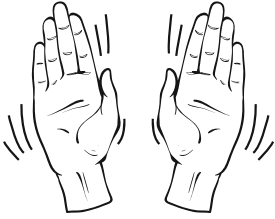


# Hand signals of the Global Assembly

Hand signals enable simultaneous and direct communication. We will use this shared language during the Global Assembly and invite you to use it with participants to create a safe and brave space for dialogue during your Community Assembly.

## Sharing Feedback



### Applause

Raising both hands into the air and waving them signals applause. This can express excitement, agreement, and appreciation.

*This is most effectively performed while smiling!*

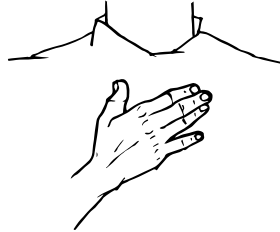
"I agree"

"This is great"

"I appreciate what you are saying!"

"I like this"

"wooo hoooooooooo!!"



### Care

Placing your right hand on your heart expresses that you care. This can signal heartfelt empathy, respect, compassion, solidarity and love.

"I empathize with what you are saying"

"We are together"

"I hear you" "I feel you"

"I understand what you are going through"

"I respect you" "I see you"



### Gratitude

Placing your palms together communicates sincere gratitude.

"Thank you so much"

## Seeking a reaction



### "I have something to offer"

Raising your left arm and placing the right fingers into the palm indicates that you want to contribute something.

*Use this hand signal if you would like to speak, offering to the dialogue.*

"I have an idea to contribute to the dialogue"

"I can build on what you are saying"

"I want to offer an alternative perspective"

"I would like to help"



### "I need support"

Extending the forefinger and middle finger signals that you need help with something. This can mean many things according to context, and has priority.

*Use this hand signal if you want to ask a question.*

"I do not understand what you are saying"

"I need clarification on what we are doing"

"Please speak louder"

"Please speak slower"



### "I can't hear you"

Put your forefinger to your ear to let your peers know that you cannot hear them.

"Your microphone is muted"  
"I can't hear"

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