



Reflection on the recently concluded Bangkok Talks

The race towards a Copenhagen Framework – supplementary financial mechanisms to support Climate Change Finance architecture

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The first part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and the first part of the seventh session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) took place between Monday 28 September and Friday 9 October 2009 in Thailand's capital of Bangkok.

Issues arising from representatives of Least Developed Countries (LDC), the G 77, many Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as well as different stakeholders from China and Africa were concerned with industrialised nations. The reason for this was that the Kyoto Protocol works in favour of Annex 2 countries – meaning that the Kyoto Protocol framework had set targets that Annex 1 was bound by, and doing away with this meant that compliance towards emission reductions and historical compensations were going to be reset or done away with.

Hence why have partnerships such as the Africa-EU Partnership become so essential for the Copenhagen Summit? Such partnerships reinforce and provide advice on loopholes, showing how well African vulnerable countries can position themselves towards a sustainable deal. The negotiations are for sure becoming very challenging, and there is a lot of pressure that can easily break down the blocks like LDCs on pursuing great incentive.

As delegates head to Barcelona, there is need to put pressure on closing such ranks on existing internal rows that can lead to breaking up the blocks and positions. There is finally a need for negotiators to make use of the various roles of civil society organisations that have wide experience with the issues of advocacy, campaigning and field research concerning climate change.

The next climate change talks will be held from the 2nd to the 6th November in Barcelona, Spain.

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