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Hello everyone. My name is Ina-Maria Shikongo, frontline-defender from Namibia.

Today as we speak of the climate crisis, we should not only refer to the floods or the fire or the heatwaves. We should talk about the causes; the causes that date back five-hundred years ago away when we saw human beings being exploited, being used as slaves, people that were different from other people.

We are talking about the people that were taken from the African continent. We are talking about the people that were taken out of their homes, so they can go work in factories that belonged to the same people that are still oppressing us today.

Why is it that we as Africans do not have the rights to our lands?

Why is it that companies like ReconAfrica or TotalEnergies come here to take it all over so they can continue transporting and exploiting resources that are busy fuelling the climate crisis? Climate justice for us as African people it means we need to stop losing our lands.

ReconAfrica with their millions that are taking lands from the people; people that have lived there for centuries and now they are losing it again as if were living in the fifteenth-hundreds. This is neocolonialism.

Our people cannot keep on paying so others can have central heating, so others can have the latest phone. Why is it that our children need to dig up these raw materials for you to have the latest gadgets?

Why is capitalism continuing these practises from extraction to how they disposed of it?

Africa needs justice. Climate justice is what we need!