

# #4. What CAN does at COP



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Your Guide to COP  
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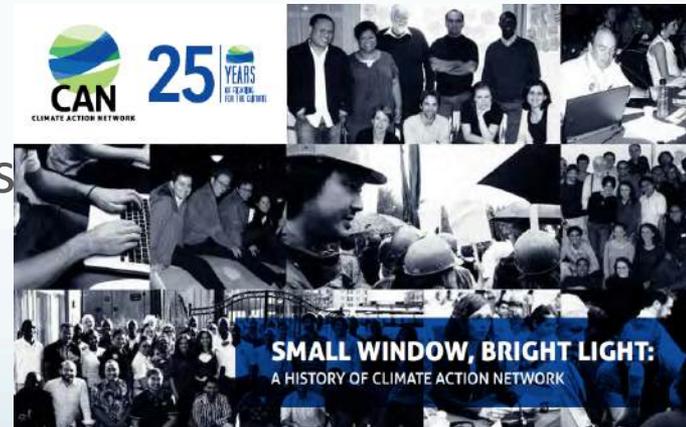
# 1. Who is CAN?

- Founded in 1989.
- A worldwide network of over 950 NGOs from over 110 countries.
- Working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.



# 1. Who is CAN?

- In 2014 CAN celebrated 25 years of coordination and impact.
- CAN has a strong and recognised history in its traditional role of coordinating civil society around the UNFCCC process.
- CAN has been broadening its objectives and becoming highly regarded for its campaign coordination & climate movement building work, amplifying grassroots and national voices



## 2. CAN's role at COP

CAN's main role at COP is to bring members together to coordinate their:

- Policy work and strategic assessment of the negotiations and individual country positions;
- Communications and actions within the negotiations; and;
- Communications externally (beyond the negotiations).

CAN also organises a variety of events to raise awareness, sharing learning and build capacity.

# 3. Using formal UNFCCC structures

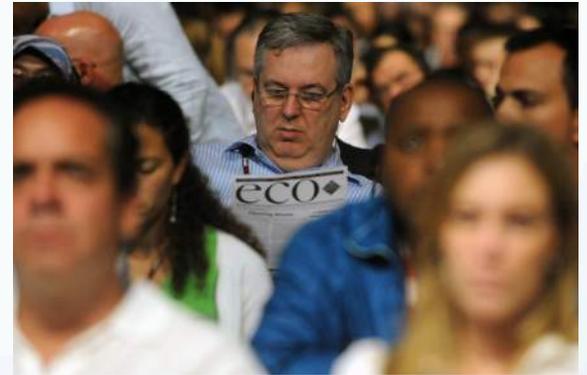
- Interventions
- Side events
- Workshops
- Press conferences
- Bi-laterals, briefings, etc.
- Submissions
- Announcements / Daily program
- Booth

# 4. Other ways of coordinating or influencing during COP

- Bilaterals: organized, chit-chats, etc.
- High-media profile activities
- Position papers / discussion papers / talking points / etc
- Providing support: communication, science, policy, etc.
- Communicating with capitals
- Social media
- Capacity building

# 5. Coordinating policy work

- CAN's original purpose was to coordinate its members policy work at the UNFCCC in order to make the biggest impact as civil society.
- CAN has established several mechanisms for its members at the UNFCCC in order to coordinate effectively.
- Firstly, on the first weekend before the COP takes place, CAN coordinates a **strategy session** where members meet to establish negotiating positions, red lines and share any intel they have on the political will of parties before the COP begins.



# CAN Daily

- **'CAN Daily'** meeting happen everyday of the COP, usually at 2pm in the ENGO room (check CAN Talk for any changes).
- The meeting usually starts with intel sharing and updates. Please come prepared to share report backs from the sessions and bilaterals with negotiators you attended.
- During the meeting ECO articles will be proposed and pitched, and consensus built on which articles are strategic to enter the next edition.
- Candidates for Fossil of the Day are also proposed and discussed at this meeting, and decided on by the close of the meeting. Volunteers are sought to write the copy to enter the press release, as well as to take part in the presentation ceremony at 6pm.
- Non-members who would benefit and bring benefit to the network can apply to attend CAN Daily meetings using [this form](#), and following the instructions provided. Requests will be considered by the relevant regional node.

# Working Groups

- The Political Coordination Group meets every morning to discuss how the latest intel affects CAN strategy (only those who are successful in the nomination process before COP can attend this group. All details on how to nominate are circulated on CAN Talk.
- [Thematic Working Groups](#) are open to all members, and can be subscribed to via the website.
- Thematic groups include: Mitigation, Adaptation, Technology, Finance, NGO Participation, Bunkers, Agriculture, REDD+ and Legal. See the CAN website for the full list

In addition CAN organises a variety of other meetings with country negotiators, groupings, etc throughout COP.

# 6. Coordinating communications and actions within COP



- CAN coordinates members' reactions and analysis of the day's negotiations using:
- [ECO](#) – a daily newsletter providing analysis and suggestions for the next steps of the negotiations.
- [Fossil of the day](#) – a humorous way for CAN members to raise serious concerns (or sometimes praise) for countries' negotiation position/ contributions each day during the COP. CAN members vote for the 'winners' in CAN Daily.
- Both of these communications tools are well known and well respected at the negotiations and have a significant impact in capitals.

CAN also helps members to coordinate actions within the negotiations.

# 7. Coordinating external communications

CAN supports its members to come together and communicate with the external media using a united and strong voice.

The communications' group holds daily meetings and daily press conferences, and works together to react strategically to developments at the negotiations.

# 8. Capacity building & side events

CAN prepares a basic “Your guide to COP” and then provides more specific capacity building sessions at the negotiations for those in attendance. It aims to do this inside as well as outside the COP for those who don’t have accreditation.

CAN also, in collaboration with members and project partners, hosts and supports a variety of side events on particular issues during COP.

# 9. A day in the life of CAN at COP

- Start at 7:30 - CAN Secretariat strategy meeting
- 9am Political Coordination Group Meeting
- 11am CAN press conference
- 12noon Comms Coordination
- 12pm to 2pm Policy Working Group meetings
- 2pm CAN Daily
- 6pm Fossil Awards
- 7 to 9pm Key strategic issue discussions
- 9pm to 3am ECO Newsletter production
- Sporadic: Mobilization, actions, intelligence, interventions, bilaterals, side events, workshops, capacity building sessions etc.
- And on the middle Saturday, the CAN Party, an informal networking opportunity.



The one and only CAN Party

# 10. For more information

- CAN website: <http://www.climatenetwork.org/>
- CAN Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CANInternational>
- CAN Twitter: <https://twitter.com/canintl>
- CAN Annual policy document:  
<http://www.climatenetwork.org/policy-information/publications>  
(coming soon!)
- CAN's latest positions:  
<http://www.climatenetwork.org/policy-information/publication/organizations/973>
- And again, If you are member of CAN attending COP we suggest you sign up to CAN-talk for the duration of the negotiations to receive daily updates, the latest information and meeting times.