



DON'T HOLD UP AN INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM ON LOSS AND DAMAGE at COP19:

More than 100 organisations call on ministers from key developed countries to act

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(Warsaw) - Of the 190 countries represented at COP19 in Warsaw, five countries – Australia, Japan, Canada, US, Norway - and the EU – are standing in the way of establishing an international mechanism on climate change loss and damage, international NGOs ActionAid, CARE and WWF said during a press briefing today.

The agreement on a mechanism would unlock the ability of the UN climate forum to begin to address climate change impacts where countries cannot adapt, or which will not be covered by adaptation and mitigation measures in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

“They must not stand in the way of establishing an international mechanism in Warsaw. If this is not resolved by Ministers who arrive today, it could undermine the potential for a new global climate change deal to be concluded in 2015, through further delaying action,” the NGOs said.

More than 100 organisations have signed an open letter to all Ministers attending COP19 to “stop the madness” and act now to establish the international mechanism on loss and damage.

The letter calls on UN member states to build on the agreement at COP18 that the UNFCCC's role on loss and damage includes enhancing knowledge and understanding; strengthening global coordination and coherence; and enhancing action and support to address loss and damage

Harjeet Singh, International Coordinator, disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation at ActionAid, said: “As we fail in dealing with the unprecedented climate impacts such as Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, we need a new robust system to be established in Warsaw. Sea levels are rising. Marine life is dying. Some species are being permanently lost. Any further delay in tackling climate impacts will mean more poor women and men losing lives, homes and incomes.”

Sven Harmeling, Climate Change Advocacy Coordinator of CARE International, said: “The world has now entered the ‘era of devastating climate change-induced loss and damage’. The collective failure of Governments to adequately mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and support necessary adaptation actions means that vulnerable communities,

ecosystems and countries face increasing loss and damage due to climate change impacts on an unprecedented scale. Correcting this failure is urgent and increasing mitigation and support for adaptation in developing countries is crucial, but no longer sufficient.”

Sandeep Chamling Rai, WWF’s senior advisor for Adaptation Policy, said: “Humans have lived in harmony with nature for centuries. Now we are in conflict because of the impact of CO₂ emissions on our climate. Science is telling us that there is no time for inaction and no time to lose. The decisions by Ministers in Warsaw will forever shape the future we inherit.”

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ActionAid International is a global movement of people working together to achieve greater human rights for all and defeat poverty. We believe people in poverty have the power within them to create change for themselves, their families and communities. ActionAid is a catalyst for that change. www.actionaid.org

CARE is a leading humanitarian organisation fighting global poverty. CARE places special focus on working alongside poor girls and women because, equipped with the proper resources, they have the power to lift whole families and entire communities out of poverty. CARE is helping the most world’s most vulnerable communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. Last year CARE worked in 84 countries and reached 122 million people around the world. Visit www.careclimatechange.org

WWF is one of the world’s largest and most experienced independent conservation organisations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries. WWF’s mission is stopping the degradation of the planet’s natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. The Global Climate & Energy Initiative (GCEI) is WWF’s global programme addressing climate change and a move to 100% renewable energy through engagement with business, promoting renewable and sustainable energy, scaling green finance and working nationally and internationally on low carbon frameworks. www.panda.org/climateandenergy

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ADDENDUM

Organisation	Organisation
1. CARE International	2. Centro de Planificación y Estudio Social (CEPLAES)-Ecuador
3. WWF International	4. Movimiento Salvadoreños por la Defensa de la Vida (MOSDEVI)
5. ActionAid International	6. Alternativa Salvadoreña de Cooperativas (ALSACOOOP)
7. Climate Action Network South Asia	8. Confederación Salvadoreña de Cooperativas (CONSALCOOP)
9. International National Trusts Organisation (INTO)	10. Confederación Nacional de Cooperativas Agropecuarias (CONFENACOA)
11. Climate Justice Programme	12. Organismo de Asesoría Integral (OASI)
13. Janathakshan - Sri Lanka	14. Federación de Cooperativas de Nicaragua FECODESA
15. Zambia Youth Climate Change Forum (ZYCCF)	16. Mesa nacional de incidencia para la gestión del riesgo El Paraiso ,HONDURAS
17. Clean Energy Nepal (CEN)	18. Christian Aid
19. Polish Climate Coalition	20. Grupo de Asesoría en Agricultura Sostenible (GAAS)
21. PAIRVI, India	22. Mesa Nacional de Cambio Climático, Guatemala
23. North South University, Dhaka	24. Asociación Ecológica de San Marcos de Ocotepeque (AESMO).
25. Earth in Brackets	26. Fundación de Iniciativas de Cambio Climático de Honduras
27. Friends of the Earth U.S.	28. UN OCHA ROCCA, Armenia
29. Global Network for Disaster Reduction	30. SIT Study Abroad Nicaragua
31. Climate Change Network Nigeria	32. SAFCEI/WHF
33. Center for International Environmental Law	34. PRO VIDA 35. Asociación Salvadoreña de Ayuda Humanitaria.
36. Cayman Institute	37. EcoEquity
38. Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)	39. Edmund Rice Centre for Justice & Community Education
40. SDS(TFINS)	41. Pacific Calling Partnership 42. Edmund Rice Centre
43. SDO	44. Mercy Corps Indonesia - Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) Program
45. Amigos del Viento Uruguay-América del Sur	46. Foro ACT Honduras
47. Center for Disaster Preparedness	48. CASM- Honduras
49. Federal Ministry of Health – Sudan	50. Centro de Desarrollo Humano. CDH-Honduras
51. Action for sustainable change (AFOSC-Kenya)	52. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Tanzania
53. Environmental Planning and Management	54. ONG Carbone Guinée

Organisation	Organisation
Consulting Company, Nepal	
55. African Federation of Environmental Journalists (AFEJ) and the Somali Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture (SOMESHA)	56. ECO – ECOLO
57. Environmental Advocacy Center of Panama (CIAM)	58. Project Gaia, Inc.
59. Centre National de Coopération au Développement (CNCD-11.11.11)	60. blueEnergy
61. Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC)	62. Centro Humboldt
63. SEEDS	64. All India Women’s Conference
65. Centro Humboldt (Nicaragua)	66. Oxfam International
67. Centro para la autonomía y desarrollo de los pueblos indígenas (CADPI) - Nicaragua	68. Equity BD
69. BEA International	70. FENACCOOP
71. APED	72. FLACSO Argentina
73. Huairou Commission	74. Carl J. Presman & Associated
75. Women in Europe for a Common Future	76. Practical Action
77. Stand Up For Your Rights	78. Alianza para un Mundo Verde
79. Stichting CXI Adaptation Group	80. CAFOD
81. Global Gender and Climate Alliance	82. Facilitadora AHCC
83. WASCAL (West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use)	84. International National Trusts Organisation
85. Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education)	86. FU-Berlin
87. German Catholic Bishops’ Organisation for Development Cooperation	88. Centro de Estudios para el Desarrollo Sostenible
89. The Gaia Foundation	90. IBON International
91. SONIA	92. Campaña Justicia Climática, El Salvador
93. EFICOR	94. Miriam P.E.A.C.E
95. 11.11.11	96. Mesa Nacional de Cambio Climático
97. RESO-Femmes internantional	98. Project 90 by 2030 (South Africa)
99. Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR)	100. Russian Socio-Ecological Union
101. CORDAID, The Netherlands	102. ENDA Energy-Environment-Development
103. PRRM Philippines	104. Royal Society for Protection of Nature, BHUTAN
105. Jubilee South Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development	106. Center for Participatory Research and Development
107. Philippine Movement for Climate Justice	108. Islamic Relief Worldwide
109. Freedom from debt Coalition	110. CAN Tanzania Climate Change Alert and Resilience
111. Our Rivers Our Life Philippines	112. Alternative Futures, India

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113.	Sustainlabour	114.	Development Alternatives, India
115.	Tearfund	116.	Friends of the Earth England, Wales & Northern Ireland
117.	La Voz Lenca del COPINH	118.	Friends of the Earth, Europe
119.	Association Lead Tchad		