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Progress on facilitative dialogues and finance are key to meet Paris Agreement goals

14 November 2016, Marrakech, At the start of the second week of the international climate talks in Marrakech, speakers at the Climate Action Network press briefing emphasised the importance of the talks moving forward on key areas like finance, the facilitative dialogues and for countries to ratchet up ambition on their pre-2020 commitments in order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Making opening statements on key expectations from countries in the second week, Jake Schmidt, Director, International Program, NRDC said: “There are a number of opportunities this week for countries to detail new steps to mobilize finance to help countries build low carbon and climate resilient economies. We are hoping that countries show they are moving more finance for adaptation since who wants to leave the African-hosted meeting without a clear signal on adaptation. Countries can show that they are prepared to really roll-up their sleeves and implement the important detailed implementation tools of the Paris Agreement. We need a clear set of decisions that countries will finalize the Paris rulebook in 2018.”

Armelle Le Comte, Climate Finance Expert, Oxfam said, “The current thought of doubling adaptation finance is not enough. We also need to meet the balance of mitigation and adaptation. G77 countries are asking for quadrupling of adaptation finance and that is more along the lines of what we need.” She also said the draft of the Marrakech declaration, which will be one of the main outcomes, fails to push for adaptation finance, it only welcomes the \$100bn roadmap.”

Mohamed Adow, Global Climate Policy Lead, Christian Aid, said: “Today we have very welcome news that for the third year in a row global carbon emissions are pretty much flatlining despite strong economic growth. It has been particularly pleasing to see China continuing to reduce its emissions way ahead of schedule. This shows that the real economy is moving faster than our politics.”

Countries must ratify the Doha amendment and make good on their pre-2020 pledges made in Doha. Secondly, they need to embrace the focus on capacity building as a key part of the Paris Agreement to enable poor countries actions. Finally, developed countries need to restate their ongoing commitment to deliver \$100 billion of climate finance.”

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