

Climate Action Network welcomes that Russia is among the first countries to have presented some thinking about the future and looks forward to the discussions arising from it.

In CAN's opinion, continuation of the Kyoto Protocol's cap and trade system for Annex I countries is an essential element of a post 2012 agreement. Non-Annex I countries will also need to take action to limit their emissions, in a way consistent with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

The IPCC AR4 clearly states that voluntary approaches do not get us beyond business as usual – this is not enough to solve the urgent and dangerous global problem of climate change.

A scientifically based long-term strategy is needed, and to keep global temperature increases well below 2C, the science indicates that an emission reduction of at least 50% GHG emission reduction by 2050 (with a 1990 baseline) should be considered as global long term target.

In CAN's opinion, the Three Track approach (a legally binding Cap and trade system for developed countries, Decarbonisation for developing countries, Adaptation for LDCs), on a pathway consistent with keeping below 2C, is the best option for all nations. While the Russian proposal does not necessarily contradict this structure, it omits an adaptation track for the LDCs.

CAN would like to see replies and positions of all Parties to all proposals relating to a mandate for negotiations on post 2012. We look forward to further discussions of these important issues under the AWG and the awaited Mandate. An early exchange of positions and views, will make it easier to start negotiations in Bali.