



# Climate Action Network

## APA 1-3 Closing Intervention

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*Climate Action Network International (CAN) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis, with more than 1100 members in over 120 countries. [www.climatenetwork.org](http://www.climatenetwork.org)*

Thank you Co-Chairs. My name is Catherine Abreu speaking on behalf of Climate Action Network International.

COP 23 will be the first Pacific Island COP. Few places on earth are more vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change, yet Fiji forges ahead with uncompromising ambition to stop the global expansion of fossil fuels and build a 100% renewable future.

We encourage Parties to take inspiration from our incoming President's example: acknowledge the losses and damages facing low-lying and other vulnerable nations, and make substantive progress to guarantee that the implementation of the Paris Agreement is able to deliver on the ambition it embodies.

Constructive negotiations on the Paris rulebook need to be technical, and avoid getting bogged down in procedural wrangling, to ensure we finalise details by 2018.

CAN rejects the systematic exclusion of all observers from upcoming roundtables. Shutting out non-governmental experts undermines our ability to support the drafting of a robust rulebook, and we regret that this session concludes with a decision that runs counter to the spirit of Fijian talanoa in excluding actors rather than bringing them together.

Thank you.