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**International conference on climate change:  
*Faith actors working towards climate justice***

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Warsaw, Poland**

Co-organised by CIDSE, Caritas Poland and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

**DAY 1: 18th November 2013**

**1PM-2PM - Registration**

**2PM- 3PM OPENING**

1. **Fr. Marian Subocz, Director of Caritas Poland:** Climate change - an additional burden to the poor and vulnerable facing poverty, inequality and injustice.
2. **H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio to Poland:** Address by the Holy See representative to COP19.
3. **Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Louvain Catholic University, IPCC-Vice-Chair:** A scientific perspective on climate change and the urgent need to act.

**3PM – 4.30 PM**

**SESSION 1: presentations followed by Q&A**

Science, theology and international solidarity: faith-based commitment for climate justice.

1. The reality of climate change - impacts in India: **Fr. Frederick D'Souza, Executive Director, Caritas India**

2. Environmental virtue - a bridge between Christianity and ecology: *Dr Dominika Dzwonkowska, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Ecology and Bioethics, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw*
3. Churches in Poland on the protection of environment: *Rev. Ireneusz Lukas, Director of the Polish Ecumenical Council*
4. The engagement of catholic civil society actors - from development work to climate advocacy: *Chris Bain, President of CIDSE & Director of CAFOD*

**4.30PM – 5PM** coffee break

**5PM-6.30PM**

SESSION 2: presentations followed by Q&A  
The need to change for a fairer, more peaceful and just world.

1. Ambitious climate policies in Europe - the case of Poland: challenges & opportunities: *Andrzej Kassenberg, President of the Institute for Sustainable Development*
2. Current international climate landscape - COP19 on the road to the global deal for a fairer world: *Wael Hmaidan, Director of CAN International*
3. Fostering change in developing countries - what is needed and what is being done: *Fabby Tumiwa, Executive Director of IESR Indonesia*
4. Towards equitable policies, the climate justice dialogue: *David Waskow, Director, International Climate Initiative of WRI-World Resources Institute.*

**6.30 – 7PM** Break / Media briefing

**7PM – 8.30PM HIGH LEVEL PANEL**

From the moral imperative to act towards adequate policies: the way forward

- **Connie Hedegaard**, *European Commissioner for Climate Action*
- **Paul Wheelhouse**, *Scottish Minister for Environment and Climate Change*
- **Mgr Theotonius Gomes**, *Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka (Bangladesh)*
- **Mohamed Adow**, *Senior Climate Change Adviser at Christian Aid*
- **Janusz Zaleski**, *Under-secretary of State in the Ministry of Environment of Poland*

**8.30 PM** Reception dinner

**DAY 2: 19TH of November 2013**

**8.15 AM – 9.30 AM** Mass

**9.30AM – 10AM** Coffee break

**WORKSHOPS**

**10AM- 10.30AM**  
OPENING PLENARY

**10.30AM-12.30PM**

WORKING GROUPS : presentations followed by discussion

**SESSION 1**

*Southern Voices: reality of climate impacts in the South and CSOs' work for climate justice*

- Southern CSOs at work: ***Fabian Simeon, Investigator/Campaigner – MOCICC, Peru***
- Development organisations working for solidarity: ***Fr. Frederick D'Souza, Executive Director, Caritas India***

**SESSION 2**

*The change in motion: best practice examples*

- Best practices in Poland, the case of Elk: ***Urszula Sadowska, PhD student at the Institute of Ecology and Bioethics, Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University in Warsaw***
- Best practices on the African continent – SECAM: ***Mrs Dissarama Sabine Attama - Diocesan Director of Caritas Niamey and SECAM representative (Niger)***

**SESSION 3**

*Inter-religious dialogue*

- Buddhist approach on care for creation & environmental protection: ***International Network of Engaged Buddhists***
- Regional Bishops' Conference at work: ***Mgr Theotonius Gomes, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dhaka (Bangladesh)***

**12.30- 13.00**

CLOSING PLENARY