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CSOs Urge Developed Countries to Phase Out Fossil Fuels for 1.5-Degree Goal

**Developed Nations Urged to Boost UNFCCC's Adaptation Funds for MVCs**

Dubai, UAE, December 09, 2023 - During the ongoing Cop 28 Global Climate Conference in Dubai, leaders of Civil Society from Most Vulnerable Countries (MVCs) convened a press conference, have shown their deep dissatisfaction on poor progress of MVC LDCs issues and demand a concrete action plan to phase out of fossil fuel by 2050 in this CoP 28 by developed and big emitting Countries achieving 1.5-degree goal. Additionally, they call developed countries for speed up of existing specialized Adaptation Funds through adequate finance and prioritizing the MVCs needs.

The press conference, titled "LDC’s & MVC Peoples’ Expectations and CoP 28," took place at the CoP 28 climate conference center in Dubai. Notable representatives from various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including Mrs. Ruchi Chowdhury of CANSA [Climate Action Network-South Asia], Mr. Avishek Shrestha from Nepal, Ms. Jocelyn Perry of Refugee International, Mr. Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of EquityBD, Md. Shamsuddoha (Centre for Participatory Research & Development), Mr. Shamim Arfeen (AoSED), and Md. Ziaul Hoque Mukta (CSRL) participated and shared their insights. The keynote address on civil society expectations was presented by Aminul Hoque from EquityBD, Bangladesh.

Aminul Hoque said that there is deep dissatisfaction observed regarding the output of the first week negotiation process on temperature goal, financing on 100 billion USD and trend of continue underfinancing to the Adaptation and Loss & Damages funds under UNFCCC. He also criticizes some countries are exercise undue influence to derail the progress of negotiation.

He put 03 key demand relating the CoP 28 outcome. Those are i). Developed country parties will adopt a clear roadmap with concrete actions on mitigation, finance, and other supporting strategies achieving 1.5-degree goal. these actions will be based on the GST [Global Stock-take] and its recommendations and followed by science ii) Developed countries must leave their ill motive not to dilute the adaptation finance with L&D and escalate the existing specialize Adaptation fund through declaring adequate financial support within CoP 28 beyond the GCF. iii) The New goal on mobilizing finance after 2025 onward, developed countries will take lead for this mobilization through ensuring the public sources but never include the LDC-MVCs in the process.

Shamsuddoha opine that the GST has drafted four option for the move towards clean energy and achieving 1.5 degree goal and we support the first two where phase out the fossil fuel based on science and reaching global emission peaking target according Paris Agreement principle. So that global leaders must adopt the first two options.

Jocelyn Perry said climate change displaces people and often affects displaced persons to a greater degree. We are pleased to see the language on displacement and planned relocation in the Global Stocktake draft text released yesterday. We also call on Parties to scale up action and support, including finance, technical assistance, to address displacement related to the adverse impacts and risks of climate change at the regional, national, sub-national and local level as urgent action.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury stressed to enhance of the mitigation ambitions of developed countries is fundamental to reach the 1.5 degree temperature goal and save the earth.

Ruchi Chowdhry said we push forward for phase out of fossil fuels in line with the best available science and in alignment with the IPCC's 1.5 pathways, and the Paris Agreement's. We need a legal international treaty in this regard.

Sharif Jamil we are experiencing the rapid change of climate that forcing displacements. CoP 28 is going forward for 2nd week and welcome the GST draft text, but commitment of climate finance is a drop in the sea. We demand adequate finance but come through reparation & compensation along with non-debt instrument.

Avishek Shrestha quoted the financing gap for adaptation around 366 billion per year and even with the doubling of adaptation finance by 2025. He further underscores the need for a drastic increase in adaptation financing from developed countries activating the adaptation funds.

Shamim Arfeen criticize the meaningless commitment of financing by developed countries are hampering the effort of MVCs adaptation and resilient actions. He demands for real commitment that will be obligatory.

Thank you

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