

TIME FOR TALKS IS OVER, LEADERS URGE COPENHAGEN-(SOUTHERN EYE-SUDAN)

Key world leaders attending the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen Denmark have unanimously up sounded the need for a way forward if the challenges of the menace are to be tackled.

Amongst the key leaders who addressed the last session of the talks were US President Barack Obama, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, China's Wen Jiabao and host Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen.

In his keynote address, President Obama said, "This is not the time for talks; it is high time we unanimously moved forward for the betterment of all of us and future generations".

The US President also stated that the problem of climate change required collective efforts of the international community saying the US was ready for any move that would bring tangible results.

And in a move that sounded reconciliatory, President Obama said, "We are ready to get there today but there must be movements on those sides if we are to make progress".

The US, he said, would fully support the proposed 10 billion US dollars to be seconded to developing nations for adaptation efforts.

Obama told the delegates that his country, America, would remain committed to efforts aimed at adaptations and mitigations if the whole subject of climate change was to be comprehensively handled.

'America will remain in the course of all these actions, we must be strongly committed to this course if we are to be safer, secure and happier', the US President noted.

He stated further, "I am confident that America would cut its emissions by 17 percent and another 20 percent by the year 2012".

He warned that matters of Climate Change were of grave concern and therefore posed grave danger if not amicably handled by all concerned.

Said Obama, 'The question is whether we have the ability and capacity not the challenge itself'.

On his part, Ban Ki Moon expressed further optimism about the talks saying, 'The finishing line is inside here. Our discussions are being fruitful. Every sector of the society, the NGO's, the faith groups and even our people are watching us. I can say that we are closer than ever, we have just a few hours left to see the deal sealed'.

He said further, "We are united in purpose, now it's the time to be united in actions not in words. Matters of conservation call for courage, political will and this concerns all of us, compromise should prevail in this case".

China's Wen Jiabao said that his country was willing to put more money and participating in the financing mechanism.

'I would like to leave Copenhagen with a good message and with something positive', he said.

South Africa's President Jacob Zuma said that leaders of the world needed to seize the opportunity to save the world from future catastrophes.

Japanese Prime Minister Yuko Hatoyama said, "In order to save the planet we must find a much more agreeable way to bring the negotiations to an amicable close".

He said that the day before this attendance of the talks, Japan announced its intention to table 15 billion US dollars towards financing the adaptation efforts in developing world.

“This afternoon we should adopt the outcome of our efforts with the endorsements of everyone here in the room, and it means that we shall have risen above our diverse sectarian interests with a purpose of saving our future world and generations of problems of climate change”

He said that there was no need to pretend that any time was left for negotiations. Hatoyama stated, “I intend to spare no time and endeavor towards this efforts, I hope today would be a historic day”.