



Climate Action Network

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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

Distinguished delegates, we are one year and 20 negotiating days away from COP 24, where the implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement must be finalised. Outside of these halls, increasing extreme weather events are inflicting untold damage, upheaval, and loss of life and livelihoods. Urgent action is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C, and the window of opportunity to achieve this is closing fast.

The Paris Agreement sparked high hopes when adopted at COP 21, through its ambitious and collaborative commitments, in particular the objective to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C. But current NDCs are far out of line with this ambition, as the latest UN Emissions Gap Report warns.

To deliver on these essential goals and live up to the Paris Agreement's visionary ambition, COP 23 must lead toward robust implementation guidelines that both encourage countries to raise ambition over time and deliver support to those that need it to manage the transition.

CAN urges Parties to engage in constructive, technical negotiations on the implementation guidelines to enable us to leave Bonn with a draft text or texts that include clearly distinguished options for the guidelines to enable the Paris Agreement to fulfill its promise.