CIVICUS YOUTH GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
LAB SERIES

23 NOVEMBER 2022
FINAL VIRTUAL
DIALOGUE OF 2022:
WRAP-UP
CONVERSATIONS

PANELISTS & MODERATORS
ALEJANDRA GUTIÉRREZ – MEXICO
GLORIA AGYARE – GHANA
SABIR ALI – PAKISTAN
JUAN COBEÑAS – ARGENTINA
TAKEMORE MHLANGA – ZIMBABWE
URSUL AMOS – CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
The Final Global Perspective Lab (GPL) Event provided the last roundtable for the series of GPL events that took place in 2022. The purpose of this event was to discuss the takeaways of the previous events and brainstorm recommendations.

"The objective of the Global Perspective Lab is to provide a space to increase the visibility and legitimacy of the work of activists. It is also a platform to exchange knowledge with peers and explore new partnerships that may arise in the course of [the youth activists’] work.

— GLORIA —
Climate Change & Women’s Inclusion and Rights Activist

The Global Perspective Lab is a co-created initiative by CIVICUS youth members to build spaces for dialogue to connect with peers globally. Since February 2022, these spaces have hosted conversations in person and virtually around climate justice, gender-based violence, abortion rights, land rights, inclusive education, and peace-building efforts led by young women. You can read more about each of the series' events here.

ATTENDANCE
Over 20 youth activists from the CIVICUS alliance joined the discussion, including panellists from previous 2022 GPL events.
The event was fully moderated by CIVICUS Youth activists and proved to be a grand success. The activists repeatedly demonstrated an impressive awareness of their responsibility in taking action and propelling change, locally and globally. They engaged in contemplative dialogue, and the panellists answered the moderators' questions thoughtfully. The Youth activists also emphasised that the GPL series' events they took part in were empowering and provided a space where concerns could be addressed and recommendations could be shared to strengthen their activism work.

“[The GPL event on climate change] was a space where activists could gather and share recommendations on how the movement for climate action can be strengthened globally, and how those globally adopted strategies can be adopted locally.  

– SABIR –  
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVIST
The Youth activists repeatedly expressed their concerns about youth being excluded from the decision-making process. Activists emphasised the crucial role youth has the potential to play in supporting peace consolidation, conflict resolution, and conflict prevention in their communities and globally if provided with appropriate resources, including finances and knowledge such as adequate education.

Proper education is an essential resource that youth should have access to. The activists reiterated the importance of countries allocating a higher percentage of national budgets to education, to ensure equal and inclusive access, especially in urban areas and for individuals with disabilities.

Activists suggested insightful recommendations on how to improve engagement in climate justice, peacebuilding, inclusive education, and gender equality, and how to stand in solidarity with these movements in their local cities. They advocated for regrouping with international movements, and local ones when applicable, to create vibrant networks, and support the adoption of global strategies on local levels.