

## APPENDIX I: SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviewee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewee's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Recording # \_\_\_\_\_

- I. THE PROJECT: Let us explain why we want to speak with you
  - a. **Project** – Seeking to provide recommendations for young community organizers working on climate change. Holistic picture of climate.
  - b. **Purpose of Interview – Leverage Points:** We are looking for small changes that could potentially have a big impact in mitigating climate change and helping facilitate the energy transition to renewables such as wind and solar.
  - c. **Product:** An e-book and blog (potentially academic articles)
  
- II. CONSENT FORM AND RECORDING: This project has been approved by Dartmouth's Institutional Review Board. Please sign! May we record the interview?
  
- III. PERSONAL BACKGROUND
  - a. What is your professional background/job history? Past 3-5 years
  - b. Talk to me about the ways you engage with climate change. Have you worked with climate change in different capacities in the past?
  - c. How did you get into this field?
  
- IV. CLIMATE CHANGE
  - a. Have you seen changes in public awareness or climate change? How or why do you think it has/hasn't changed?
    - i. What about political willpower or ambition? Has it shifted?
  - b. *What are the barriers to climate change action?*
  - c. *Who are the key actors for climate change mitigation?*
  - d. In your work on climate, when have you felt an imbalance of power? Can you give an example of when you felt powerful? Powerless?
  - e. Can you give one example of a policy or campaign success related to climate change? Why did you think it succeeded?
  - f. Can you give one example of a policy or campaign failure related to climate change? Why did you think it failed?

V. COP21

- a. If you have been to COP before, how do you usually spend your time at COP?
- b. How do you plan to spend COP21?
- c. Who are the key actors?
- d. How does the structure of COP facilitate or inhibit progress?
- e. What are your plans after COP21?

VI. RENEWABLE ENERGY

- a. What does a “clean energy transition” look like to you?
- b. What are the barriers to renewable energy?
- c. Do you have an example of something that gives you hope regarding renewable energy?
- d. Who are the key actors in maintaining/breaking these barriers?
- e. Do you believe knowledge is a barrier? How so, or how not?

VII. COALITION BUILDING

- a. Do you collaborate with other organizations? How?
  - i. How do you think other organizations do collaborate within the UNFCCC? Is there any room for improvement? How?

VIII. ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD? ANYTHING WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED?