

Climate Action Network International

Second Intervention on Ad hoc Working Group on Article 3.9 of Kyoto Protocol

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We are concerned. The lack of urgency and intensity in the work plan proposals coming forward to this session of the AWG is out of step with what the science demands of us.

Everyone knows that in order for you to complete the work of negotiating the next emission reductions of the Kyoto Protocol a very intense work program is needed with inter-sessionals and workshops. This job will not be done with a few days work at sessional meetings twice a year. You may as well admit from the beginning that you are not going to succeed. At minimum we should not be ruling out inter-sessionals for the entire negotiating period that appears implied in the draft text.

We all know that without a deadline set for this process we will still be discussing this in 2010 or 2011 or later. You must set a deadline of 2008 for this work to conclude and it must be done at this meeting. Failure to set a deadline will send a dreadful signal to the markets that you are all talking about using to achieve cost-effective emission reductions.

Delegates, unless you seriously intensify and accelerate the work plan here, the climate system is going to overtake your efforts.