

Seal the Deal Global Town Hall

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The Global Town Hall

Hundreds of young people from more than 100 nations will come together to send a strong message to international climate negotiators on 20 August. 500 children and youth from around the world will gather in Daejeon, South Korea. They will be joined by hundreds of other young people at meeting sites around the world via webcast.

How Will the Town Hall Work in Korea?

Over the course of the three-hour Global Town Hall, participants in Korea will work in small groups to address a series of discussion questions. We will use two kinds of technology in order to identify the collective priorities of the whole group:

- **Groupware Computers:** Each small group will work with a table facilitator to come to agreement on a discussion question that is posed to them. When they come to agreement, they will submit their ideas through a laptop computer at their table. A group of young people will read all of the ideas coming from all of the discussions and very quickly identify the strongest themes that we are hearing from everyone. We will then present back the discussion themes that we have heard to the entire group.
- **Keypad Polling:** Every participant will have a polling keypad that will enable them to respond to multiple choice questions by hitting a button on their keypad. Immediately, we will see the results of polls up on the screens at the front of the room. We will be able to ask participants to respond to questions about their overall priorities by using the keypads.

To better understand how the technology will work, you can go through a virtual tour at the Global Voices web site: (www.globalvoices.org/) or watch a video at our American partner's web site: (www.americaspeaks.org/resources/video/americaspeaksintroduction)

How Will the Webcast Work?

In cities around the world, groups of young people will gather to virtually participate in the Global Town Hall through a webcast program. Participants in the Webcast Sites will take part in the same discussions as young people in Daejeon, South Korea, and submit the ideas that they produce from their discussions over the Internet. The ideas produced through discussions by young people all around the world will be gathered together and voted on by the diverse group of young people in Daejeon.

What is the Role of the Tunza Youth Advisory Committee

We hope the Youth Advisory Committee will play at least 2 important roles for the Town Hall:

1. Shape the agenda of the town hall by identifying the most important outcomes to produce and the most important questions to ask
2. Serve on the team of people who will read all of the ideas coming in from the computers and identify the strongest discussion themes to report back to the group