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## Citizen Action on Climate Change: The Case for Hope



The People's Climate March in New York on September 21 represents the largest climate march in US history and a major return of climate activism to the international arena. The UN Climate Summit will start on September 23 and will be followed by UN Climate Summits in Lima, Peru, in December and in Paris, France, in 2015. How do we use these key moments as genuine, strategic opportunities to advance climate action and not just to express our demand for such action?

Jim Shultz will address The Democracy Center's newly released report on climate action strategies: *Movement Strategies for Moving Mountains: Conversations with Activists Worldwide on How to Use Latin America's COP to Build Citizen Action on Climate*. It represents in-depth, one-on-one interviews with more than forty key climate activists from across five continents, asking them all one basic question: What are the most viable strategies for the climate movement to change the political winds? Rich with examples of successful efforts to resist development projects that are harmful to the environment and of communities taking control over their land and water, particularly in the Global South, the report offers reasons for optimism if we act now and act strategically.

**Jim Shultz** is the founder and executive director of The Democracy Center and has led citizen advocacy projects in more than two dozen countries across five continents. Living in Bolivia since 1998, he wrote the original international news coverage of the Cochabamba Water Revolt, winning top honors from *Project Censored*, and helped lead the successful international citizen campaign that forced the Bechtel Corporation to drop its \$50 million legal action against Bolivia following the Revolt. He is the author and editor of three books, including the award-winning *The Democracy Owners' Manual* (Rutgers University Press, 2002) and *Dignity and Defiance – Stories from Bolivia's Challenge to Globalization* (UC Press, 2009).

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**Thursday, September 18, 2014**  
**2:15 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Jefferson-Williams Lounge, 4th Fl**  
**Brooklyn College Student Center**  
**Campus Road and East 27th Street**

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