

Agenda : Southern Civil Society Pre-COP 16 Preparatory Meeting

Goal of Southern Civil Society Pre-COP 16 Preparatory Meeting:

Our goal is to develop stronger capacities of key individuals within Climate Action Network's southern regional and national networks on the issues of climate change policy and sustainable low carbon development pathways that are suited to local needs and recognize the imperative of south-south cooperation and deliberations in the run up to COP 16 in Cancun.

1) Strengthen CAN South: (how Southern membership in CAN is integrated into the policy development and how CAN best serves the needs of the south, and outreach activities, weakness and opportunities in developing country nodes, strategy for strengthening southern input into CAN, strengthening the understanding of core issues for participants)

2) Develop a Common Strategy towards Cancun from a Southern Perspective: (emerging political dynamics across key players within global polity, How to use the collective strength and perspectives in the group to influence the thinking in respective political space, Identifying concrete areas of collaboration amongst CAN and one another for the future.)

Timelines: Focus on COP-16 with a view to a medium term time frame for developing common tactics and strategy for collaboration and action beyond Cancun (2012)

Agenda Notes:

Day I: Context Setting and Mapping REAL Expectations:

I. Identifying the levels of juxtaposed threats that developing countries face (*political (regime and policies)? economic? financial? technological? social? existential?*) that must be addressed to develop a cohesive response strategy to global warming.

[Matching expectations and decoupling the "G77" and vulnerable developing country groupings into countries with similar socio-economic-political groups and similar political aspirations as far as possible to cull out the fact that the South is not a uni-dimensional entity. Is there Historical precedence for the South forming a single strategy for tackling global problems? Is climate change creating a unique opportunity in a

post-liberalization / rapidly industrializing world? Which of CAN's current policies and strategies be improved upon to reflect concerns of members in developing countries and regions appropriately?]

Expected Outcomes:

- Honest articulation of current situation in the Climate Policy discourse in Developing Countries.
- Key opportunities & threats identified

Day II: Developing common goals and tactics

II. What is an equitable, effective and optimal goal when it comes to developing countries and the multifaceted issue of climate change? How do developing countries resolve the dilemma of development, energy access and poverty alleviation in the face of an environmental crisis? What is the role that CAN as a network can play?

[This should include some articulation of BOTH challenges and opportunities within CAN's current strategy-could be worked upon in small or plenary style setting -to evolve into a strategic plan based on the outcomes of the CAN Retreat and this meeting. These discussions on goals and tactics should address the political feasibility of the options on the table (in a post Bonn 3 world), for example the Cancun Package and the outcomes/lack of outcomes at COP-16 and its' impact on the need for survival of the most vulnerable countries. The range of tactics identified (media, domestic lobbying, outreach, campaigns) must ensure their compatibility with broader CAN policies and concerns must be highlighted. If there is a mismatch between the policy asks of specific regional nodes of CAN then there should be a possibility for discussion on identifying these gaps and to develop complementary narratives that ensure an effective lobbying strategy across CAN. This should be broken down to the level of discussing appropriate tools at our disposal for lobbying, campaigning, advocacy and activism. The outcomes of this discussion should a-priori be mindful of socio-economic and political reality currently in play the group of 77 & China. So that wins-losses can be determined in a Post Cancun meeting/assessment and in determining a strategy for South Africa]

Expected Outcomes

- Input for draft roadmap identifying areas of collaboration and advocacy activities leading to Cancun and beyond.
- An equitable, effective and optimal goal for developing countries by 2015 in the face of escalating climate change.

Day III: Process/Roles and Way Forward + Mexican Government and NGO Dialogue.

Potential outcome of 3 days of intensive interaction and learning opportunities:

- CSO representatives are able to articulate the likely outcome of the negotiations ie what looks achievable, what should be bottom/red lines for any agreement/decision out of COP16 with respect to their region.
- Selected CSO representatives should be able to provide a comprehensive narrative of the challenges and threats that face their regions and possible solution sets available to them in a world potentially tied into a 3-degree temperature rise.
- In addition, the hope would be that participants would leave the training with the ability to design a basic advocacy programme for their local and national networks that both is relevant for their regions and also feeds into a broader strategy within the international CAN network.
- A shared understanding of ambitions and possible outcomes of Cancun

Day IV: Media Training for Participants from Vulnerable Developing Countries (limited)

Goal for the media training:

To develop communications skills of key individuals from southern networks on the issues of climate change policy in vulnerable developing countries (for the purposes of THIS workshop, this will be limited to participants from SIDS, LDCs and African countries).

- 1) Discuss and prepare messages from a vulnerable developing country perspective for the international media in the lead up to upcoming UNFCCC inter-sessions.
- 2) Acquire practical skills for giving succinct, confident and on message media interviews (print and TV) and press conferences.
- 3) Understanding how to campaign through the Media (How to identify and utilise opportunities available in the media to get messages out about vulnerability, impacts in order to win the campaign for ambitious climate action)

Objectives:

- Design (at least 3) key structured vulnerable country messages for media at UNFCCC inter-sessions in Tianjin and Cancun.
- Understand how reporters and media work and basic news values.
- Gain practical skills for one on one media interviews and skills on how to be a strong press conference panelist

Desired outcomes:

- Structuring and designing messages to be clear, powerful – and memorable
- Learn about reporters and media
- Learn to “make” news
- Learn how to talk to reporters
- Learn how to be a TV star

Day 1 [7th of September, 2010]: Context Setting and Mapping REAL Expectations

Objective: Identifying the levels of juxtaposed threats that developing countries face (*political (regime and policies)? economic? financial? technological? social? existential?*) that must be addressed to develop a cohesive response strategy to global warming.

Objective	Context Setting and Mapping REAL Expectations	Who ?
1000	Arrival of Participants	
1015	Welcome	David/Ana/Diane
1030	Introductions	Shruti
1045	Agenda Review	Lalith
1100	Mapping Critical Expertise in the Room: Who brings what to the group from within the Southern CSOs in room?	Shruti [Participants have a sticker with 2 core expertise areas on his/her shirt for the duration of the day]
1115	Panel Discussion: Why has the world taken 22 years and yet not concluded a comprehensive treaty on Climate Change? Views on conflicting visions within the Environmental Movement. Have political realities and network weaknesses hampered progress on a Real Deal on Climate in your view as a person impacted by a changing climate.	Response from audience on Post-its that are pulled together over coffee break [Athena; Alejandro Aleman ; Shirley Atatagi ; Gurmit Singh ;Mithika Mwenda]
1145	COFFEE	
12:00	Reviewing the most common concerns based on the feedback	
12:15	Panel Discussion: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Headed as an Environmental Movement? [To facilitate thinking about what issues are seen as roadblocks towards a common vision for moving forward]	Panel : Sanjay , Tove Ryding, Geoffrey Kamese, Gerardo Honty,Gaines Morrow,Ranga Pallavala Chair keeps the discussion rolling around the audience. Note takers : Marianne Werth , Peter With
	Quick summary of the Discussions	by Chair /Note Takers
1330-1430	LUNCH BREAK	

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1430	Group Work: (Mixed Regional Representation) <i>Identify juxtaposed threats that developing countries face, which must be addressed to develop a cohesive response strategy to global warming. Some Additional Questions¹</i>	Session Chair : Diane McFadzien
1530	Panel: Report Backs from Groups	Summary of the Work done in the Groups by the Session Chair Note-taker: Raju Chhetri, David Turnbull
1615	COFFEE	
1630	Regional Group Work : Matching the Outcomes (from the work done in the 2 morning sessions) and Matching them to POLITICAL REALITY in your region and LIST OPPORTUNITIES for countering push-back from Government, Public or Media as well as pushing forward with allies.	Facilitator : Lalith Preparing a short 4-5 slide presentation on [<i>This exercise works towards Matching expectations and decoupling “G77” into countries with similar socio-economic-political groups as far as possible to cull out the subtleties around “the South” being a multidimensional entity locked into a common future</i>]
1730	Presenting Back from Regional Groups to the Plenary (Q&A): Facilitator will look for COMMON opportunities for Cross Pollination with help from volunteers.	Note Takers : Manjeet Dhakal , Mithika Mwenda
1800	Review of the DAY and what was discussed.	Lalith /Shruti
1815	Announcements	PCM
19:45	WELCOME DINNER	
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honest articulation of current situation in the Climate Policy discourse in Developing Countries. Key opportunities & threats identified 	

¹- Is there Historical precedence for the South forming a single strategy for tackling global problems? Or are we setting a new precedence ?
- Is climate change creating a unique opportunity in a post-liberalization / rapidly industrializing world?
- Which of CAN's current policies and strategies can be improved upon to reflect concerns of members in developing countries?

Day 2 (Wednesday,8th of September,2010) : Developing common goals and a Roadmap for Collaboration

II. What is an equitable, effective and optimal goal when it comes to developing countries and the multifaceted issue of climate change? How do developing countries resolve the dilemma of development, energy access and poverty alleviation in the face of an environmental crisis? What is the role that CAN should play?

Objective	Developing common goals and tactics	
0900	Check-In & Announcements	Ana
0915	Overview of DAY 1	Shruti
0930	Agenda Review	Colette Benoudji
0945	Presentation : Overview of Equity in Current Climate Debate [Building on the debate (BASIC; GDR; CBDR; Carbon Budgets)]	Presentation: Sanjay (post consultations) Comments : Shirley, Luis, Jiliang, Raju, Samuel, Srinivas Q&A: Notes: Marianne Werth and Peter With
1045	PANEL: South – South exchange of on the ground experiences to identify common tactics and tools for resolving the dilemma of development, energy access and poverty alleviation in the face of an unprecedented environmental crisis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies (Field Experience) • Research (Technological Innovation etc.) • Public Perception and Mobilization 	Panelists: Golam Rabbani ; Emmanuel Seck, Gerardo Honty, Ulamilla and Gurmit Singh Chair: Victor Campos
1130	COFFEE	
1145	Group Work (Regional): Developing thoughts and ideas around Political feasibility of the options for a common goal and strategies on the table in a post Bonn 3 world. What role could CAN play?	Facilitator : Lalith
1200		Co-facilitators: Regional Reps.
1215		
1230	Report back from Sub-Groups	Notes: Marianne and David
1245	Summation of Report Backs	by Facilitator and Note Takers
1300-1400	LUNCH BREAK	

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1400	<p>Panel Discussion: Reconnecting the DOTS -What does the Climate Debate look like in the Developed World today from a Non-Annex 1 lense, <i>What are the key points of debate? What is the likely scenario in Cancun? What political arguments matter to them? Political situation in Emerging Economies, Africa? SIDS? LDC's? Where do we see solutions emerging?</i></p> <p><i>Q&A.</i></p>	<p>Discussants: Srinivas ,Jiliang , Athena ,Ana , Gurmeet, Manjeet and Taukiei</p> <p>Comments : Tove (EU) , Jake Schmidt (US)</p> <p>Notes: Pelenise and Manjeet Dhakal</p>
1500	<p>Presentation: Current Role of Vulnerable Developing Countries in the International Climate Debate (and understanding the differences and similarities between the African group, SIDS and LDC's)</p>	<p>Diane Mcfadzien</p> <p>Commentators: Raju Pandit, Hiva Levi & Mithika Mwenda</p>
1530	<p>Breakout Groups (Mixed)</p> <p>Key questions to answer for helping develop CAN's understanding and role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What are the potential political entry points for vulnerable groups and countries?</i> - <i>What are the interrelations between the developed countries and between the developing countries & their various blocs(e.g. emerging economies) ?</i> - <i>What opportunities are there for building alliances between various blocs in G-77 in other forums?</i> - <i>What opportunities are there for building pressure to raise the level of ambition?</i> 	<p>Facilitator: Shruti</p>
1630	COFFEE	
1645	<p>Reporting Back</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Notes: Marianne , Tove</p>
1715	<p>Preparing for the NGO-Govt. Dialogue :</p> <p>Presentation on the currently articulated position of the COP Presidency/Mexican Delegation on Key Issues and areas of mismatch with CAN positions/ expectations</p>	<p>Facilitator : Ingrid Spiller and Ana Romero</p> <p><i>(Volunteers from each of the groups (Africa, LDCs, AOSIS, SIDS, EEs) for a WG to identify key Questions for discussion – To work in the evening).</i></p>
1745	Review: How Far Have We Come?	Gaines
1800--	Announcements	PCM
19:45	Dinner	
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input for draft roadmap identifying areas of collaboration and advocacy activities leading to Cancun and beyond. • An equitable, effective and optimal goal for developing countries by 2015 in the face of escalating climate change. 	

Day 3: (Thursday,9th of September,2010) Process/Roles and Way Forward + Mexican Government and NGO Dialogue.

Objective	Way Forward (Process/Roles) + Mexican Government and NGO Dialogue	
0900	Check-In & Announcements	Ana
0905	Short Presentation of OUTPUT from Day 1 and 2	Imogen
0915	Agenda Review	Ulamilla
0925	Panel: Representatives from CAN’s Southern Nodes on their Advocacy and Lobbying Plans in the run up to Cancun , including a response the following questions: - <i>What modifications would they be looking at in terms of their messaging based on the information sharing and learning in the past 2 days?</i> - <i>What are potential points of leverage for NGOs from developing countries in the Western media?</i> - <i>How can the “moral and polluter pays arguments” be used to pressure big emitters forward in the climate change negotiations through the Western media?</i> - <i>How can the ‘right to develop’ be addressed so that it is not treated by larger developing countries as a right to pollute.</i>	Sanjay ; Alejandro; Emmanuel ; Gurmeet ; Marstella ; Athena
10:25	Breakout groups (Mixed): - <i>What are the potential political entry points for vulnerable groups and countries?</i> - <i>What opportunities are there for building alliances amongst southern CSOs?</i> - <i>What opportunities are there for building pressure to raise the level of ambition especially as CAN?</i>	Facilitator : Lalith G
11:10	Presenting Back from Groups: Plenary Discussion	Facilitator: Lalith G Notes: Marianne Werth , David T
11:30-11:45	Presentation from the Volunteer Prep-Group that identified broad questions for discussion at NGO Dialogue:	Group Nominee: Identify issues and concerns to raise in this meeting

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1200	MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND NGO DIALOGUE: The intention with this dialogue would be to use the collective strength and perspectives in the group to influence the thinking within the Mexican Government and its relevant Ministries for COP16 and beyond.	Welcome by Ana Romero (as CAN Mexico and host for CSOs in Mexico).Short introductions to CAN by David and work being done. Moderator: Ingrid /Athena NOTES: Birima Fall (English) ; Marianne Werth (English) ; Gisela Rementaria (Spanish) ; Jose Alejandro (Spanish)
1330-1430	LUNCH FOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	
14:30-15:45	Panel: Review and Analysis of the Proceeds of the NGO-Government Dialogue [Political, NGO Participation, Thematically...] and a discussion of CSO expectation from Cancun Q&A	Srinivas Krishnaswamy ; Tove Ryding ; Ben Namakin; Jiliang Chen ; Rajen Awotar; Gurmit Singh
15:45	COFFEE	
16:00	<i>Identifying the PEGs(people/institutions):</i> <i>- Determining their role in relation to their nodes and CAN Secretariat.</i>	Facilitator: Gaines Individuals who volunteer to coordinate regional/national information in the run-up to Cancun and work with those present here (and others) to ensure COHESIVE efforts towards achieving wins in Cancun and beyond for a safe planet.
17:00	Wrap up: Where are We HEADED!? Follow up and quick round up of the outcomes of the past 3 days. Discuss follow up Activities in China	Shruti , Gaines, Diane and Emmanuel
17:45	Vote of Thanks	PCM and CAN and WWF-GP
18:00--	Check-Out for those who are not staying for Communications training.	
19:45	Dinner	
Outputs	- CSO representatives able to provide a comprehensive narrative of the challenges and threats that face their regions and possible solution sets available to them in a world potentially tied into a 3-degree temperature rise. - A shared understanding of ambitions and possible outcomes of Cancun	