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Introduction

La Ruta del Clima is a Costa Rican non-governmental organization (NGO) that advocates for the right of the public to participate in the climate governance process and climate justice.

It is our goal to work with other organizations as a climate knowledge broker. We seek to draw attention to the need to respond to the adverse impacts of climate change on our communities.

Mission:
A leading Latin American NGO at the national and international level on climate change governance and on the promotion of climate justice and public participation in climate decisions.

We are a Costa Rican non-profit, non-governmental organization registered in 2015 to promote climate empowerment and sustainable development.

We develop research and local processes with grassroots organizations on issues related to: Public participation, Climate action, Human Rights, Loss and Damage.

We advocate with stakeholders for the public's right to participate in the process of climate governance and climate justice.
"Los derechos se toman, no se piden, se arrancan, no se mendigan"

José Martí.

Political activism leads to socioeconomic transformation.

All we need is Justice. As a Global South NGO were decided to claim our right to a healthy environment, to protect our climate and to remain in our territories. We have a right to prosperity and to develop in our communities. During 2022, La Ruta del Clima has collaborated with partners across the world to demand big carbon polluters to take on their responsibility due to climate impacts. People are entitled to justice and climate reparations. On climate decisions human rights and science have to lead the way. As a Think and Do Tank, researching, learning from communities, talking with politicians and exercising environmental democracy is at the core of our political activism.

For 2023, research for political activism will lead our agenda. Working with key partners, we will push for the Loss and damage discussion to remain anchored on vulnerable communities’ rights and carbon polluters responsibility. To address the current climate change challenges, all we need is justice.
A Focus on Loss and Damage: Perspectives from the Climate Justice of Central American Civil Society

We put the focus on communities and human rights to address climate impacts. All we need is justice to respect human dignity and hold big carbon polluters accountable.

Political Advocacy

La Ruta del Clima helps develop political positions and actively participate in international climate governance spaces. We are a global south think and do NGO. Our main focus currently is advocacy on calling the international community to justly address loss and damage.

We also lead the development of Costa Rica’s National Strategy for Action Climate Empowerment. People empowered lead the fight for justice.

Strategic Communication

Communication is key so that civil society can participate and influence the climate agenda, we create content based on science and easily accessible so that all people can be informed and participate from their spaces.
Our plan for the next 3 years is focused on strengthening the linkages between research and advocacy to demand climate justice and human rights.

A science-based approach for political activism leads us to focus on the loss and damage discussion as a priority for our region. Climate impacts and the role of people will anchor our participation at the international and national level.
Next Steps - 2023

What are we looking forward for 2023?

La Ruta del Clima considers 2023 as an opportunity for growth and organizational strengthening, in order to ensure that our work is sustained over time and allows us to expand our reach.

01 Strengthen the organization
Invest in strengthening the administrative structure of the organization, through the hiring of personnel.

02 Research to advocate
Maintain our focus on science-based research, with first-hand information from the communities, to take it to decision-making spaces inside and outside of Costa Rica.

03 Capacity Building
Ensure that our work with communities allows them access to information and spaces for participation and advocacy.
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We thank you for your continued support in our fight for Climate Justice.

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