



AWG Long Term Cooperative Action: Tianjin Opening Plenary

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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

My name is.... from.... I am speaking on behalf of Climate Action Network, a global network of over 500 NGOs.

Despite its failure, Copenhagen was a watershed moment for climate action – people have not lost interest. On 10 October this unprecedented level of public support will be on display, once again, with over 5,000 actions around the globe already registered.

While some are eager to publicly lower expectations, we, as well as countries most vulnerable to climate change, maintain their high expectations for Cancun.

Trust-building is essential. Developed country leadership is central. But *all* countries must show their commitment to the UN process by showing political will and flexible positions.

*We agree on the challenges ahead of Cancun, including:*

- Lack of a shared vision, including on the equitable allocation of carbon space and necessary emissions cuts;
- Sharp divisions on the legal form of an eventual outcome; and,
- Failure of the US to pass comprehensive legislation.
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We must learn the lessons of Copenhagen and move beyond “nothing’s agreed until everything’s agreed”.

To make real progress in Cancun, it is imperative you seek convergence and reduce to workable proportions the wide range of options in the text. That will allow for political decisions to be made at Cancun. At Cancun you also need to agree a clear mandate for a full fair, ambitious & binding deal to be concluded in South Africa.

Recreating the pre-Copenhagen grab bag of text is a recipe for recreating the Copenhagen stalemate. The credibility of this process and the fate of future generations is at stake.

This week, make offers, not demands. The goal is not to score fouls, but to use teamwork to create a safe climate. You, dear negotiators, are the only team we have that can save the planet.