



EARTHRISE COLLECTIVE

*Activism, Ancient Wisdom, Alternatives*

# GATHERING

16 - 21 December 2023

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



In partnership with:

Natural Justice

Ancient Wisdom Foundation

Gran Consejo Del Águila Y El Cóndor

More Than Human Rights (MOTH)

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## Earthrise Collective

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### **Gathering: Activism, Ancient Wisdom, Alternatives**

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## OVERVIEW

### Preamble

The Earthrise Collective, in collaboration with key partners, will be hosting a '**Gathering on Activism, Ancient Wisdom and Alternatives**' from **16 – 21 December 2023** to ignite restorative interventions and transformative action in light of the current global crises. This in-person convening flows from the gathering which took place in Dahab, in Egypt in November 2022. The gathering in Egypt was a very powerful convening of wisdom keepers, thought leaders and other activists from across the globe. It was a sharing of energy, ancient wisdom, activism and at the start to creating a new energetic pathway and the turbulence on the planet continues to unfold at an exponential rate.

### Rationale

As we reach - and surpass - some of the key planetary tipping points, as inequality increases at an alarming rate, as financial and governance systems continue to unravel and as increased violence and hatred continues to spread, we are called to find extraordinary and pluriversal ways of being on the planet and in order to shift onto a different trajectory. This important and crucial gathering will provide the space for sharing prophesy and, sharing ancient wisdoms and indigenous knowledge systems, while honing in on tried and tested activism. This will be combined with harnessing new insights and emerging strategies for the protection of what we hold sacred and what sustains life on the planet, as well as the protection against the violation of rights. We will explore the alternatives to current paradigms. As it was at the last gathering in Egypt, it will provide the energy and ideas for the launch of a 'new canoe' – a collective vehicle to journey into the future - based on key first principles and values.

### Gathering Details

A subset of the Collective and associates will gather *physically* in **Cape Town, South Africa** from **16 – 21 December 2023** in order to consolidate many of the ideas around Activism, Ancient Wisdom and Alternatives and lay grounds for transformative actions for the future. Delegates will congregate to collectively dream, re-member, re-imagine and re-generate activity to the benefit of the whole.

The gathering will take place in the aftermath of the *2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)* that will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, which some activists and indigenous wisdom keepers will be attending,



## Dates

16 – 21 December 2023

## Venue

Amani House, Hout Bay,<sup>1</sup> Cape Town, South Africa (core gathering)  
Other venues to be advised.

## Key Partners

- Natural Justice (*Activism*)
- Ancient Wisdom Foundation & Ancient Wisdom Africa (*Ancient Wisdom*)
- Gran Consejo Del Águila Y El Cóndor / Grand Council of the Eagle and the Condor (*Ancient Wisdom*)
- More Than Human Rights - MOTH (*Alternatives*)

## Funding

The Earthrise Collective has limited funding. The accommodation, venue, ground transport and food will be covered by the Earthrise Collective for the duration of the gathering. There is a limited amount of funding for flights for a few of the wisdom keepers. We are in conversations with key partners and potential donors to try and secure further funding to cover more wisdom keepers.

## Overview of the Earthrise Collective

The Earthrise Collective<sup>2</sup> is a space for innovative, creative thinkers, activists, artists, healers, scholars, indigenous knowledge custodians, wisdom-holders and visionaries to create new systems, catalyse novel ways of working, and build new paradigms for the future. Earthrise connects a diversity of people from across the globe, providing a container for transformative interventions on both the physical and spiritual planes. It seeks to weave a new **Activism** with the **Ancient Wisdom** that has largely been ignored by mainstream activism in order to find **Alternatives** towards the future. Our work is grounded in the Akan Twi and Fante Peoples' axiom of *Sankofa*: we draw from the wisdom of our ancestors as we chart our journey towards this future.

Established in 2020, during the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Collective was born out of a small group of committed activists who had grown disenchanted with the limitations of fighting against injustice with rational, intellect-based and mono-paradigmatic strategies. The current world systems are crumbling; rather than attempting to reform those crumbling systems or to organize within their frameworks, the Collective seeks to imagine and build something new. We commit ourselves to environmental, social, and cultural rebirth, grounded in ancient wisdom and indigenous knowledge systems. By merging the wisdom of our various traditions with the opportunities of the modern world, we shine new light on the challenges around and ahead of us. Through healing ourselves and our communities, we tend to the natural world. We recognize that our efforts must combine by consciously working with people, the land, the waters, the mountains, our ancestors, as well as the plant and animal kingdoms; and that through this we can re-imagine and create a flourishing future for the generations to come.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hout\\_Bay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hout_Bay)

<sup>2</sup> <https://earthrisecollective.com/>

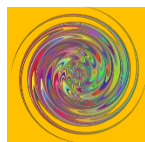
The Earthrise Collective has the vision of humans across the world combining innovative activism with land-, ecosystem- and ancestor-honoring ritual and ceremony, while working collectively to create a new future based on profound relating with the more-than-human world. We envision a global collaboration that cuts across cultures, languages, beliefs, practices, faiths and species; a collaboration that forges a path forward towards alternative, more loving and respectful models of living together, making our livelihoods, feeding our families, and tending to the earth. We envision a future where humanity lives in service to the planet, stewarding and caretaking the land, the ecosystems, and each other as exemplified by our indigenous ancestors.

## **Towards a Vision of Wholeness**

The vision of Earthrise is one of Wholeness. This is a Wholeness that reminds us that we are 'a part' and not 'apart' from life. This Wholeness is relational, while allowing each individual to embody their own 'isnesses.' This Wholeness affords each node or knot a place in the cosmic web. This Wholeness is at once a crease in the fabric of Life... and the very fabric itself. Based on this vision of wholeness we endeavour to develop the Earthrise Collective into a powerhouse of authentic, impactful action, aligned with our values, ideals, indigenous knowledge systems, and ancestral understandings. We seek to activate our ancient wisdoms into activism that births alternatives which are beneficial to the whole. We seek new solutions that exist outside the margins.

## **In Practice**

Practically, this means that Earthrise connects a diversity of people from across the globe provides a container for transformative interventions on both the physical and spiritual planes. Since its inception, the Collective has recognised the myriad crises of our times and come into dialogue to find ways of meeting them. It has brought together many voices into virtual full moon convenings, including activists, indigenous wisdom and those on the cutting edge of imagining alternative paradigms. The gatherings have woven a range of topics such as environmental activism, sacred sites custodianship, collective trauma, alternative economic models, rites of passage, indigenous knowledge systems, transformation by enlargement, cognitive justice, redefining community, sustainability, regenerative futures and cosmology. Earthrise offers itself as a kind of a 'satsangh' place for all those who seek to gather around the Truth, to learn, teach, dream and organize.



## **PROGRAMME**

### **Format**

As we did in Egypt, we will find a balance between some framing and the emergence based on what each of the participants bring into the space. It will build on some of the fundamentals that emerged during the previous gathering and subsequent contributions over the past year during the full moon gatherings. This seeks to cement the three threads of **Activism, Ancient Wisdom and Alternatives** through a combination of modes, including dialogues interspersed with thematic