



Climate Action Network COP 22/CMP 12 Opening Intervention

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written statement in advance of COP 22 and CMP 12.

Less than a year after COP 21, the Paris Agreement has entered into force, demonstrating the urgency that countries and their leaders attach to the climate crisis and the drive for solutions.

We should indeed celebrate the remarkably early entry into force of the Agreement, but at the same time remember that we are now living in a 400 parts per million world, with global temperature records being shattered each month. People all around the world are already suffering from climate change impacts. The need to act continues to be urgent. Here in Marrakech we must shift attention towards rapidly scaling up ambition, which has lagged behind in recent years.

COP 22 must create the right conditions for enabling both immediate and longer-term action. Concrete progress on capacity building, finance, as well as a successful conclusion of the facilitative dialogue are essential aspects for building trust and unlocking pre-2020 ambition.

In laying the longer term foundations for the new climate regime, agreeing on a time-bound work plan for the rulebook, to be finalized no later than 2018, rapid progress on loss and damage, and greater clarity over how the 2018 facilitative dialogue is to be conducted are key pillars of a successful COP 22.