



Concept Note for Climate Change Dialogue

Climate change is one of the most pressing global challenges to the international community. It is already affecting millions around the world; especially the poor who have played no part in green house emissions and are at the same time the least equipped to adapt.

In recognition of these challenges, the 15th Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held a meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, from December 6 – 19. The overall goal for the COP 15 Conference was to establish an ambitious global climate agreement for the period from 2012 when the first commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol expires.

However the two weeks of talks in Copenhagen witnessed repeated clashes between rich and poor countries on various contentious issues i.e. negotiations on extending the Kyoto Protocol which had unresolved issues as did the negotiations on a framework for long-term cooperative action, “procedural wrangling” among other issues. These factors in the end blocked progress to an international, legally-binding deal on cutting greenhouse gas emissions. In the end, amid frantic scenes at the conference, leaders secured an accord to limit temperature rises to 2C but without specifying the global emissions cuts.

In the days following the Conference, the outcomes of the Copenhagen Conference have been hurriedly evaluated elsewhere within different contexts especially at the global level. However, so far there is not much open and informed manifestation at the local level.

Its is against this background that CAN-Uganda is organizing a public dialogue on the 27th January 2010 at the Grand Imperial Hotel from 2:00pm-4:30pm to bring together key actors in the negotiations in analyzing the lessons learnt from the preparatory process, the negotiations at the COP 15 and the impact of the accord for the different sectors in Uganda and the region.

The dialogue will also be used as an opportunity to discuss some of the key issues and opportunities for action this year in the lead up to the 16th COP in Mexico City in December 2010, what is needed at the national level and beyond.

Tentative Programme

1. Receiving Government’s report on COP15 negotiation: what are gains and losses for Uganda.
2. Civil Society perspective on negotiations process and outcome of COP 15
3. Gender perspectives on climate change and the COP 15
4. Plenary/Panel discussion
5. Way forward (Recommendations)
6. Press briefing