#AOLetsGo at COP29
CHEAT SHEET

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is working on an advisory opinion on climate change. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to unlock progress towards climate justice: the ICJ must deliver the guiding compass the world needs to navigate a safe and just future for all communities by finally holding polluters accountable. The ICJ's opinion will strengthen climate negotiations by ensuring they are guided by the breadth of international law.
Help make this happen & use this cheat sheet to talk to delegates at COP29!

From 2 to 13 December 2024, the ICJ will hold oral hearings for its climate advisory opinion. During those hearing, we call on all States to:

INCLUDE **witness testimonies** as a way to center the perspectives and expertise of people most affected by the climate crisis.

BRING **youth and Indigenous delegates** in their formal delegations to the ICJ oral hearings.

REFERENCE civil society initiatives such as the ICJ AO petition, the Peoples' assembly and the witness stand, so they are formally on the record. This will **amplify people's voices and humanize the climate crisis for the judges**.

PERSUADE the Court to clarify, in line with the best available science, that the conduct responsible for causing significant harm to the climate system and other parts of the environment is in principle unlawful and that any state responsible for such unlawful conduct must **cease such conduct and provide full reparation for climate harm**.

In particular, **States should hold the line** on:
- The relevance of multiple sources of law in defining State obligations in relation to climate change, including but not limited to human rights law, customary and treaty-based international environmental, climate and human rights law, and the law of the sea
- Intergenerational equity and the rights of future generations
- Scientific consensus
- Legal consequences with respect to both cessation of harm (and guarantees of non-repetition) and reparation

If you have any questions or requests for more in-depth discussions in person at COP29 on the upcoming ICJ hearings on climate change that you would like support on, don't hesitate to reach out to:
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