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Negotiations update

The second commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol is still unresolved. Parties need to work to secure a ratifiable second round of commitment under the Kyoto Protocol and a complementary outcome under the Long-term cooperative action (LCA). Parties need to increase their ambition on mitigation, close the gigatonne gap and strengthen accounting rules to secure the environmental integrity of the outcome.

Parties need to agree a work plan to address the gap and to limit global warming to within safe levels. The current pledges on the table put us on track for temperature rises of possibly as much as 5 degrees. Developed country parties must raise their ambition to the levels required by science and equity to prevent dangerous climate change.

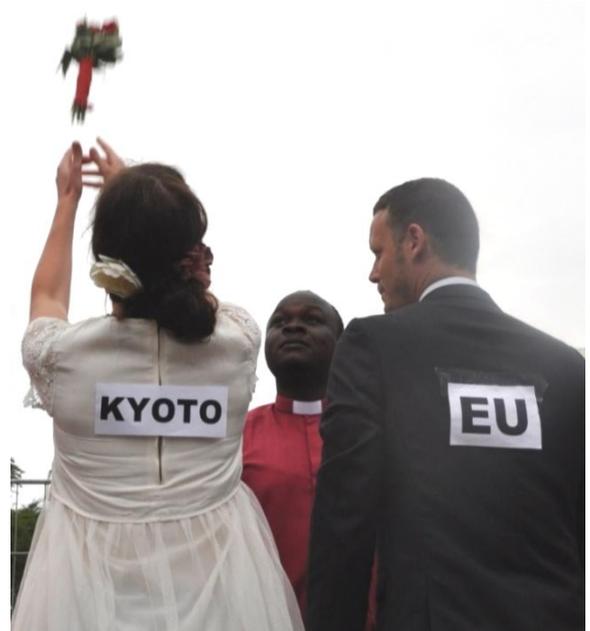
On finance, parties should set up the Green Climate Fund. They must get it up and running to help the poorest to adapt and develop cleanly. Parties must commit money to fill the fund. An empty shell would not help the poor who desperately need it

Update on campaign activities

EU says 'I do' to the Kyoto Protocol

Yesterday Time for Climate Justice campaigners called on the EU to say 'I do' to the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol at COP17. A blushing bride (Kyoto) and a handsome groom (EU) had their renewal of vows blessed by a 'vicar', as campaigners handed out wedding invitations and sweets that said I Heart Kyoto.

The happy couple refused gifts but asked all Annex-I parties to join them in the renewal of their vows.



The couple waved and smiled and the bride even threw her bouquet to the watching crowds. The activity drew lots of attention as people had their picture taken with the wedding party. Media from South Africa, China, India and Sweden came to film the event.

As COP17 draws to a close, the calls to agree to a second commitment period of the Kyoto protocol are growing. The Kyoto Protocol is the only legally binding agreement to cut emissions and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities is a key step towards achieving climate justice.

The EU must take this chance in Durban to sign up to a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and to encourage others to join them.

We wish the pair a long and happy second commitment period.



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Photos from the happy occasion



Words from a partner

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What is the focus of your work?

Action for Development is a local organisation that started in 1997. It has evolved from the freedom from hunger campaign to continue the efforts to alleviate poverty. We operate in two regions of Ethiopia, including fifteen districts. Our vision is of a society where poverty is eradicated and people lead a dignified life, in an enabling environment. We work in partnerships with Afro-pastoral communities and farmers in the dry part of Ethiopia.



We undertake livelihoods, capacity and resilience building, and water and natural resources development initiatives. In each of these strands of work we set up different strategies for intervention. We provide technical support to enhance productivity, introduction of irrigation systems, disaster risk reduction and agriculture in dry areas. We work at the grassroots level where people are dealing with the changing climate. We need to get much more support from national and international forums to deal with this problem.

Have you also been involved in campaigning?

Action for Development is one of the founders of the national Ethiopian civil society platform working on climate change. We have been working together since 2009 when we joined the Countdown to Copenhagen campaign and we collected over 40.000 signatures which were delivered to the Ethiopian Environment Minister. In 2010 we decided to split into working groups and Action for Development has been leading on development activities with pastoralist communities. In May we organized a national meeting. The network has also been doing capacity building with government negotiators and journalists so that they can be better engaged.

We have civil society representatives as part of the official delegation at COP17. The network has over 60 organisations and it is growing. It is really good to work together – we are stronger and our impact can be much greater. The network has also been doing climate hearings with local communities. We also work with experts of the Addis Ababa University on climate change.

What are your priorities at COP17?

The network is part of PACJA (Pan African Climate Justice Alliance) and we engage in regional and international advocacy through them, sending people to key meetings such as the AMCEN and making our views heard in the PACJA's policy positions. We engage at the COP not only through PACJA but also via the Climate Action Network (CAN) where one of our members chair the finance group. Our priority is adaptation. This issue has not been highlighted as much as mitigation but is equally important. We need a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol but also climate finance for the poorest.

Time for Climate Justice is a global movement led by **APRODEV**, the association of the 17 major development aid organisations in Europe, working closely with the **WCC**, **ACT Alliance** and partners in the global South. **We Have Faith** is a Pan-African movement of people, faith communities, faith leaders and youth mobilised to represent the widespread belief among Africans in the need for a just and robust outcomes at COP17.