

Press release by DVAG's International Cooperation Working Group

"Loss and Damage – what does it mean for us?"

Lecture and discussion with Harjeet Singh on 10th of June 2024 at
'Versöhnungskirche' Beuel

On the occasion of the „Bonn Climate Change Conference - June 2024“, the Working Group on International Cooperation of the German Association for Applied Geography is organising a discussion evening on the topic of "Loss and Damage" on the 10th of June 2024 at 6.30 pm in Bonn-Beuel. The speaker will be Harjeet Singh, Global Engagement Director of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and former Head of Global Political Strategy at CAN International, the global umbrella organisation of environment and development initiatives.

„Loss and damage" means the losses and damages caused by the climate crisis, particularly in the Global South. At the last climate summit, a fund was formally initiated into which the industrialized countries as the main perpetrators of the climate crisis, are to provide funds for these losses and damages. Currently, UN bodies are establishing criteria for the fund working mechanisms, but much is still unclear, including the transparency of the distribution process and the nature and extent of civil society participation.

Harjeet Singh, who has been involved in the debates on "Loss and Damage" and the creation of the fund as an activist for global climate justice from the very beginning, reports on these processes. He will also briefly present the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The objective of the event is to make the loss and damage discussion more understandable and to show whether and how we can contribute to it by lobbying as a civil society. Mr Singh will speak in English; questions in German will be translated into English.

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