



Appeal by Climate Action Network International to world leaders
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Your Excellency,

As the UN Secretary-General stated on 2 September following his visit to the Arctic

"I am speaking to all world citizens, and particularly world leaders, that we must take urgent action to fight against climate change. Unless we take action now, we will regret deeply for the future of our humanity, for the future of the planet Earth"

CAN-International is a global network of 480 non-governmental organisations acting on climate change. We appeal to you to assume your moral responsibility for the planet's future.

The survival of our human society is at stake, and time is very short. There are only fifteen negotiating days left before the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in December.

At the UN Secretary-General's High Level meeting this month, and at all other opportunities afforded you, we urge you to give the political impetus necessary to ensure a successful outcome at Copenhagen.

We urge you to show your commitment to this outcome, first by immediately transforming the instructions to your negotiators to remove obstacles within the UNFCCC process to 'sealing the deal' and second by pledging to attend the Copenhagen summit in person to work towards a successful outcome.

The building blocks of a new planetary deal to overcome the threat of climate change are well known:

- deep, legally binding emission reductions by developed nations at least -40% below 1990 levels by 2020, most of which should be met through domestic emissions reductions.
- adequate and predictable funding from developed countries to enable developing countries to follow a low-carbon growth path and cope with the impacts of climate change. The 2009 World Economic and Social Survey estimates \$500bn per year is needed, CAN believes that at least \$150 billion of that must be public finance, provided through mechanisms that guarantee its delivery, such as the auctioning of international emission allowances.
- a comprehensive system of technology cooperation that delivers sustainable development, enables poverty reduction and ensures access to sustainable energy services for all. A Technology Cooperation Mechanism set up under the UNFCCC responsible for establishing and implementing a Global Technology Objective and Technology Action Programmes at a global and national level are essential to ensuring that sustainable development is achieved.
- a global Adaptation Action Framework that massively increases support to vulnerable developing countries so they can adapt to climate change, reduce vulnerabilities and build resilience against, and manage loss and damage from, the now unavoidable impacts of climate change.
- a formal commitment to continually and rapidly adjust world climate change action in line with the latest findings of science, embodied within 5 year commitment periods and binding scientific reviews.

In fulfilment of your moral responsibility to this and future generations we urge you to show explicit support for these fundamental building blocks in your statements to and in your discussions at the UN Secretary-General's Summit, as well as at every other opportunity in the lead up to Copenhagen.

Sincerely

Climate Action Network International