

Climate Action Network

High-level Segment Intervention

CAN applauds the global political will shown this year to enable the Paris Agreement to enter into force at a far greater speed than expected when we left Paris one year ago.

We welcome the timeline agreed to in Marrakech to develop a robust rulebook by 2018.

However, overall progress at COP 22 has been too slow. While pledges to replenish the Adaptation Fund in the immediate term are welcome, there is a need for much greater support to help countries adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The 2016 facilitative dialogue did not make the most of the opportunity to assess the gap to enable a ratcheting up of pre-2020 ambition. As a key part of the ambition mechanisms of the Paris Agreement, this must not set a precedent for the 2018 facilitative dialogue. Beginning now, Parties must engage in the necessary preparations to ensure they are fully prepared for the 2018 facilitative dialogue to avoid the mistakes we have seen here in Marrakech.

Distinguished delegates, 2016 is the hottest year on record, at 1.2°C warmer than preindustrial levels. Extreme weather events are increasingly frequent and the most vulnerable are already suffering devastating impacts of climate change.

Now more than ever, we implore you come together and ensure we live up to our collective responsibility to enact concrete action in line with the ambition embodied in the Paris Agreement.

This is not a choice, but a moral imperative.