



Climate Action Network

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Climate Action Network International (CAN) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis, with more than 1100 members in over 120 countries. www.climatenetwork.org

Thank you. My name is Neoka Naidoo and I am speaking on behalf of Climate Action Network International.

While we were encouraged by your initial conclusions on strengthening stakeholders' engagement, recent decisions to exclude observers from pre-session activities and negotiations have left us concerned and dismayed about the transparency of the process.

In a post-Paris process focusing on implementation, we believe it is more important than ever to involve all stakeholders. We believe that we have much to add, both in the form of technical inputs and expertise, as well as by *magnifying* the voices of communities.

The Paris Agreement is explicit that the scale of action required demands the participation of Parties and non-Parties alike. That means the implementation plans must be designed in a transparent process that offers access to all actors.

While we understand the complexity of negotiations requires a nuanced approach to engagement, it is exactly this nuanced approach that we are missing. We reject blanket exclusions.

Thank you.