

An open letter to climate negotiators

A year ago world leaders gathered in Copenhagen in an effort to take-on one of history's greatest threats to humanity- climate change. Some important progress was made but sadly not nearly enough. In Cancun, you can make history.

For millions of people on the front lines of climate change, the time since Copenhagen has been the year from sheer hell as floods, droughts, fires, storms and other extreme weather events have wiped out crops and destroyed the livelihoods of some of the poorest people in the world. We know that the destructive impacts of climate change will mean more misery and pain for the world's poor, and increasing instability and insecurity around the world unless action is taken. As you prepare for a new round of talks in Cancun next week it is abundantly clear that you must do better. And fast.

At Cancun, climate funding to help poor communities protect themselves and develop in a low carbon way could help break through the current stalemate. Progress on setting up a new global climate fund that enables vulnerable people in poor countries to build resilience to growing threats - especially women who bear the hardest burdens - could be the key to moving the world closer towards a global deal. A fair, effective and accountable UN body is needed to give voice to those who need the money most and can use it best. These measures of success are within our grasp if you seize this moment in Cancun.

Time is running out but it's not too late to prevent a climate catastrophe. We look to you to play your part in the historic challenge of our time so that a safer future is secured for us all and generations to come.

Yours truly,



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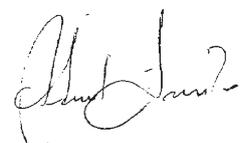
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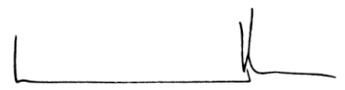
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