**Your Voices Title (up to 50 characters including spaces): Take stock then act at national and local levels**

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**What is needed for the Global Stocktake to be a pivotal mechanism for raising climate ambitions and action?**

The Global Stocktake is a critical step in helping ensure the Earth remains liveable. It will assess how well we are doing globally in meeting emissions goals (mitigation), adapting to climate impacts, and implementing the Paris Agreement. However, it needs to move beyond just telling us we haven’t done enough. To support the necessary deep system transformations, we need to combine our treatment of adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development, and pursue [Climate Resilient Development](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/chapter/chapter-18/). We know what enables Climate Resilient Development: ecosystem stewardship, knowledge diversity, equity and justice, and inclusion across different arenas of engagement. The involvement of non-Party stakeholders to the Paris Agreement (e.g. cities, regions, local authorities) in the Stocktake dialogues demonstrates some of these enablers can be put into practice. However, it is easy to over-emphasise the Stocktake process. What matters more is how the outcomes and necessary actions and ambitions are enacted at national and local levels. For this we need political will, leadership, a systems approach, and re-prioritisation, delivering inclusive development choices that emphasise risk reduction, equity and justice across governance levels, sectors and timeframes, particularly concerning local level access to finance. If the Global Stocktake can situate Climate Resilient Development at the core of its recommendations, it could be a pivotal mechanism for accelerating these necessary transformations. I really hope it succeeds because the window of opportunity to keep climate change in check is rapidly closing.