



## **Climate Action Network Demands Justice for Murdered Activist**

Secretaria de Derechos Humanos, Justicia, Gobernación y Descentralización  
Res. La Hacienda, Calle La Estancia  
Bloque A- Lote 8, Edificio Z y M  
Tegucigalpa,  
Honduras

Friday 4 March, 2016

Dear Minister Ayala Alvarenga,

Climate Action Network (CAN), a community of over 1,000 NGOs in more than 110 countries fighting for action to tackle climate change, expresses sadness, regret and condemnation at the brutal murder of Berta Cáceres that took place in her home on Thursday 3 March.

As the world's largest environmental community we urge the authorities to act swiftly and bring to justice those responsible for her murder.

The CAN community also expresses concern for the safety of Berta's colleague Gustavo Castro Soto who was injured in the attack. As an important witness to this serious crime we demand that the Honduran authorities ensure his well-being, and that they conduct a transparent investigation without impunity.

Berta co-founded the National Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) to fight for their rights. She led the peaceful opposition to the building of a dam that would have destroyed local communities' farmland and limited access to drinking water. In 2015 she was awarded the Goldman Prize, the highest recognition for environmental activism.

Together we face the threat of climate change. As climate impacts increasingly hit home governments and citizens must work together. To do this effectively we must shun false solutions and uphold human rights - this is what Berta did, and she paid for it with her life.

CAN calls on all involved with regional dam projects to do everything in their power to stop the violence and intimidation against activists.

This letter is supported by the entire CAN community, you can find a list of all 1,000 organisations here: <http://www.climatenetwork.org/about/members>

Sincerely,

Climate Action Network