



# Climate Justice Statement



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### Mitigation

We have already endangered the planet and it is affecting us all. We must act now to reduce emission levels. Annex 1 countries need to collectively cut their emissions by at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2020.

Each polluting country must take its responsibility and take serious steps to reduce its carbon emissions, without relying on off-setting in developing countries.

It is the most vulnerable people in the poorest countries who are worst impacted by global warming. Annex 1 countries must respond by providing the necessary funding and the technology required for them to adapt. They must also be willing to make life-style changes.

The poorer countries must retain and pursue the right to develop and must be supported with technical and financial assistance to develop in a sustainable manner.

### Adaptation

We acknowledge that climate change is already being felt and is impacting large numbers of vulnerable communities in the South.

The momentum of local and sustainable interventions must be accelerated through advocacy and action, bringing all stakeholders’ voices forward.

We must recognise and ensure the engagement of marginalised communities and groups to participate in and benefit from climate change mitigation and adaptation, and disaster risk reduction. They must be enabled to participate in decision making at community, national and international levels. All stakeholders must be equal partners and the right of local communities to self determination must be respected.

Capacity must be strengthened on all levels to facilitate processes to find appropriate solutions for and with local communities. This will enable local communities to increase their resilience and therefore reduce adverse effects of climate change.

Platforms for dialogue must be built between these three levels to inform national level strategies and strengthen capacity for implementation.

We call for accessible funding to enable local organisations and programmes to implement appropriate and effective adaptation technologies. We call for strong commitments from developed countries to contribute to the Adaptation Fund over and above their development assistance.

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*In a live webcast, CIDSE and Caritas partners from Africa, Asia and Latin America came together in Lilongwe, Malawi, to send a message to the ongoing UN climate negotiations in Bonn in Germany. In this statement, they set out their demands for an effective and just new global climate change agreement. For more information and a complete list of participating organizations: [www.cidse.org](http://www.cidse.org)*