



Denmark's National Statement to the COP23

By Minister of Energy, Utilities and Climate Lars Christian Lilleholt

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is now more important than ever to show our support for the Paris Agreement.

We need all hands on deck. Parties, cities, the private sector and civil society must work together. To develop the solutions that will drive the green transition.

This is why Denmark and key partners introduced the new initiative; P4G. We hope this global alliance will become a new driver for green growth.

We firmly believe that those who help lead the green transition will not only respond to one of today's biggest global challenges. In addition, they will prosper. Simply from being ahead of the curve.

Denmark has set strong goals. We aim to cover at least 50 pct. of our final energy consumption from green energy in 2030. And to become independent of fossil fuels by 2050.

As a self-governing part of Denmark, the Faroe Islands have independent climate goals. By 2030, green energy sources will power all electricity in the Faroe Islands. And by 2025, green energy will heat at least 50 pct. of all households.

Since 1990, Denmark has cut its emissions by more than 30 pct. Kept its energy use constant. And still succeeded in increasing our GDP with 44 pct. This is the result of a persistent energy policy. And the result of a focus on cost-efficient solutions and promoting private sector investment.

It is not a compromise - it is a win-win situation. We will focus on these solutions at the Clean Energy Ministerial next year in Copenhagen.

A strong implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda is not only a necessity - it is also a great opportunity. It is an opportunity for more resilient and sustainable societies. And for growth and job creation. Now is the time to act.

Thank you.

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