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Bangkok Climate Talks Must Build On Progress Made in Cancun, Says WWF

Delegates meeting at the next round of climate change talks in Bangkok, April 3-8, 2011, must build on the progress made on certain issues in Cancun and greatly increase their levels of ambition, says WWF.

“The fragile compromise achieved in Cancun helped put the UN negotiations back on track,” says Tasneem Essop, delegation leader for WWF. “Bangkok needs to build on this progress and boost the overall ambition levels of the talks if we are to avert the worst consequences of climate change.”

This is the first meeting since the Cancun Agreements were reached in December 2010, which laid the foundation on numerous fronts towards achieving a fair, ambitious and binding global agreement to curb climate change in the future.

“Cancun helped establish a scenario for success -- in Bangkok delegates will be on the hook to create the roadmap to reach it.

“This requires real progress on implementing elements of the Cancun Agreement, mobilizing climate finance and raising ambition by eliminating loopholes that undermine mitigation pledges. By Durban those headline pledges should also be increased,” said Tasneem Essop.

WHAT WOULD BE SUCCESS IN BANGKOK?

1. **Operationalize the Cancun Agreements.** In Bangkok, WWF expects delegates to agree on a work plan and timetable to establish the institutions for adaptation, finance and technology outlined in the Cancun Agreements.

“These institutions must become capable of mobilizing and managing the financial and technical resources that developing countries need to pursue low-carbon development,” said Essop.

2. **Negotiate Innovative Sources of Climate Financing.** The Cancun Agreements established the financial institutions to support mitigation and adaptation projects in developing countries, but did not agree on a process of how to generate sources of finance to fill the fund.

“In Bangkok, delegates should send a clear signal to their country’s finance ministers that they need to mobilize the necessary funds for these institutions to do their work,” said Essop.

3. **Strengthen Mitigation Pledges.** In Bangkok, Parties have the opportunity to clarify the assumptions that underpin their mitigation pledges and eliminate loopholes that can undermine them. Delegates should



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also work to resolve the contradiction of their <2 °C warming commitment made in the Cancun Agreements with the pledges they have put on the table. Developed countries need to show leadership on this.

“The current pledges for emission reductions lead us to a world with 3 to 4°C of warming. This would have unimaginable consequences for the planet, nature, and people; in addition, some countries are trying to build loopholes into their commitments to escape their obligations. This has to stop, and emission reductions need to be enhanced and achieved in a fair and equitable way,” said Essop.

MATERIALS

All WWF materials for the UNFCCC meeting in Bangkok can be found at www.panda.org/climate.

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