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Thank you for giving me the floor. I am Ann Molin, Secretary General of Hack for Earth Foundation. At the end of these two minutes I will change your mind of what a UN Conference can be, and what it can accomplish.

Imagine it is June 4th and Stockholm+50 is over. What made it a success? How did it become the gamechanger we all are waiting for, the gamechanger we need to save our planet?

There is a lot of dialogue on the environment and our global challenges. Many great things said here today and more will be said at the Stockholm+50 Conference in June.

But I think we all know we need to do more than talking, we need to ACT. And we need to act now.

And we need every single person on this planet to act, not just the leaders and the CEOs. Everyone needs to take tangible action and understand that this is not a challenge that someone else will fix for us – this is something we all need to do together, as a united force.

This is our mission at Hack for Earth Foundation and we call it citizendriven innovation. We organize hackathons - innovation competitions to solve the global challenges - and what makes us unique is we don't let the solutions stay on paper, we make them come to life.

People from 121 countries joined Hack for Earth hackathon in 2021. They all put their minds together and created solutions to the SDG's. These seven winners are as we speak in Build for Earth acceleration program, becoming real tools for the good of our planet in merely 6 months time.

If we want a different result we have to do something different.

This is why we need a more actionoriented setup at Stockholm+50, if we want it to be the gamechanger we need. I propose a hackathon or hackathon workshop setup, something I have organized for the Swedish Government's Innovation Council among others.

Key take away: We need to do things differently if we want more action. A hackathon or hackathon workshop could be arranged at the Stockholm+50, a proven concept for action by us at the Hack for Earth Foundation.

Thank you!