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Towards an Ambitious and Fair Global Climate Deal *CIDSE at COP19, 11-22 November 2013*

When: November 11-22 2013 the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 19) will be held in Warsaw, Poland.

Who: CIDSE, an international alliance of 17 Catholic development agencies, works for Climate Justice, highlighting that climate change is not only an environmental problem, but also a humanitarian and development emergency, which affects the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. CIDSE advocates for more effective and socially just international agreements to tackle climate change, and for sufficient financing to be made available for adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change.

What: CIDSE, together with other organisations, is arranging a series of events in Warsaw at COP19.

On **Sunday November 17 at 18:00**, an **Ecumenical Mass** will be held at St. John's Archcathedral, ul. Kanonia 6, Warsaw.

On **Monday and Tuesday November 18-19**, from **14:00 on Monday and from 09:00 on Tuesday**, CIDSE, together with **Caritas Poland** and **Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski University**, is arranging an [International conference on climate change: Faith actors working towards climate justice](#). The conference will focus on how local communities are coping with climate change, how churches are responding to it and on a discussion on what role faith actors and international organizations around the world can play in shaping climate and energy policies that serve the most vulnerable. The seminar is at Okopowa Center, ul. Okopowa 55, Warsaw. The conference will include high-level speakers: Bishop **Theotonius Gomes** of Dhaka, European Commissioner for Climate Action **Connie Hedegaard**, H.E. Archbishop and Apostolic Nuncio to Poland **Celestino Migliore**, IPCC-Vice-Chair **Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele** and Scottish Minister for Environment and Climate Change **Paul Wheelhouse**.

In addition to these events open to the public, the high-level CIDSE delegation attends the COP19 and is available for interviews.

As part of the COP19 programme, CIDSE and the **World Council of Churches (WCC)**, is organising a **Side Event** on **Thursday November 21** titled *Ethical and religious imperatives for a just climate deal*, at the UNFCCC Center, room 3. Attending the event requires accreditation to COP 19.

Why: COP19 will take place at a critical time for humankind, and especially for the world's poorest. Just a few weeks before, the IPCC launched its latest report on alarming climate



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science. It will also be the occasion for the international community to make progress on the global climate agreement, to be sealed in 2015, that must be ambitious and fair if we are to protect the most vulnerable communities. CIDSE, as a network of Catholic development agencies, brings together the forces of its network, partners and allies, to advocate for such an agreement.

COP19 can, if enough political will is shown, be an important milestone towards the delivery of a global climate deal to deliver climate justice for the poorest. It must be an occasion to make progress on many fronts. Finance will be critical at this COP, as developed countries have committed to mobilise new and additional funds to increase overall climate financing to US\$100 billion per year by 2020. So far, little of this urgently needed financing has materialized. The already agreed upon goals need to be met and progress must be made in Warsaw to that end.

Spokespersons available for interviews:

The CIDSE delegation in Warsaw will include the following, available for interviews.

- Mrs. Dissarama Sabine **ATTAMA** - Diocesan Director of Caritas Niamey, representative of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar - SECAM (Nigeria) (French)
- Mr. Chris **BAIN** - Director of CAFOD & President of CIDSE (United Kingdom) (English)
- Mr. Philippa **BONELLA** - Head of communications and education - SCIAF (Scotland) (English)
- Fr. Dr. Frederick **D'SOUZA** - Director of Caritas India (India) (English)
- Ms. Sarah **FAYOLLE** - Policy Officer – CCFD-Terre Solidaire (France) (English, French)
- Mr. Dominic **GOGGINS** - Government Relations Adviser - CAFOD (United Kingdom) (English)
- Ms. Lorna **GOLD** - Head of Policy & Advocacy - Trócaire (Ireland) (English)
- Mgr Theotonius **GOMES** - Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka (Bangladesh) (English)
- Ms. Emilie **JOHANN** - Climate Justice Policy Officer - CIDSE (EU) (English, French)
- Mr. Bernd **NILLES** - Secretary General - CIDSE (EU) (English, German)
- Ms. Joanne **O'NEILL** - Policy Officer - SCIAF (Scotland) (English)
- Ms. Anika **SCHROEDER** - Climate change and development officer - MISEREOR (Germany) (English, German)
- Mr. Fabian **SIMEON** - Investigator - Movimiento Ciudadano frente al Cambio Climático - MOCICC (Peru) (English, Spanish)
- Mr. Fabby **TUMIWA** - Executive Director of Institute for Essential Services Reform – IESR (Indonesia) (English)

Details on the delegation members can be found attached.



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