

## **Intervention in the Adaptation Contact Group on behalf of Climate Action Network**

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

We would like to put forward our ideas for the global **Adaptation Framework under** the Copenhagen Agreement. This Adaptation Framework would achieve **three** objectives:

**FIRST:** ensure all Parties meet their commitments under the Convention and the Bali Action Plan, in particular the provision of finance - a massive increase in support – by developed countries to support the most vulnerable countries in adapting to climate change and coping with the now unavoidable impacts; and

**SECOND:** provide support for preparation *and implementation* of **National Adaptation Strategies in developing countries**; and

**THIRD:** ensure risk management and compensation through a **Climate Insurance Mechanism and a Compensation and Restitution Mechanism.**

Ultimately, the Adaptation Window of a future funding structure under the UNFCCC should provide at least 50 billion US-Dollar annually of public finance, provided by Annex 1 Parties in addition to their ODA commitments. Funding should be delivered as grants not loans. Delivery of funding should be guided by the principle of easy and direct access to support the most vulnerable ecosystems, communities and groups.

We believe an effective way of determining the priorities for adaptation activities under this Adaptation Window could be through National Adaptation Strategies. These should be prepared through an in-country process that maximises national and community level ownership over vulnerability assessments, planning, implementation and monitoring. They would provide the basis for an entitlement to receive periodic, predictable and adequate grant installments to implement, review and update them. These national strategies would include integration of climate change into sectoral planning, identification of needs for technology support for adaptation, including scaling up of effective, locally developed and traditional technologies measures for disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and increasing resilience.

While adaptation priorities should be identified within countries, we see the role of the UNFCCC as being to provide institutions to support preparation and implementation of national strategies including through:

- An independent review panel reporting to the COP on finance provision and on progress in implementation
- Co-ordinating the effective collation and sharing of experiences from community, national and regional levels,
- Technical support on preparation and implementation of these national strategies with a focus on supporting learning by doing

The **Adaptation Action Framework** should also include a **Climate Insurance Mechanism** to cover high-level, climate-related risks or disaster losses and to provide technical support for setting up public-private insurance schemes at local or sub-national levels to address lesser climate-related risks.

We invite Parties to recognise that there are climate change related impacts to which adaptation will not be possible and that cannot be covered through insurance, such as the displacement of population as a result of rising sea levels. Hence, we call for a **Compensation and Restitution Mechanism** to deal with such impacts especially where they require international solutions.

Do not forget that the Bali Action Plan calls for adaptation actions "now, up to and beyond 2012." In this respect the 40 NAPAs completed and submitted by the LDCs which have identified "urgent and immediate" adaptation projects are still waiting to be fully funded from the LDC Fund, which has less than \$200 million available in it. The Copenhagen Agreement must include new pledges by developed countries to deliver at least \$2 billion from Annex 1 Parties to fulfill this eight year old promise.

Chair, I have with me here a voluntary donation from 300 High School students here in Bonn, to the Adaptation Fund to kick start the donations. Annex 1 Parties, step up!

Adaptation in the post-2012 world must not be about incremental expansion of already existing activities, if we want to safeguard the lives and livelihoods of billions of people around the world and the ecosystems on which we all fundamentally depend. We need a fundamental change in level and nature of support to developing countries. Hence we ask Annex 1 Parties to no longer resist the required scale-up in financial resources and the required new and enhanced mechanisms and institutions to make it happen.

Thank you very much for listening