ACT ALLIANCE EXPECTS PROGRESS

IN LIMA

The whole world expects Lima Climate negotiations to come up with positive outcome that gives confidence to the process towards an agreement to be agree in Paris in December, 2014.

In October the IPCC confirmed their latest report about the severity of climate change and sounded urgent need for action both to reduce emissions and to provide support to communities affected by climate change for adaptation.

It is against this background that ACT Alliance expects that the climate negotiations starting today will should deliver positive steps towards the realisation of the global climate deal in December next year.

In order to ensure that parties are committed to the roads towards Paris ACT Alliance calls on governments to submit their intended nationally determined contributions as agreed in the previous decisions.

In addition as parties reflect on the elements of the agreement, ACT Alliance calls on the parties to consider all the elements. We need a strong climate agreement in 2015 which is comprehensive with all the elements considered.

We further call on governments to ensure that in their IDNCs package they include mitigation and finance with adaptation as a voluntary contribution

FAST for the Climate

TODAY 1 December sees the world’s biggest climate fast take place. Thousands of people from all walks of life are fasting to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities most affected by dangerous climate impacts. The world’s biggest climate fast at COP20 in Lima will remind governments of their responsibility. Fasters are calling for government leaders to act to confront the climate crisis as a result of which millions of people have lost their homes and their livelihoods.

Support the fasters today!

VIGIL : Bringing the Fast for the Climate message to the streets of Lima. On the eve of COP20, the Interfaith Council of Peru held a powerful, candlelit vigil involving people from different backgrounds.

The vigil included include short speeches from prominent fasters including Christiana Figueres Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and Peruvian Minister of the Environment, Manuel Pulgar who assumes the Presidency of the COP today. There was also live singing from South African (Desert Rose) and Peruvian bands.
Meet Boonny Tep, Cambodia Climate Change Network

I represent the Cambodia Climate Change Network, which exists to share information and carry out advocacy at a local, national and regional level.

We work in tandem with the NGO Forum Cambodia. We have been working since 2009 to get a greater understanding of the impact of climate change, and the impact it is having on the lives of our people.

The changing rainfall pattern is having a massive impact on the lives of my people – 80% of people rely on agriculture which is badly affected, there are less fish in the seas, and sea-levels are rising.

We consult with people at a community level and then bring their experiences to our relevant Ministries and Negotiators.

My main hope for COP20 is to see more support now, before 2020, for LDCs to adapt to the impacts of climate change, support for the Climate Investment fund and renewable energy technology transfer.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Daily Morning coordination : Act discussion of daily programme every morning, 7.30-8.00, ACT hotel – El Senorial, Jose Gonzalez, 567 Miraflores

Daily capacity building session: Morning “Indaba” – every morning at 9.00 to 10.00 a meeting will be hosted by ACT Alliance for ecumenical delegates who want to discuss the program of the day and share information and advocacy strategies. Conference Venue (tbc)

1 Dec: Support the FAST for the Climate, wear the badge! Come to the “empty plate” stunt at 1.30 in the canteen

2 Dec: CAN-I, Equity and Differentiation in the Context of iNDCs – The State of the Debate
The importance of Equity & Differentiation for preparation & assessment of iNDCs is accepted by many Parties Tuesday, 02 Dec 2014, 13:15-14:45 in Room: Paracas (300)

8 Dec: ACT Alliance reception: All members of the ACT family are warmly invited to a reception

9 Dec: ACT Alliance at the Cumbre de los Pueblos/People’s Summit 15.00 – 16.00

10 Dec: The People’s March – 11.00-16.00 (details to follow)

11 December: ACT Alliance and Bread for the World wants to invite you to our common side event at COP20 in Lima, 13.15-16.45, Room Caral (130).

11 December: Christian Aid ‘Why people-centered climate actions in the SDGs are essential for avoiding dangerous climate change’ on 11:30-13:00,Room Paracas (300)

Don’t forget to come to the ACT Alliance booth (130), and help us to sign people up to our petition. We’ll also be asking for help to support our stunts that we will organise during the two weeks.