

FOSSIL OF THE DAY AWARD

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India Earns First place (and only) Fossil of the Day

Bonn, Germany – Alone among countries shamed for doing the most to block progress in the United Nations climate negotiations today, India earned the first and only place Fossil for supporting nuclear power as a “clean” option under the UN's Clean Development Mechanism, 3 months and 3 days after the Fukushima crisis.

The Fossil as presented read:

“The first place fossil goes to India for supporting the inclusion of nuclear energy in the Clean Development Mechanism in Monday's AWG-KP mechanism spin-off group. In the wake of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, we don't understand why anyone would want to go down that expensive and dangerous path when other options, such as renewables, are available. The CDM is supposed to support sustainable development, so let's develop safely, sustainably and in a climate-friendly way.”

About CAN: The Climate Action Network is a worldwide network of roughly 500 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels. www.climatenetwork.org

About the fossils: The Fossil of the Day awards were first presented at the climate talks in 1999 in Bonn, initiated by the German NGO Forum. During United Nations climate change negotiations (www.unfccc.int), members of the Climate Action Network (CAN), vote for countries judged to have done their 'best' to block progress in the negotiations in the last days of talks.

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