



Climate Action Network APA 1-3 Opening Statement

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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

CAN wishes to remind Parties of the reason why you are here, that is, to live up to your moral responsibility as the last generation that has a likely chance of being able to put a stop to the devastating impacts of climate change. We must remember the promise made to our children in Paris.

In light of the urgency, we call on Parties to engage in constructive discussions on all agenda items. It will be essential to make swift progress this session to be in a position to work from a zero draft of the rulebook at COP 23. We ask you to work cooperatively in this regard, in recognition of the common responsibility in your hands, to be on track to finalise the rulebook as agreed by COP 24.

We must also note that we are deeply troubled by the decision of the APA co-chairs to close the recent APA workshops on transparency and adaptation. CAN calls on Parties to ensure that their discussions remain transparent in order to allow the perspectives and expertise of civil to inform the process.

Additionally, the implementation of the Paris Agreement must build on the principles of public participation and transparency - we hope that parties will consider under each APA agenda item opportunities for civil society to provide expertise and represent the voices of their constituencies.

Thank you.