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Agenda item 4: Building strong institutions to combat climate change and its impacts for the sustainable management, protection and restoration of natural resources.

Climate change has emerged as the most serious threat to humankind in generations. As an impact of human activities that have spanned centuries and across continents, it can only be combated with nations working together, transcending national and regional boundaries. At the international level, nation-states have come together in the hope of sharing expertise and carrying the burden of transition to clean energy. Intergovernmental organizations like the International Solar Alliance are working on the development and research of solar energy designed to make solar energy accessible to the poorer nations of the world. Greenpeace International is another organization that has been working to combat climate change at an international level. It coordinates between the different national and regional greenpeace networks working independently within the framework of their national laws to promote the objectives of cleaner and greener planet.

Friends of the Earth International is another international organization working within a decentralized framework to present the root causes of the most pressing environmental issues.

The Climate Reality Project working on training leaders and activists and providing for campaigns and resources to activists to push for a swifter and quicker transition to clean energy. The activists and leaders working to aggressively push for a quicker transition to clean energy would in turn compel national governments to adopt renewable and clean energy sources.

The Intersectional Environmentalist is another international organization working on combating climate change but with a wider perspective of intersectionality of gender and race. Environmental degradation for them is interconnected with the discrimination and persecution faced by the marginalized communities. The indigenous tribal communities often co-exist with the nature in natural environs, but the environmental degradation is often accompanied by and a result of marginalization of these communities.

The decentralized model of autonomous organizations working on the ground to understand and deal with causes of climate change is a relatively more effective model for international organizations. It allows for indigenous voices on the ground to be heard since Environmental degradation in a particular ecosystem is a localized issue with wider ramifications. Climate

change can only be combated with international cooperation and involvement of indigenous communities.