

CLIMATE + CIVIC SPACE

Environmental advocacy and civic space in Morocco

Cross-regional research examined how environmental organisations mobilise, build coalitions and navigate institutional, financial and geographic constraints.

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REGIONS REPRESENTED

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FOCUS GROUPS

13

INTERVIEWS

40

SURVEY RESPONSES

THE ASSIGNMENT

Environmental action is highly local, but evidence on how advocacy strategies differ across oases, mountain areas, coastal cities and urban centres was fragmented.

WHAT A&K DELIVERED

Comparative regional analysis; an in-depth water-governance case; coalition and advocacy insights; and recommendations for policymakers, funders and civil society.

EVIDENCE APPROACH

- Mixed-method design combining interviews, focus groups, a quantitative CSO survey and desk research
- Field visit to a remote oasis city facing water scarcity and cross-border isolation
- Purposive and snowball sampling of activists, researchers and civil-society leaders
- Qualitative coding in Atlas.ti, with explicit reflection on access and sampling limitations

DECISION-RELEVANT FINDING

Among surveyed organisations, 60% reported funding-sustainability challenges and 44% identified shrinking civic space as a major barrier. Women and young people were visible drivers of local mobilisation.

ANONYMISATION NOTE

Organisation and participant identities removed; percentages refer to the study survey sample of 40 responses.