



CAN response to “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Reaction to the 26th July post-2015 draft

The Climate Action Network welcomes the final draft outcome document dated 26th July. We are pleased with the increased focus on sustainable energy and resilience in the declaration. We particularly welcome the inclusion of a temperature reference in Paragraph 31 and **strongly urge Member States to keep the following sentence: “holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 degrees or 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels”.**

However, we think that a few more steps must be taken in order to ensure that the post-2015 agenda leads us to a truly sustainable future by 2030. CAN’s recommendations for the final round of negotiations towards a post-2015 development agenda are the following:

Preamble: first paragraph

[...] We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable, **low-carbon** and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that **no one will be left behind**.

We welcome the preamble as it evokes the best of previous UN agreements but see the need to call for a shift to **low-carbon** development as agreed under the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Para 60).

Our vision

8. [...] A world where the right to have access to safe and affordable drinking water is universally realized; where food is sufficient, safe, affordable and nutritious; where there is adequate and accessible sanitation. A world **free of harmful emissions**, where human habitats are safe, resilient and sustainable and where there is universal access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy

We welcome references to sustainable energy access but we strongly call for reference to a world free of harmful emissions, in reference to the greenhouse gases responsible for dangerous climate change as mentioned in the Secretary General’s Synthesis Report under the section *Shared ambitions and a shared future* (Para 53) and the Chapeau of the Open Working Group report (Para 8).

The new agenda

31. [...] Noting the ongoing UNFCCC negotiations, and looking ahead to the COP21 conference in Paris in December, we call on all States to work for a comprehensive and ambitious climate agreement, **which will support our transition towards low-carbon economies**".

We welcome the EU’s suggestion to add “*which will support our transition towards low-carbon economies*” in Para 31 and urge other Member States to support this.