



Final Report - Community Report Back August 30th, 2016



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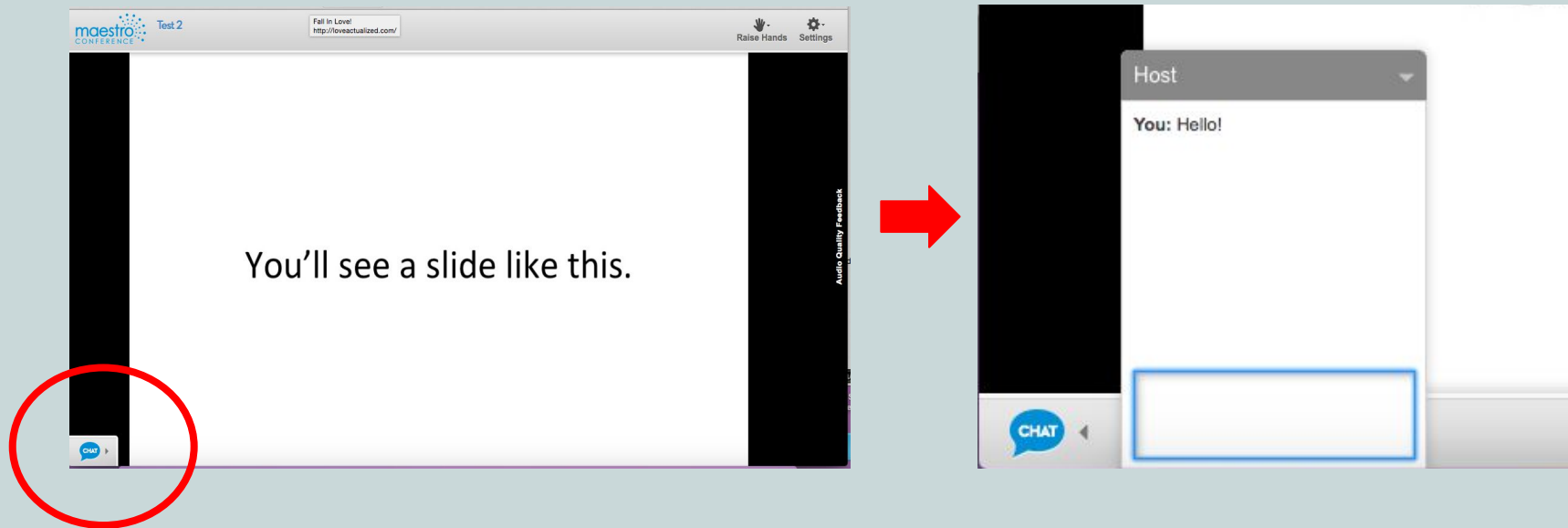
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Purpose of the Call

- This call is for community members and national allies.
- This call is not for press purposes. Direct media inquiries to emma@gccplp.org
- This call is not for funders. If you are a funder interested in learning more about Gulf South Rising, contact emilia@gccplp.org
- All call registrants will receive an email with the Gulf South Rising Final Report, a link to the webinar recording, and notes with answers to questions posed during the webinar.

Asking Questions

Type your question into the chatbox.



Webinar Agenda

1. Introduction to Gulf South Rising (GSR)
2. Outcomes of GSR
3. Lessons learned
4. Recommendations from the Gulf South
5. Questions and answers



Introduction to Gulf South Rising

- Decentralized process where the banner/call “#GulfSouthRising” could be used as a tool for unified movement building.
- Gulf South Rising 2015 was not an organization, was not a coalition - **it was a movement of frontline leaders!**



Gulf South Rising's Goals

- **Goal 1:** Build Regional Movement Infrastructure
- **Goal 2:** Connect & Convene Gulf South Frontlines Around Collective Healing & Ecological Equity
- **Goal 3:** Advance Regional Efforts of Indigenous Tribal & Land Sovereignty
- **Goal 4:** Reclaim Regional Narrative: From Resilience to Resistance



Outcomes

- Built regional movement infrastructure
 - Established a Community Controlled Fund
- Connected and convened frontline communities around collective healing and ecological equity
- Advanced regional efforts of Indigenous tribal and land sovereignty
- Shifted the narrative from resilience to resistance



Outcomes

GSR: Built regional movement infrastructure

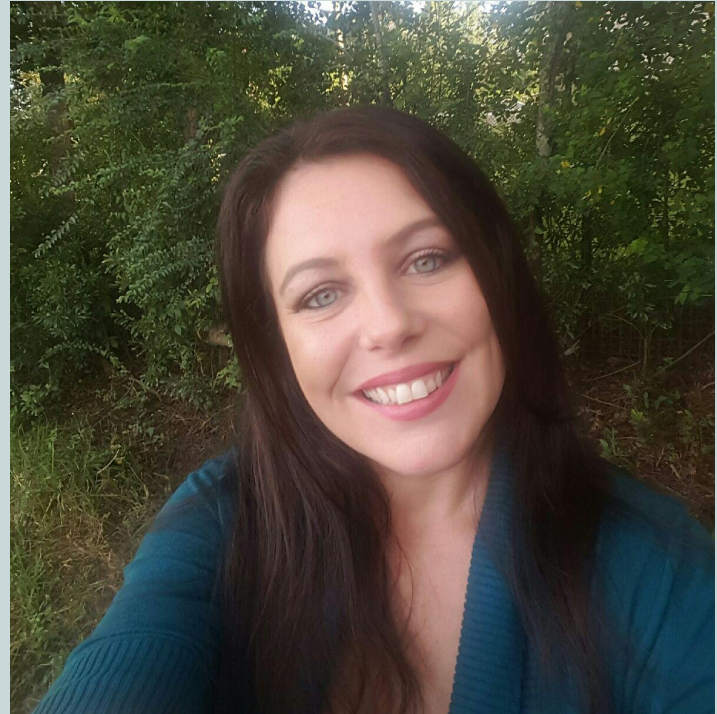


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Outcomes

GSR connected and convened frontline communities around collective healing and ecological equity.



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Outcomes

GSR advanced regional efforts of Indigenous tribal and land sovereignty



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Outcomes

GSR shifted the narrative
beyond resilience and
towards resistance



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GSR Community Controlled Fund

- Regenerating fund.
- Promotes just transitions away from extractive practices while dismantling oppressive structures.
- Provides resources to foster power and promote togetherness in the region.
- Exists to restore communities and to honor the legacy of strength and resistance in the Gulf South.



Lessons Learned

1. Movements that shift culture, systems and realities require real resources and capacity.
2. Cultivating Frontline Leadership Takes Time.
3. Move at a healing speed.
4. Technology is no substitute for authentic relationship-building.
5. Direct to report for more



Recommendations from the Gulf South

Frontline Leaders

- Declare your power.
- Speak truth to power.
- Value the traditions of your culture.



Recommendations from the Gulf South

Community Organizations

- Acknowledge the climate crisis.
- Create your work around the power of the community.
- Work with community members to build your workplan.
- Reject models of leadership that depend on one leader.



Recommendations from the Gulf South

National Climate Movement and National Environmental Groups

- Commit to changes that build frontline power.
- Anti-racism is not diversity.
- Check your privilege.
- Support LOCAL frontline leadership.



Recommendations from the Gulf South

Justice Movement

- Adopt an intersectional analysis for movement-building.
- Build knowledge about the climate crisis.
- Understand the difference between organizing and activism.



Recommendations from the Gulf South

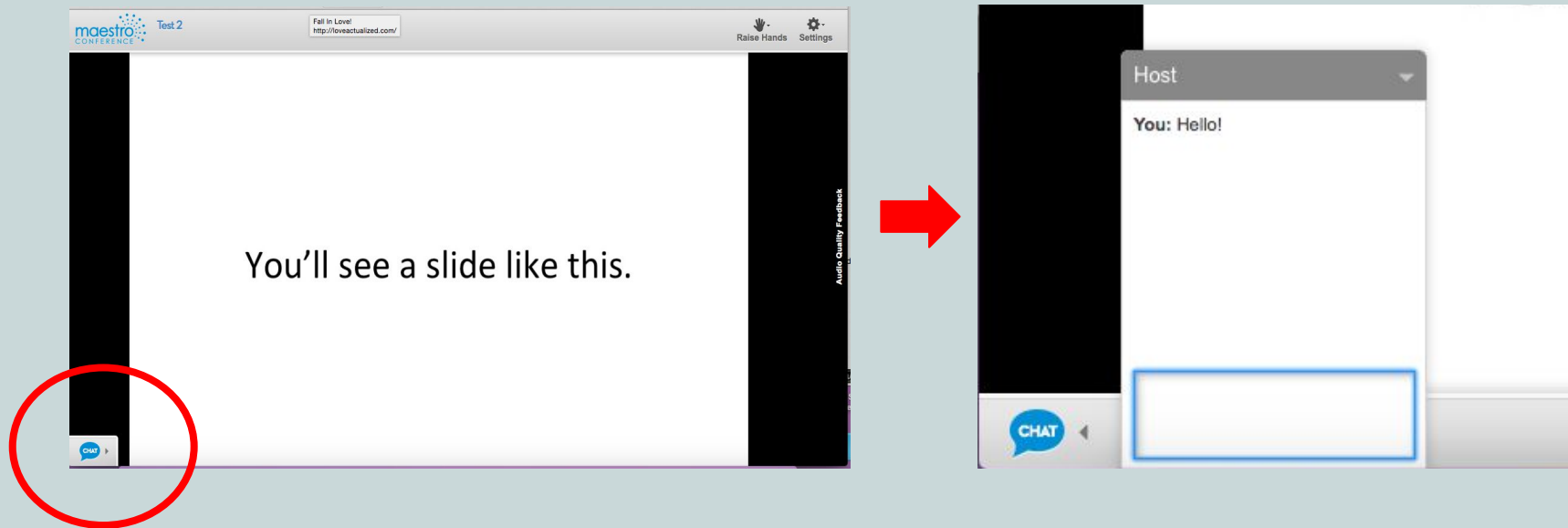
Philanthropy

- Fund the Gulf South using an intersectional analysis.
- Invest in long-term, authentic leadership development.
- More than a 501(c)(3) is needed.
- Fund community funds.



Questions

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Thank you for joining us!

- A recording of the webinar and a copy of the report will be sent out via email. You can also access these on the Gulf South Rising website.
- To support ongoing work, donate to the Gulf South Rising Community Controlled Fund by visiting our website.
- To learn more about who to support after the Louisiana floods visit the Gulf South Rising Facebook page (facebook.com/gulfsouthrising), and to learn more about ongoing efforts to organize around climate and disaster in Louisiana go to GCCLP's Facebook page (facebook.com/GCCLP).

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The seas are rising...AND SO ARE WE!