# YEAR ONE BY THE NUMBERS



In the first year of existence for The Alliance for Just Deliberation on Solar Geoengineering (DSG), the organization developed foundational knowledge, structures, and relationships. DSG is working on a range of activities – building organizational capacity, working with civil society and policymakers domestically and internationally, continuing to develop models around knowledge sharing, and developing a deeper communications infrastructure.



# LAUNCHED 5 PROGRAM AREAS

Four new team members were hired to help lead the following five program areas:



# **GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

Working with local partners across sectors in climate vulnerable communities and nations to build capacity for SG with and for civil society and policymakers.



#### **RESEARCH**

Building and participating in a range of SG research projects to contribute to the literature and knowledge base in both social and physical science.



### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Creating and sharing carefully researched and unbiased information to engage with different sets of stakeholders, focusing on processes rather than advocating for any particular outcome.



### YOUTH

Providing young people across climate vulnerable regions with access to diverse and science-based information to enable constructive engagement in deliberation about SG.



## **POLICY**

Supporting science-based, impartial input into how to shape governance processes in the public sector and externally.



## **INITIATED ENGAGEMENT IN 4 COUNTRIES**

During our first year, DSG began connecting with new organizations and working with local partners on the ground to build capacity with and for civil society and policymakers. We are focused on responsible growth alongside an iterative learning and trust-building process.



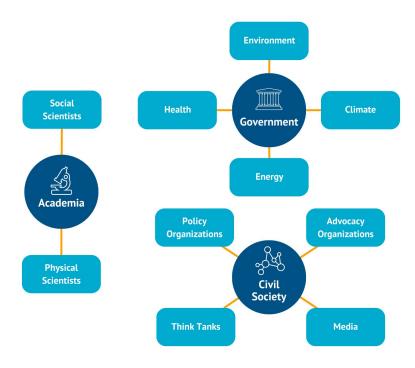
#### TRAINING SEMINAR IN PAKISTAN:

DSG co-led a first-ever conference and training seminar with participants across sectors and engaged with 15 additional external organizations.

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN INDIA, KENYA, & SOUTH AFRICA

The DSG team held several meetings in India, Kenya, and South Africa with a diverse array of institutions and actors to learn how they're thinking about solar geoengineering, and efforts around capacity building for civil society. In 2024, DSG plans to co-design and co-build a wider set of events.

DSG is carefully and gradually expanding its global engagement to lay a solid foundation for inclusive dialogue. This work takes time, as we focus on building trust and fostering a comprehensive understanding and context for the issues at stake. By focusing our initial efforts on these few regions (with more to come in 2024), DSG aims to meaningfully integrate diverse local perspectives, expertise, and concerns into the discourse surrounding SG governance, which includes engaging with multiple sectors and sub-sectors in each location.







# PARTICIPATED IN 9 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE & POLICY EVENTS

DSG had on-the-ground representation at two major international events: UNEA-6 (Feb 2024) and COP28 (Dec 2023). DSG was also represented at SXSW (March 2023), the Arctic Momentum (August 2023), the Resources for the Future SG workshop (September 2023), UN Science Summit (September 2023), the OECD **Government Foresight Community** annual meeting (October 2023), the C2G closing event (October 2023), and the AGU Annual Meeting (December 2023). DSG participated in many additional panels and gave guest lectures at institutions around the world.

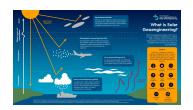


## **PRODUCED 23 PUBLICATIONS AND MATERIALS**

DSG is continuing to create and share reports, publications, original writings, and infographics on the website focused on major governance activity and the landscape of the field. This includes a report on key actors and activities in SG released in November 2023 and a paper on building governance capacity. Most recently, blog articles on the DSG website included the takeaways from UNEA-6 and reflections on solar geoengineering and public trust as well as commentary on multiple major UN reports and EU actions.









In addition, DSG is actively building accessible educational and communications materials, such as <u>infographics</u> on what SG is, SG governance, and SG justice.





# FEATURED IN OVER 25 MEDIA PIECES

The DSG team engaged in many media interviews and podcasts, including major pieces written on the launch of the organization, national TV appearances, and quotes in international outlets. A full list of public engagements can be found here. Recent highlights include:



### **ARTICLES**

NPR, "Startups want to geoengineer a cooler planet. With few rules, experts see big risks."

<u>BBC</u>, "To avert climate disaster, what if one rogue nation dimmed the Sun?"

<u>High Country News</u>, "How solar geoengineering is clouding issues of tribal consent"

<u>E&E News</u>, "White House cautiously opens the door to study blocking sun's rays to slow global warming"

MIT Technology Review, "This technology could alter the entire planet. These groups want every nation to have a say."



<u>CBS Mornings</u>, "To mitigate impacts of climate change, some turn to controversial "geoengineering"

The Economist's Babbage podcast: "It is time to consider giving the planet some sunblock"

Nori's Reversing Climate Change podcast: "Could there be a just solar geoengineering?"

Resources Radio from RFF: "Including Every Voice in Solar Geoengineering"

<u>C2G Talk:</u> "How can Global South civil society be engaged in deliberations about solar radiation modification?"





# WHAT WILL YEAR 2 (AND BEYOND) LOOK LIKE?

In the coming year, we will sustain and expand our global engagement work in South Africa, Pakistan, and India, including regionally specific outreach. We will also expand our focus areas to begin engagement in Latin America and Small Island Developing States.

In addition, DSG will continue to build our global network and establish an early career research network. We will engage with national governments and intergovernmental processes and extend our support towards collaboration for UNEA-7, while also planning for a global youth convening at the end of 2025. Our communications program will also be expanded, facilitating capacity-building for science and climate journalists in climate-vulnerable communities and creating a solar geoengineering educational toolkit.