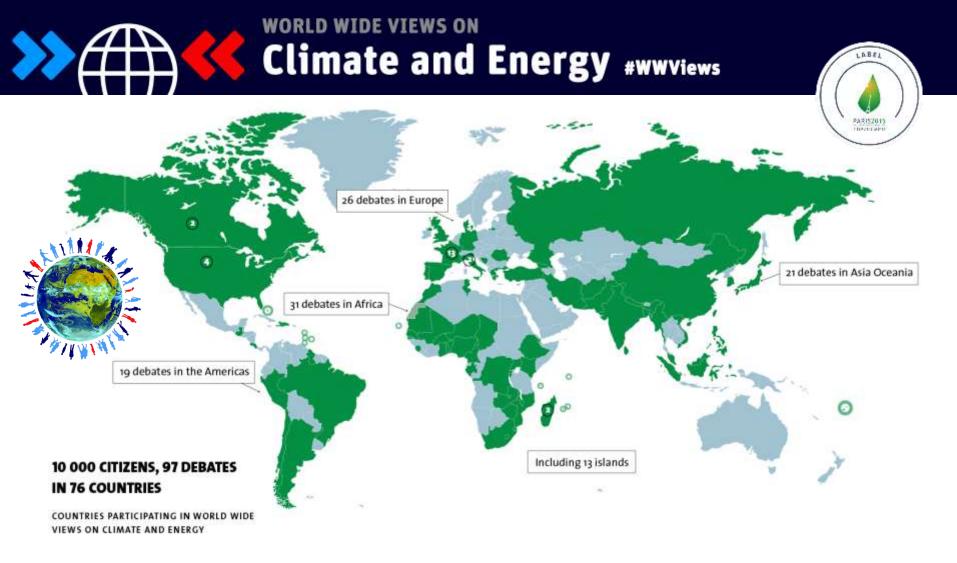


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- BRAZIL
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- BURUNDI CAMEROON
- CANADA

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- · CHINA COMOROS
- COSTA RICA
- DENMARK
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- DR CONGO
- ETHIOPIA
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- GREECE
- GRENADA
- GUATEMALA
- GUYANA
- HAITI
- INDIA INDONESIA
- IRAN
- ITALY

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- MADAGASCAR
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- MOZAMBIQUE
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- NIGER

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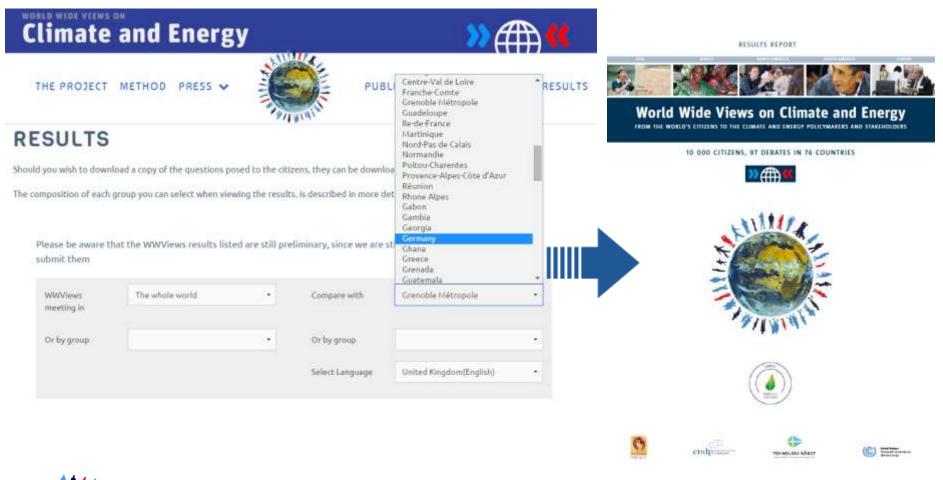
 - CALCULATION AND

- SOUTH AFRICA

- UGANDA
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 - VIETNAM
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- PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES
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Why are the World Wide Views results trustworthy and unique?

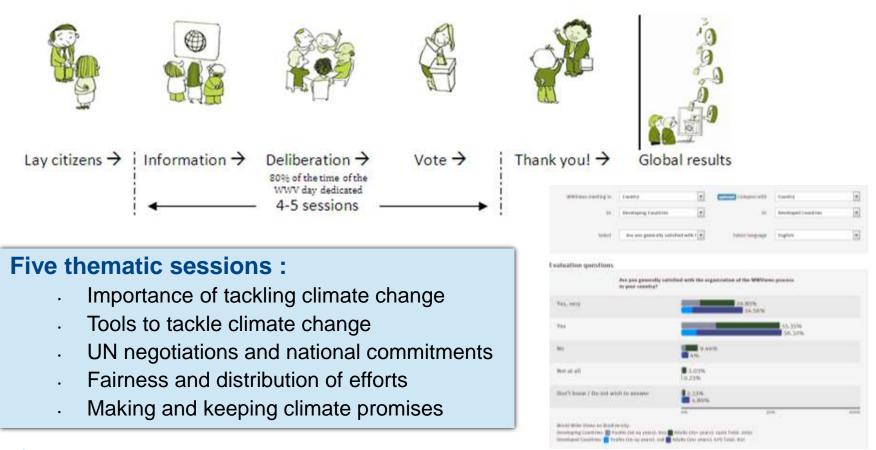
- Information
- Deliberation
- Demographic diversity
- Independence of specific interests on climate change







Same procedure in all participating countries







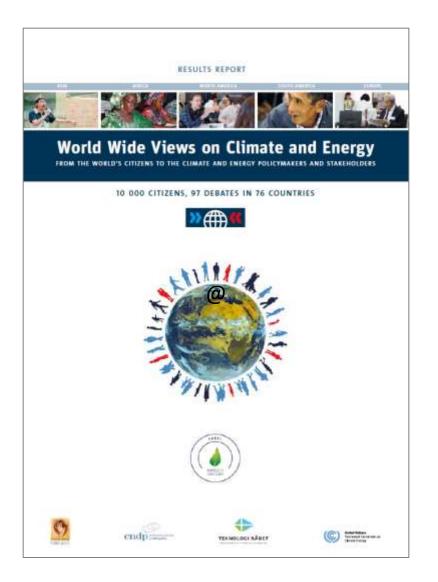
Dissemination Plan

- June 6 Bonn negotiations
 - Live screening of results and consultations
- June 7-11 Bonn negotiations
 - Presentations to country groups
 - Press conference
- June last half
 - Analysis of results
- July-December
 - Press releases
 - Presentations of select results
 - Presentations at key events

- September
 - Policy Report
 - UN GA, New York
 - Side event and country group presentations at Bonn negotiations
 - High Level Event in Paris
- November
 - Country group presentations at Bonn negotiations
- COP21, December
 - High Level Event
 - Screening of documentary
 - Mini policy dialogues
 - Side event













A STRONG CALL FOR ACTION

- 1. Citizens worldwide want their leaders to commit to ambitious climate action
- 2. Citizens want zero emissions by the end of the century
- 3. The COP21 Paris Agreement needs to open a credible path to limit global warming to no more than 2 degrees
- 4. Climate change is an opportunity to improve life quality
- 5. Introduce carbon taxes and invest in renewable energy





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COMMON BUT DIFFERENTIATED RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECTIVE CAPABILITIES

- 6. The 'North-South' gap is closing
- 7. Countries should assume responsibilities based on their respective capabilities and emission levels
- 8. All countries must take action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions







FINANCING CLIMATE ACTION

- 9. The private sector should contribute significantly to climate finance
- 10. High-income countries should scale up their climate finance commitments

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- 11. Citizens want to take an active part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- 12. Citizens expect to take part in deciding on climate policies







Massachusetts – Boston

- Museum of Science
- Northeastern University
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Minnesota – St. Paul

- Jefferson Center
- Macalester College
- Science Museum of Minnesota

Colorado - Ft. Collins

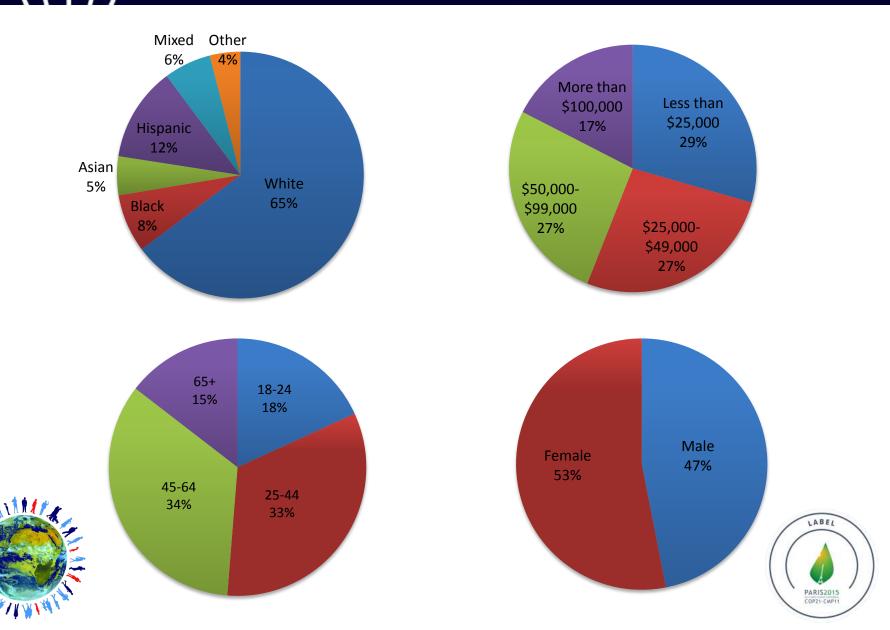
• Colorado State University

Arizona – Phoenix

• Arizona State University







US Results Summary

U.S. participants share similar levels of heightened concerns about the impact of climate change as global participants and also view measures to fight climate change as an opportunity to improve their quality of life. They see international climate agreement as the most responsible avenue for tackling climate change but believe more strongly about the effectiveness of the solutions implemented at national, subnational, and local levels compared to participants in developed, developing, and least developed countries. The U.S. participants' response of 'Climate change is not a national priority, but it should be' is considerably higher. Americans were also more likely in thinking that their country 'should take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, even if other countries do not'.





Recommendations

If the World Wide Views on Climate and Energy results are a reasonable indicator of what ordinary citizens think when they have an opportunity to study and discuss the issues, U.S. policymakers from local through national levels should take much more aggressive action to mitigate and adapt to climate change and seed similar processes of citizen consultations more broadly to inform climate change action at the local and regional levels.

- Opportunity
- Global Leadership
 - Local Action
- Citizen Participation



