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### **CLIMATE INJUSTICE: ETHICS, DISTRIBUTIONS, FAIRNESS, AND JUSTICE**

## | BACKGROUND

Global climate change is causing losses in foods, jobs, lives, and other areas throughout the global ecosystem. The impacts of these problems, including their most immediate consequences are felt most severely by communities that are already marginalized in one or more dimensions, whether economically, politically, socially, geographically, or otherwise. For example, in West Africa climate change is displacing people and increasing conflict, advancing food insecurity, and causing economic losses of nearly \$4 billion annually due to erosion, according to 2019 World Bank estimates. Although climate change is a global phenomenon, as these figures suggest the impact is not universally felt. Rich countries and elite populations are more able to insulate themselves against the effects of climate change. The unfairness of this reality is compounded by the disproportionate responsibility born by the wealthy for producing carbon and other chemicals that cause climate change. Against this background, it is imperative to examine the ethical, distributional, and justice aspects of climate change.

## | OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this session include clarifying examining major issues in the ethics and justice of climate change, considering the distributional aspects, and examining both accountabilities and responsibilities. The session will create a forum for advancing views from important constituencies, illuminating core issues of this area, and suggesting important solutions.



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Ms. Sylla is a Senegalese national with strong family and community ties to Gandiol in the city of Saint-Louis, located in the Senegal River delta, north of the coast of Senegal. Over the last decade, Ms. Sylla has witnessed the detrimental impacts of climate change and coastal erosion on the livelihoods and health of family and community members. She is a voice for communities that experience the triple threat of climate change, social inequities, and poor access to health care, and are best poised to advance solutions to the challenges they face.

Ms. Sylla is a public health professional with 12 years of experience in implementation of public health programs and management of donor-funded grants. She is a Senior Program Officer in the Grant Management Division at The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, which she joined in 2015. Previously, she served as Program Officer at the National HIV/AIDS program of the Ministry of Health of Senegal. She has also supported several country programs as consultant for Grant Management Solutions (GMS), providing technical assistance in program planning and budgeting to Global Fund implementers of HSS, TB, HIV and malaria grants in Senegal, Guinea, Cameroon, and Nigeria. She holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester College and a master's degree in Public Health from Emory University. Ms. Sylla is currently pursuing a Doctor of Public Health degree (DrPH) at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health.