



News from COP22

7 November 2016

How to turn words into action

Paris was a success! This has been said over and over again, and we agree. It was a success because it gave us a global framework for cooperation, and increased ambition. However, to be truly successful, the Paris agreement must be turned into action, and this is a matter to be addressed in the coming two weeks, at COP22 in Marrakesh, Morocco.



Members of ACT Alliance who attended the COP21 in Paris in December 2015

mitigation and adaptation. This will certainly be questioned during the coming days, and thus will be an important discussion we will be following.



ACT members come together to make a visible statement at the COP21 in Paris in December 2015

COP22 has a packed agenda, built around the outstanding issues from Paris. Rules must be agreed and formats developed. If there is no agreement about details and rules for how to implement, nice words and targets will never transform into concrete action.

Ambition

One of the key issues to address in Marrakesh is the so called ambition-mechanism. The current national commitments are too low, and they need to be scaled up if the goal to keep global temperature rise below two, or preferably 1,5, degrees Celsius. But how will the mechanism work? And how can we ensure that it has a good start already in 2018, where a facilitative dialog already is planned?

Loss and damage

Another important matter is related to loss and damage. The Paris agreement makes clear that loss and damage is a core part of the UN climate debate. However, there is still uncertainty about the substance. What do we expect as an outcome from these talks? What should be put on the agenda?

Balance between mitigation and adaptation?

And finally, action will never come if there is no support. Developed countries have recently presented their plans for how to mobilise climate finance in the coming years. While it is good to see that there will be money flowing, it is sad to see that most of the money will go to mitigation, despite previous decisions to keep a balance between

What's On Week One

Daily 08.30-09.00 Planning Meeting COP Venue, ENGO Rm

Daily 18.00-19.00 ACT Daily Debrief COP Venue, ENGO Rm

06 Nov 19.00 Welcome dinner for ACT, LWF members
ACT hotel, meet in foyer

07 Nov 09.00-10.30 Capacity Building Session with Bruno Nicostrate for all ACT, WCC and LWF COP delegates - all welcome! COP Venue, ENGO Rm

07 Nov 15.00-16.30 Panel debate "Education, Youth and Climate Change" hosted by YMCA and LWF COP Venue room tbc

10 Nov 13.00-14.30 Handover of Faith Leader COP22 Statement, Green Zone, adjacent to COP22 Interfaith Statement Delivery to UNFCCC General Secretary

10 Nov morning ACT Action: "Get Finance out of Fossil Fuels" action

10 Nov 16.45-18.15 Christian Aid/Inspiration Side Event/CAN Big Shift/Zero Carbon Transition Pacific Rm

13 Nov 10.30-12.00 ACT Alliance Capacity Building Session for all ACT, LWF and WCC delegates with Thomas Hirsch Hotel Almas, 79 Boulevard Moulay Gueliz, Marrakech 40000 Marrakech

13 Nov 12.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00 ACT Alliance Strategy Meeting, all ACT, LWF and WCC supporters and members are welcome to this session. Please let us know if you can join us: fwitt@christian-aid.org

Hotel Almas as above

Join the ACT Climate Working Groups!

These groups are open to all volunteers and staff working with ACT Alliance Members and Forums, World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation.



Joint working sessions among people who attended the COP21 in Paris in December 2015

The Working Groups will have a key role in defining strategy and responding to advocacy and campaign opportunities throughout the year and at the UN Climate Talks (COPs). To join, please drop by the ACT Alliance stand to talk to one of our representatives.

You may like to choose to follow one or two groups, but you will probably need to concentrate on just one group for the COP, as it helps to focus on one issue. The ACT Climate Working Groups are: Campaigns and Mobilisation; Resilience: Adaptation + Loss & Damage; Low Carbon Development & Renewable Finance.

During COP the thematic working groups will organise and support COP ACT delegates to follow key themes and participate in campaign actions; assign roles to individuals to ensure everyone is contributing to their best ability, and liaise with other key working groups working on similar issues. They will also provide updates at our daily evening meetings. Do please get in touch at: fwitt@christian-aid.org. This is a great way to contribute to our lobbying and campaigning at the COP.



Faith in Climate Action

"Climate change is analogous to Lincoln and slavery or Churchill and Nazism: it's not the kind of thing where you can compromise"

James Hansen

Humanity can no longer ignore that our activity is causing global warming which harms our environment and disproportionately impacts the marginalised. People of faith are committed across theological lines to care for all of creation. Faith in action heeds the call to be stewards of the entire natural world, and acknowledges that all creation has intrinsic worth. Striving for justice for all people is not optional. We must ensure that no one is left behind. We prayerfully and vigorously seek global efforts to address the stresses of climate change, incorporating new approaches to managing resources, land, water, waste, and ecosystems. As people of faith, we are uniquely able to serve as bridge-builders finding common ground and reaching across political divides.

Take part in the ACT NOW social media campaign!

Social media has been traditionally one of the most powerful tools of awareness and mobilisation around the Climate Movement.

Through Facebook, Twitter and so forth, we can bring individuals and communities together and share resources to speak out for Climate justice.

This year the main focus of our social media campaign continues to be people. We demand ambitious action from governments to especially support the most vulnerable people who strive to survive the impacts of climate change. From now, until the end of COP22, we will join forces to demand parties to scale up ambition in the coming years and decades. It is very easy to participate. If you have a Twitter or Facebook account you can follow our official accounts @ActClimate and share what you like, to spread the message.



Latin America and COP 22: The Challenge

COP 22 in Marrakesh is the first step in defining elements of the Paris agreement and will be marked as a COP of action and implementation. Politically it must maintain the momentum of the Paris Agreement.

Latin America has been an intermediary in the Paris negotiations given its own geopolitical and economic context. The richer countries on one side, with strong emphasis on policies of de-carbonization, and the least developed countries and victims of the consequences of climate change more inclined to obtain financing and repair climate change. The region has created bridges of dialogue that have helped the negotiations. For Latin America, the common point across the region is Adaptation, in terms of components and mechanisms to be developed and funding to sustain them.

There are approximately 170 million people under the poverty line in Latin America and more than a quarter of these have no access to energy despite 50% of minerals and bio diversity being found in this region. It represents 9.3% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is clearly one of the regions most affected by climate change. Negotiations on how to implement the agreement have vital importance for the region's development its environmental and social concerns.

The principal challenge for the region in this COP is to make needs visible and seek recognition as vulnerable nations. For blocks in the region there is a clear emphasis on the approval of the terms of reference for capacity building and the creation of clear and transparent rules for inclusive implementation, in which they can have access to funds and financing for sustainable development, low emissions and technology for adaptation.