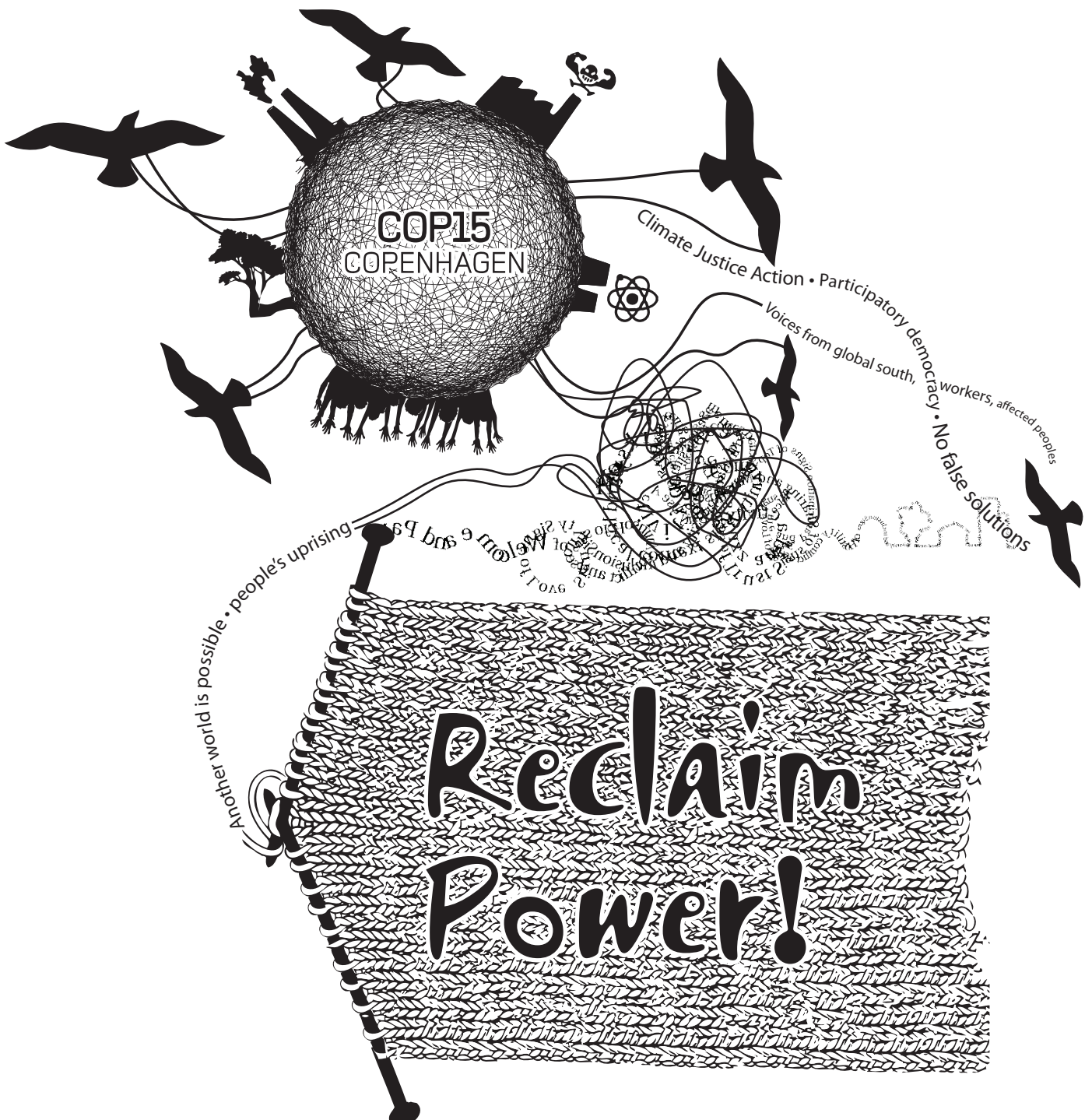


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# Handbook

6th International CJA Meeting  
October 2009 • Copenhagen



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# 1 Welcome & Introduction

Greetings! This Handbook gives practical information for the 5th International planning meeting of Climate Justice Action.

The meeting follows the initial meeting in September 2008 in Copenhagen, Denmark, the meeting in December 2008 in Poznan, Poland, the meeting in February 2009 at World Social Forum in Belem, Brazil and the meeting in March 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

For more information on where we are and how we got here see the background information and statements from previous meetings (pages 4 - 13)

# 2 Practical Matters

## 2.1 - Arriving in Copenhagen

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### Where to go

We have secured a venue to host the meeting from the free town of Christiania, a 47 year old squatted suburb of Copenhagen. Fabriken one of the areas of Christiania have generously lent us space for the meeting. The place to stay will be open from around 16:00 in the afternoon of Thursday the 18th of June. If you plan to arrive earlier and you need help with somewhere to stay let us know.

Christiania - Fabriken, Prinsessegade, 1422 K benhavn K.

It is most easy to reach by bus 2A from central station or by metro from the Airport (Leave the bus or metro at Christianshavn). There will be signs from where you get out of the Metro and off the bus. You can also call us if you get lost on 27433837.

### Directions:

From the Christianshavn Torv (the Christians harbour town square) you walk first to Christiania - (go to the right when facing Torvegade from the square until you reach Prinsessegade. Turn left into Prinsessegade. Walk down Prinsessegade till you get to the main entrance of Christiania (the one with the wooden sign saying welcome to christiania). Turn into the main entrance and walk down Christianias main street - Pusher Street. At the end of pusher street go left to the M nefisker (the moonfisher). The building behind the moonfisher is Fabriken! (See map, next page.)

## 2.2 - About Copenhagen

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### Money

Denmark has its own currency (kroner) as we are not part of the Euro (European standard currency). Danish money can be bought at the Airport, or at Forex Shops around town, but it will probably be cheaper to buy them before entering the country. At present time 100 Danish kroner is worth 13.42 Euros and 17.05 US Dollars.

### Accommodation and food

It is possible to get accommodation free of costs, we will just have to know before you arrive. Vegan food will be served until the end of the meeting, by some of Copenhagens peoples kitchens. They will suggest a donation

price per day, for people who can afford it. If you need anything beyond that, due to health reasons let us know or figure something out yourself.

### Staying longer in Copenhagen.

The meeting ends on Sunday in the evening. We will have accommodation available until \_\_\_\_\_ morning. If you want to stay after that we'll try to help with accommodation and other things, but we cannot guarantee anything. Write us in advance and we'll try to arrange something.

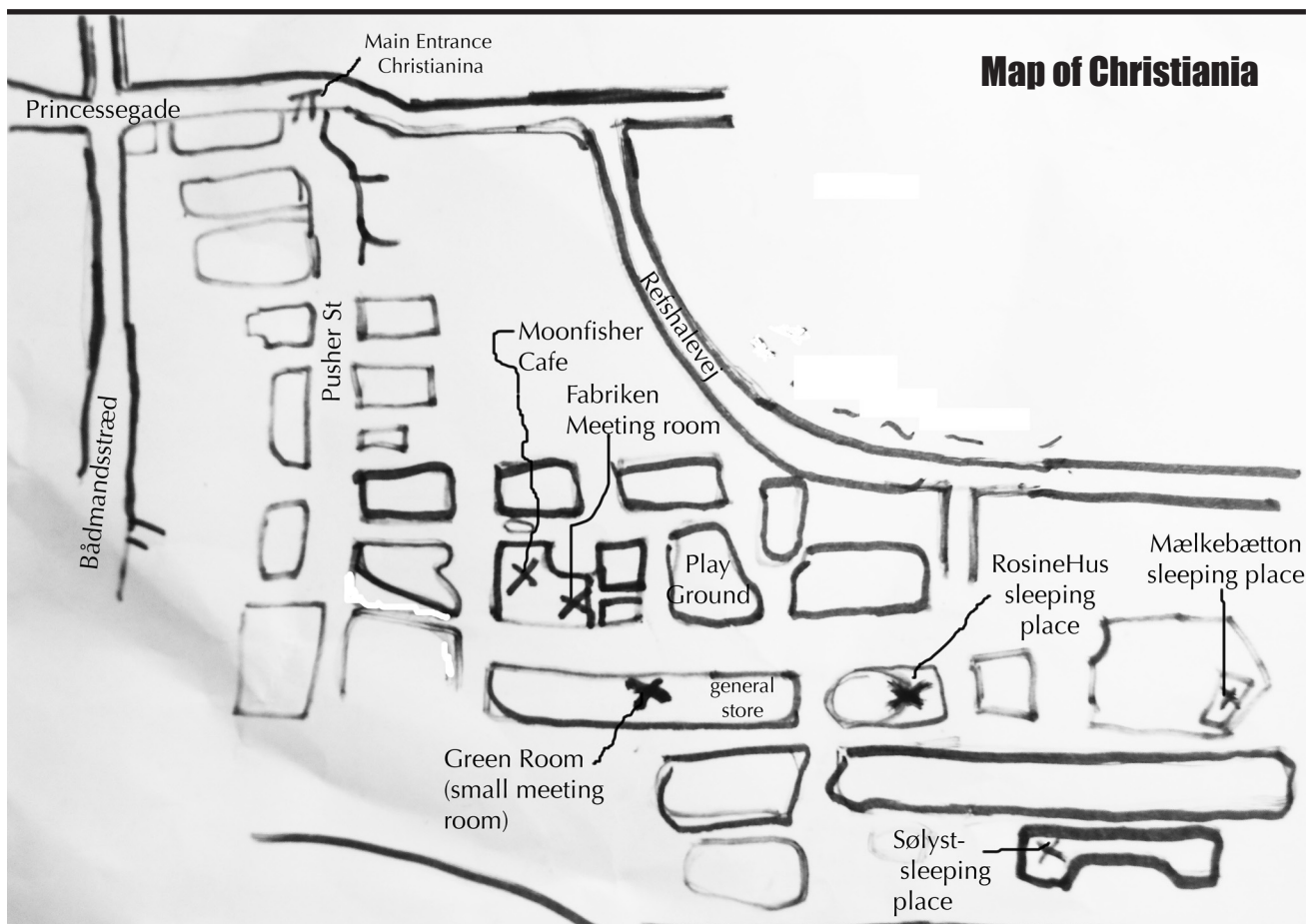
### Transportation

Public transportation is very expensive in Copenhagen. Travelling from the airport to the city can cost you 30 DKR per person. And

a ride itself never costs less than 21 DKR. However the prices can be reduced by buying 10 trip coupons. Doing so is advised for anyone planning to stay in Copenhagen, or moving around for more than a few days. We'll probably be able to buyback any unused tickets you may have left.

### Meeting space: Christiania

Christiania is a squatted free town in the center of Copenhagen. It is home to around 1,000 people, has many music venues, food places a market, lots of green space and a lively community. There is a sauna and a place in the river there where you can swim if the weather allows. It is subject to police harassment. But that shouldn't be a problem for the meeting.



## Weather

The weather in Copenhagen in October is changeable. Expect rain and temperatures to range from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ degrees celsius. Bring rain gear and warm clothes for night time.

## Last words

We hope this information gets you all safely to Copenhagen, and beyond! Should you have any questions, or need any help please ask at [climatemeeetinginfo@gmail.com](mailto:climatemeeetinginfo@gmail.com). During your stay in Copenhagen, we'll be happy to help you if needed. Please ask!

# 3 Proposed Agenda

Meeting to focus primarily on practical aspects of grassroots action for climate justice during COP 15 (media, mobilising, logistics, planning etc.) rather than strategy / politics.

The agenda is still flexible and open for changes and discussions during the meeting progress. Meeting facilitators are very much needed – please volunteer if you can help!

## Thursday, October 15th

**14:00-19:00** (*times vary group to group*)

**Open space:** working group / project time

### Confirmed group meetings:

- Finance working group
- Reclaim power action working group
- Facilitation & Agenda-setting meeting
- Togo Youth Action working group??
- 2pm: Meeting with member of Danish parliament from Red Green Alliance, Per Clausen
- 4pm-6pm: Open action meeting

**19:00-20:30** (*90 min*) **Dinner**

## Friday, October 16th

**8:00-9:00** (*60 min*) **Breakfast**

**9:00-9:30** (*30 min*) **Agenda review** / Intro to Consensus process / facilitation recruitment *Process working group*

**9:30-10:00** (*30 min*) **Meeting intro:** meeting logistics / recap of CJA agreements (*Logistics / Process groups*)

**10:00-11:15** (*75 min*) **Introductions:** affiliations / expectations for meeting

**11:15-11:25** (*10 min*) **Break**

**11:25-12:10** (*45 min*) **Brief Group Updates** (*under 2 min. each group*)

- Reports from "Regional Mobilisation Meetings"
- CJA Working groups all working groups
- Logistics working group
- Process working group
- Web-group / Tech support working group
- Finance working group
- Solidarity working group
- Media / messaging working group
- Mobilisation working group
- Actions working group
- Reclaim Power! Pushing for Climate Justice
- Hit the production of climate chaos

**12:10-13:10** (*60 min*) **Lunch**

**13:10-13:40** (*30 min*) **Other actions ....**  
**How can CJA support?**

**13:40-14:05** (*25 min*) **Report back CJA "pre-meeting" in Bangkok** (Oct 4)

**14:05-16:05** (*120 min*) **Logistics:** update, CJA's responsibilities during COP15 *Logistics working group*

**16:05-16:15** (*10 min*) **Break**

**16:15-17:15 (60 min) CJA budget**

*Finance working group*

**17:15-18:45 (90 min) Media / messaging working group PROPOSAL**

*Media / messaging group*

- Working group proposal (20 min)
- Small group discussions (40 min)
- Plenary consent on proposal (30 min)

**18:45-19:30 (45 min) Open space:** working / project / affinity group time

**?? (? min) Gathering with CJN, NTAC, 12 Dec. organizations, Klimaforum, etc. Nicola B. & Melissa to organize**

**19:30-21:00 (90 min) Dinner**

**21:00- ? Social event** (in planning stages)  
*Logistics working group*

## Saturday, October 17th

**8:00-9:00 (60 min) Breakfast**

**9:00-9:05 (5 min) Agenda review / facilitation recruitment**  
*Process working group*

**9:05-11:05 (120 min) Reclaim power: PUSH ACTION PROPOSAL**  
*Action working group*

- Working group proposal (30 min)
- Small group discussions (45 min)
- Plenary consent on proposal (45 min)

**11:05-11:15 (10 min) Break**

**11:15-12:15 (60 min) Open space:** working / project / affinity group time

**12:15-12:45 (30 min) Proposals: DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES during COP15**  
*Process working group ?*

**12:45-13:45 (60 min) Lunch**

**13:45-15:30 (105 min) (...item continued...)**

**DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES during COP15 Break-out groups**

- Small group discussions (60 min)
- Plenary consent on proposal (45 min)

**15:30-15:40 (10 min) Break**

**15:40-17:55 (135 min) HIT THE PRODUCTION ACTION PROPOSAL HTP working group**

- Working group proposal (30 min)
- Small group discussions (45 min)
- Plenary consent on proposal (60 min)

**17:55-18:05 (10 min) Break**

**18:05-19:35 (90 min) Post-COP15 (PROPOSAL? / DISCUSSION)**

- Working group proposal (15 min)
- Small group discussions (45 min)
- Plenary consent on proposal (30 min)

**19:35-20:35 (60 min) Next CJA meeting (in December.... just prior to COP15)**  
*Process working group*

**20:35-22:05 (90 min) Dinner**

**22:05- ? Party Logistics working group**

## Sunday, October 18th

**8:00-9:00 (60 min) Breakfast**

**9:00-10:00 (60 min) Meeting evaluation**

**10:00-12:00 (120 min) Open space:** working / project / affinity group time

**12:00-13:00 (60 min) Lunch**

**13:00-16:00 (180 min) Open space:** working / project / affinity group time

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**NOTE: Klimaforum has invited CJA to join a meeting. Time to be announced.**

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**Klimaforum meeting** (NOTE: This meeting is at the **Social House of the Christianshavn**, not Christiania)

**18:00-19:30 (90 min) Dinner (Christiania)**

## **4** Background information

### **4.1 - Summary from invitation to October '09 meeting**

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On December 6th, 2009 the governments of the world will come to Copenhagen for the fifteenth UN Climate Conference (COP-15). This will be the biggest summit on climate change ever to have taken place. Yet, previous meetings have produced nothing more than business as usual.

The network has started to mobilize and planning for what to do in Copenhagen. With direct action we will reclaim the power of people and push for climate justice. We will make sure that the most affected and most struggling people are heard during the COP15 and we will try to stop the world leaders from promoting false solutions. We believe that the global movement for climate justice will kick off in Copenhagen in December, and we need to collectively visualize what our future will be when we put people before profit.

Our previous meetings have included a lot of political discussion, setting up various

international working groups, developing common ground, and deciding our principles and strategic goals.

Our first common ground was the Call to Action, which can be found at [www.climate-justice-action.org](http://www.climate-justice-action.org).

We are trying to link and unite climate activists from across the world, despite diversity of culture and different locations.

We invite anyone who agrees with our Call to Action, principles for working together and strategic goals to participate in the next International Meeting of Climate Justice Action in October.

### **4.2 - Strategic Goals**

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Our strategic goals are:

- ◆ To promote and strengthen the rights and voices of Indigenous and affected peoples (including workers) in confronting the climate crisis. To support reparations and the repayment of ecological debt to the Global South by industrialized rich countries.
- ◆ To build a global movement for climate justice that encourages urgent action to avoid catastrophic climate change.
- ◆ To highlight the critical role of biodiversity in weathering the climate crisis, and to defend the existence of all species.
- ◆ To expose the roles of false and market-based climate "solutions" as well as corporate domination of climate negotiations in worsening the climate crisis.
- ◆ To advance alternatives that can provide real and just solutions to the climate crisis.

- ◆ To both sharpen our understanding of, and to address, the root social, ecological, political and economic causes of the climate crisis toward a total systemic transformation of our society.

### **4.3 - Principles for working together**

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Our network is committed to working with respect, trust and unity towards these goals. We agreed at our last meeting that our principles for working together are:

#### **Unity**

- ◆ We are stronger together. We will use our common platform to coordinate our efforts and work together whilst recognizing our diversity
- ◆ We are an international movement and will practice solidarity.

#### **Respect**

- ◆ The network is made up of groups with diverse opinions and tactics. We will respect this diversity
- ◆ Members of the network will use the network to criticize or disassociate themselves from other members of the network.

#### **Trust**

- ◆ The network will only make public statements that have been agreed by the network.
- ◆ Members for the network will not use the actions of other members to further their own aims without previous agreement.

## **5 Previous meetings**

### **5.1 - Summary of June '09 meeting, Copenhagen:**

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This is a summary of the meetings and discussions that happened during the June CJA meeting (excluding working/affinity group meetings). Complete notes are available on the website.

#### **Who is doing what for COP 15?**

This was a chance for those at the meeting to introduce themselves and say what activities they has planned for COP 15

#### **Where we are we now?**

A review of the last meeting and what has already been agreed:

- ◆ Copenhagen, September 08, the First meeting. Was initiated by small group mainly from autonomous scene. The meeting discussed central issues such as legitimacy/ illegitimacy of COP process.
- ◆ Poznan December 08, met with a broad international group to discuss the possibilities of mobilising for COP15 and the process.
- ◆ Belem, February 08, outreach meeting. Proposed some changes to the call to action, dropping the reference to “no deal is better than a bad deal”. Supported declaration of CJ in Belem.
- ◆ Copenhagen, March 09, meeting produced many results: strategic goals and principles



for cooperation. Also proposals for action and a name we agreed.

### **Concrete Aims**

People were asked to discuss in small groups about the concrete aims that people wanted to achieve in Copenhagen in December. The groups gave their feedback and the aims were discussed in Plenary.

It was agreed that the group would like to use shared messaging and that this was an important part of achieving our aims. A group was formed to write some messaging text, based around Climate Justice and the discussions that had taken place.

### **Klimaforum update.**

A presentation was given explaining the history of the klimforum and where things are at the moment.

Kilmaforum: Civil Society's Climate Forum, believes that a finely balanced relation to nature is needed, thus reducing consumption and production, rather than uncritically exploiting nature and believing in economic growth as is the case in global society today. To attain such change we need new ways of thinking, new cultural values, and new means of organising society. With this starting point, Civil Society's Climate Forum wishes to promote and debate true, renewable and environmentally sustainable solutions to the climatic changes we are facing.

There was consensus to support the Klimaforum platform statement (can be found here: <http://www.klimaforum09.org/en/Platform/tabid/309/Default.aspx>)

### **Name discussion**

There was a further discussion of the name, it was decided to keep the name 'Climate Justice Action'.

### **Strategy**

Groups were asked to discuss the following:

- ◆ What is the nature of the network (are we just sharing information or to what extent to we want to so mass actions together?)
- ◆ How we will achieve our goals in Copenhagen in December?
- ◆ How to build a global network
- ◆ Specific things that individuals and groups can contribute This was then discussed in plenary. There was agreement that the network would be used for info sharing, but there was also a strong desire for doing collective actions.

### **Actions**

The proposal for modifying the 'creating new spaces' action was supported and a group was asked to further develop the concept. (details of the action were developed further and supported by the network) The "Hit the production of climate chaos" action was supported. Details of both actions can be found in the complete notes.

### **Messaging**

The messaging group came back with their text. It was read out to the group and minor amendments were suggested. The group later came back and presented the revised text, which was supported. The text can be found in the complete notes.

## **After COP15... how we see ourselves in 2010?**

A discussion was had about CJA after COP 15 and what we intended to do in 2010 (There was a desire to continue working after COP15, this discussion will continue at the next meeting)

## **Next meeting**

It was agreed that the Klimaforum in Copenhagen will organize the next CJA meeting (including accomodation, food, etc). Meeting space for 200... and smaller spaces as well. The meeting will be from Oct. 16-18th (after Bangkok). It was also agreed that each region would hold a "regional mobilization meetings" beforehand.

## **GCCA**

Representatives from GCCA were asked to explain about their network. There was a discussion around the nature of GCCA and its relation to CJA. After concerns had been raised about the nature of the involvement of some individuals from other networks or organisations the following statements were made

- ◆ We ask those who are here representing their organization: not share details of actions that have been agreed at this meeting. The fact that we're planning a march is OK. CJA will officially tell GCCA what it wants to share... that way the reps here don't take responsibility for passing information.
- ◆ We ask those who are here representing their organization: to actively disengage from influencing decision-making if you disagree with CJA strategic goals. NOTE: if

a group is "fundamentally in conflict", they shouldn't be at the meeting.

## **Final report back from working groups/affinity groups**

The various groups gave reports back on their progress. The Finance working group budget proposal was agreed upon.

## **Evaluation**

People were given a chance to evaluate how the weekend had gone.

## **CJA June meeting, Consensus Decisions made**

- ◆ Support for Klimaforum platform agreed
- ◆ Name 'Climate Justice Action' agreed
- ◆ 'Reclaim Power: Pushing for Climate Justice' action agreed
- ◆ The 'Hit the production of climate chaos' action agreed
- ◆ Klimaforum in CPH will organize the next CJA meeting (including accomodation, food, etc).
- ◆ Next meeting Oct. 16-18th (after Bangkok).
- ◆ Call on each region / country to have "regional mobilization meetings" before next meeting.
- ◆ Messaging text agreed
- ◆ Financing committee's proposed budget agreed

## 5.2 - Summary of March '09 meeting:

### Remit for Danish logistics working group:

- ◆ Accommodation, convergence centre, food, info, medical, infrastructure. Group does its own funding.

### Remit for process working group:

- ◆ Make sure that the network is involved in the development of the agenda
- ◆ Ensure that facilitation is organised
- ◆ Ensure that people from different regions and backgrounds are able to participate in the network's processes (we do not see it as our job to actively seek out and invite new groups/individuals -- we see this as being solidarity/outreach, action/mobilisation)
- ◆ Ensure that all other groups are communicating and keep oversight of the process
- ◆ Look after internal communications: put together a newsletter at least once per month
- ◆ Ensure that minutes are taken and sent out to the network via the mailing list and website
- ◆ Still need to decide on internal working group communications and the way to contact the process group (i.e. setting up the process group email account)
- ◆ Responsible for international meetings
- ◆ Responsible for communications

### Consensus on supporting:

**12 Dec** FOE International Flood & GCC Global Day of Action

**12 Oct** (Belem) International Day in Defence of Mother Earth

**24 Oct** 350.org global day - People's Assembly & the Tribunal

### Remit for media working group:

- ◆ Media group combines mainstream and activist media. This may be separated at some stage. (not a plenary consensus)
- ◆ Pro-actively creating spaces through active media work (organising press conferences, linking the media to the knowledge and stories we have in the network) and acting, not only reacting, to the media.

### Mass action timing:

The mass action will be focussed in the second week of the summit.

### List of current working groups:

- ◆ Copenhagen logistics
- ◆ Action/mass action
- ◆ Solidarity & visas/invitations/funding group
- ◆ Mobilisation
- ◆ Media/messaging
- ◆ Process
- ◆ Web

### Network principles for cooperation:

- ◆ **Unity:** We are stronger together. We will use our common platform to coordinate our efforts and work together whilst recognizing our diversity. We are an international movement and will practice solidarity.
- ◆ **Respect:** The network is made up of groups with diverse opinions and tactics. We will respect this diversity. No members of the network will use the network to criticize

or disassociate themselves from other members of the network

- ◆ **Trust:** The network will only make public statements that have been agreed by the network. Members of the network will not use the actions of other members to further their own aims without previous agreement.

### **'Creating new spaces' mass action proposal**

To be developed by mass action group. Two elements:

- 1** Climate justice delegation accompanied by our march go to the fence
- 2** Meet at the fence our allies delegates and others from inside coming out:
  - ◆ At the fence we create entirely new space where we will hold people's climate justice assembly
  - ◆ Tactics at the fence: try to take our message as far as possible – moving to the police line and through it if we can
  - ◆ Dates: Wednesday 16th or Thursday 17th

### **Call to action:**

- ◆ Consensus on updated version of call to action
- ◆ Consensus that groups cannot alter the text to include 'politicians'
- ◆ Consensus to include something about reparations in the callout

### **Goals:**

A group will go away and write up the original version with all the contributions made the first time round, to produce a longer fuller version, then a shorter version for messaging.

### **Mobilisation working group:**

Need autonomy and trust from the network:

- ◆ Autonomy so can start now and don't have to wait until the next meeting to get poster ideas etc. approved by the whole group
- ◆ Trust to make good intelligent decisions, not to run own agenda but to best get the message of the network out to all of our groups
- ◆ Once a month group will send an update email to list

### **Funding for Solidarity working group:**

Group will employ someone to write funding applications: Euros 1,000 for ~1 month

### **Media working group:**

To start a proactive media strategy tomorrow. To organise a pool of spokespersons to represent the network in the name of the network, so that we have people with the necessary competences ready for September and able to do media around the next gathering.

### **Next meeting:**

Time pressure has meant we have been unable to hear dissenting views in this meeting which has been frustrating: at the next meeting we will use Friday as well

### **Website:**

All groups will put a description and contact email address on the wiki and report on their activities.

### **Name of network:**

Climate Justice Action

### 5.3 - Summary: Jan '09 meeting, World Social Forum, Belem

There were many workshops that focused on the mobilization around the COP 15. This is a summary of two- our outreach meeting and the section on the COP 15 in the Assembly meeting on the last day.

Our outreach meeting: Around 60 people participated with the largest groups from Brazil and Europe. Around half the people who attended did not know what the COP 15 was. The other half were mostly very involved in organizing around the COP. The discussion on 'is no deal better than a bad deal' occupied most of the time in the meeting. Participants strongly proposed that this discussion should not be had again at the March meeting as it focuses on what divides us. Instead, participants proposed at the March meeting that we focus on articulating our basis for unity- whether that is developing a common slogan, unity around proposed alternatives, common demands, goals or principles.

Specific Proposals that came from the meeting: Changes to the call to action, change the north south references to rich/elites and ordinary people majority of the world, change human activity to profit driven activity, include a call for unity with other movements- recognize that people are already engaged in struggles and to highlight our connections particularly with the trade unions. Proposals for the march meeting It was proposed that we raise the question of how we intend impacting on the development of the protocol – ie before the big summit in Copenhagen. There was also a specific proposal for a demand we might make: a call to stop taxing renewable to assist

energy transition and a specific proposals for a common slogan: We don't need complicated market mechanisms to solve climate change- the answers are simple- ordinary people have been doing this for centuries.

Brief summary of the discussion – is a bad deal better than no deal or vice versa (please add to this)

**1** A bad deal is better than no deal because a no deal strategy will need strong campaigning because people in general think that Kyoto is good. Also, if there are ten goals and the governments fulfill three of them then we get somewhere at least. Further, any reduction in emissions is good. Additionally, if we call for no deal we are calling for the same thing as business. Finally it is not certain the deal will be bad- and so we should fight for it to be good.

**2** No deal is better than bad deal because the COP 15 is not a UN meeting that is trying to help the situation it's a carbon trade organization – business and false solutions are in control and do we want the corporates to lead the world? Also the Poznan meeting was racist and sad and COP 15 will be the same. Further, the COP has given us 14 years of false solutions, should we trust the 15th to be better? Additionally, they are creating an illusion that something is being done in order to pacify us. Furthermore, a bad deal will lead to difficulties in campaigning longer term because a bad deal will mean that people in the communities are not encouraged to take action and resist. Finally, the Kyoto protocol 2 will reinforce the US approach and is not based in principles of equity and so from its bad from its base.

The assembly meeting: There were around 70 people in the Assembly meeting on the final day of the WSF that participated in the Mobilization around the COP 15 discussion. The discussion focused on three things: what participants needed to be able to participate in the mobilization, ideas and proposals that people had for the mobilization and then we discussed actions in the lead up to Copenhagen. The main request for support was around propaganda. There was a focused discussion around protesting while the COP 15 Business meeting is happening in May. The proposals people had for the mobilization while the COP 15 is on were:

- 1 To find some way to visually represent the mobilization that are not in Copenhagen
- 2 Have days within the mobilization that are themed ie day of action around forests and forest peoples, around the right to water, energy sovereignty etc
- 3 Some of the slogans that came up were: real solutions not false illusions, climate justice now, bring the climate criminals down,

The assembly issued a call to action around climate which was read out at the assembly of assemblies- the final process of the WSF. It is worth noting that many other groups at the WSF also included in their final communications at the assembly of assemblies a call to act around the COP 15.

## **World Social Forum statement**

Climate Justice Assembly Declaration:  
Bélém, Brazil, 1 February 2009

## **Climate Justice Now!**

No to neoliberal illusions, yes to people's solutions!

For centuries, productivism and industrial capitalism have been destroying our cultures, exploiting our labour and poisoning our environment.

Now, with the climate crisis, the Earth is saying "enough", "ya basta"!

Once again, the people who created the problem are telling us that they also have the solutions: carbon trading, so-called "clean coal", more nuclear power, agrofuels, even a "green new deal". But these are not real solutions, they are neoliberal illusions. It is time to move beyond these illusions.

Real solutions to the climate crisis are being built by those who have always protected the Earth and by those who fight every day to defend their environment and living conditions. We need to globalise these solutions.

For us, the struggles for climate justice and social justice are one and the same. It is the struggle for territories, land, forests and water, for agrarian and urban reform, food and energy sovereignty, for women's and worker's rights. It is the fight for equality and justice for indigenous peoples, for peoples of the global South, for the redistribution of wealth and for the recognition of the historical ecological debt owed by the North.

Against the disembodied, market-driven interests of the global elite and the dominant development model based on never-ending growth and consumption, the climate justice movement will reclaim the commons, and put

social and economic realities at the heart of our struggle against climate change.

We call on everyone – workers, farmers, fisherfolk, students, youth, women, indigenous peoples, and all concerned humans from the South and the North – to join in this common struggle to build the real solutions to the climate crisis for the future of our planet, our societies, and our cultures. All together, we are building a movement for climate justice.

We support the mobilizations against the G20 summit and on the global crisis from 28 March to 4 April, and the 17 April 2009 mobilisation of La Via Campesina.

We support the call for an International Day of Action in Defense of Mother Earth and Indigenous Rights on 12 October 2009.

We call for mobilisations and diverse forms of actions everywhere, in the lead up to, during and beyond the UN climate talks in Copenhagen, especially on the Global Day of Action on 12 December 2009.

In all of our work, we will expose the false solutions, raise the voices of the South, defend human rights, and strengthen our solidarity in the fight for climate justice. If we make the right choices, we can build a better world for everyone.

## 5.4 - Summary of December '08 Poznan meetings

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Two meetings were organised by the network during the COP14 in Poznan. The first was an outreach and networking meeting that took place at the convention centre. The second meeting took place at a squatted social center

called Rozbrat and focused on developing working structures, as well as time for debate/discussion about the COP process and our relationship to it.

### Meeting 1

We spent a good deal of time introducing ourselves and describing what our different groups and networks are working on. Then, we formed smaller groups to discuss the following topics and make proposals on how to start working:

People broke into discussion groups to start brainstorming ideas on the topics of:

- ♦ awareness raising, training, working with young people, road to Copenhagen and direct action
- ♦ group on global south analysis/perspectives on climate change, first nations/indigenous/peasants/farmers, false solutions
- ♦ media/communications/culture
- ♦ finance and trade

See minutes for details.

### Meeting 2

- ♦ started with a big group discussion on the legitimacy of the COP process, tactics, strategy – no attempt to reach consensus, but to hear the ideas and opinions in the room. Please see full minutes for the points raised.
- ♦ the rest of the meeting was devoted to working group time and feedback:

### Logistics

- ♦ no one from Copenhagen present, so we don't have a full update on how things are

going – will get in touch with the group there, but we know they need more help!

## Media

- ♦ will start creating a good press list and maybe do a media training at March meeting
- ♦ need a clearly defined mandate of what their job is
- ♦ email list will be set up

## Messaging

- ♦ trying to put together a proper remit for the messaging group, hopefully to be agreed upon in March
- ♦ will put up things like the call to action on the forum and invite people to make comments and hopefully synthesise them
- ♦ liaise with the solidarity group so that any messaging is properly diverse
- ♦ list will be set up

## Process/Facilitation

- ♦ lifespan up to the next meeting in March
- ♦ come up with concept of how to bring in different groups and become more representative of different regions
- ♦ responsible for preparing meeting in March: make sure that those who need to be represented will be invited
- ♦ make sure that the network is consulted in finalising the agenda
- ♦ prepare for the meeting at the WSF in Belem in January
- ♦ ensure that the different working groups are communicating with each other

- ♦ look after internal communications: put together a newsletter at least once per month
- ♦ ensure that minutes are sent out to all present and the mailing list
- ♦ rotating people checking and responding to mail
- ♦ process makes sure that all other groups are communicating and keeps oversight of the process
- ♦ web team: separate group but more people needed and wanted to contribute (make it more international)
- ♦ to contact process until something is set up: [climateaction@klimax2009.org](mailto:climateaction@klimax2009.org)

## Action

- ♦ talked about possible targets besides the conference itself
- ♦ idea of having different topics for action each day (ie: food and agriculture, migration, false solutions)
- ♦ task right now is to refresh the call for action proposals for the meeting in March
- ♦ liaise with solidarity group to make sure the word about actions in other places gets out
- ♦ need to get in touch with the people who were working on actions before

## Solidarity

- ♦ solidarity actions/organising outside Copenhagen
- ♦ keeping people in the loop who won't be able to travel to Copenhagen



- ◆ helpful in doing solidarity outreach to have messaging in advance of Copenhagen March meeting
- ◆ liaisons for Copenhagen March meeting to represent people who won't be able to be there
- ◆ develop structure about who these liaisons will be
- ◆ information on the website about solidarity and outreach
- ◆ propose that those hosting in Copenhagen for global south and marginalised communities have training in anti-oppression and climate justice
- ◆ solidarity group is making a list serve and a contact point has been created for other working groups

### **5.4.1 - Climate Justice Now! statement at Poznan meeting:**

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#### *Radical New Agenda Needed To Achieve Climate Justice*

Poznan statement from the **Climate Justice Now! Alliance**

12 December 2008

Members of Climate Justice Now! – a worldwide alliance of more than 160 organisations -- have been in Poznan for the past two weeks closely following developments in the UN climate negotiations.

This statement is our assessment of the Conference of Parties (COP) 14, and articulates our principles for achieving climate justice.

### **The Urgency Of Climate Justice**

We will not be able to stop climate change if we don't change the neo-liberal and corporate-based economy which stops us from achieving sustainable societies. Corporate globalisation must be stopped.

The historical responsibility for the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions lies with the industrialised countries of the North. Even though the primary responsibility of the North to reduce emissions has been recognised in the Convention, their production and consumption habits continue to threaten the survival of humanity and biodiversity. It is imperative that the North urgently shifts to a low carbon economy. At the same time in order to avoid the damaging carbon intensive model of industrialisation, the South is entitled to resources and technology to make this transition.

We believe that any 'shared vision' on addressing the climate crisis must start with climate justice and with a radical re-thinking of the dominant development model.

Indigenous Peoples, peasant communities, fisherfolk, and especially women in these communities, have been living harmoniously and sustainably with the Earth for millennia. They are not only the most affected by climate change, but also its false solutions, such as agrofuels, mega-dams, genetic modification, tree plantations and carbon offset schemes. Instead of market led schemes, their sustainable practices should be seen as offering the real solutions to climate change.

## **UNFCCC In Crisis**

Governments and international institutions have to recognise that the Kyoto mechanisms have failed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – common but differentiated responsibilities, inter-generational equity, and polluter pays -- have been undermined in favour of market mechanisms. The three main pillars of the Kyoto agreement --the clean development mechanism, joint implementation and emissions trading schemes -- have been completely ineffective in reducing emissions, yet they continue to be at the center of the negotiations.

Kyoto is based on carbon-trading mechanisms which allow Northern countries to continue business as usual by paying for “clean development” projects in developing and transition countries. This is a scheme designed deliberately to allow polluters to avoid reducing emissions domestically. Clean development mechanism projects, which are supposed to support “sustainable development”, include infrastructure projects such as big dams and coal-fired power plants, and monoculture tree plantations. Not only do these projects fail to reduce carbon emissions, they accelerate the privatisation and corporate take-over of the natural world, at the expense of local communities and Indigenous Peoples.

Proposals on the table in Poznan are heading in the same direction.

In the current negotiations, industrialised countries continue to act on the basis of self-interest, using all their negotiating tactics

to avoid their obligations to reduce carbon emissions, to finance adaptation and mitigation and transfer technology to the South.

In their pursuit of growth at any cost, many Southern governments at the talks are trading away the rights of their peoples and resources. We remind them that a climate agreement is not a trade agreement.

The main protagonists for climate stability – Indigenous Peoples, women, peasant and family farmers, fisherfolk, forest dependent communities, youth, and marginalised and affected communities in the global South and North, are systematically excluded. Despite repeated demands, Indigenous Peoples are not recognised as an official party to the negotiations. Neither are women’s voices and gender considerations recognised and included in the process.

At the same time, private investors are circling the talks like vultures, swooping in on every opportunity for creating new profits. Business and corporate lobbyists expanded their influence and monopolized conference space at Poznan. At least 1500 industry lobbyists were present either as NGOs or as members of government delegations.

The Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) scheme could create the climate regime’s largest ever loophole, giving Northern polluters yet another opportunity to buy their way out of emissions reductions. With no mention of biodiversity or Indigenous Peoples’ rights, this scheme might give a huge incentive for countries to sell off their forests, expel Indigenous and peasant communities, and transform forests into tree plantations under corporate-control.

Plantations are not forests. Privatisation and dispossession through REDD or any other mechanisms must be stopped.

The World Bank is attempting to carve a niche in the international climate change regime. This is unacceptable as the Bank continues to fund polluting industries and drive deforestation by promoting industrial logging and agrofuels. The Bank's recently launched Climate Investment Funds goes against government initiatives at the UN and promotes dirty industries such as coal, while forcing developing countries into the fundamentally unequal aid framework of donor and recipient. The World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility aiming to finance REDD through a forest carbon mechanism serves the interest of private companies and opens the path for commodification of forests.

These developments are to be expected. Market ideology has totally infiltrated the climate talks, and the UNFCCC negotiations are now like trade fairs hawking investment opportunities.

### **The Real Solutions**

Solutions to the climate crisis will not come from industrialised countries and big business. Effective and enduring solutions will come from those who have protected the environment – Indigenous Peoples, women, peasant and family farmers, fisherfolk, forest dependent communities, youth and marginalised and affected communities in the global South and North. These include:

- ◆ Achieving low carbon economies, without resorting to offsetting and false solutions such as nuclear energy and “clean coal”;

while protecting the rights of those affected by the transition, especially workers.

- ◆ Keeping fossil fuels in the ground.
- ◆ Implementing people's food and energy sovereignty.
- ◆ Guaranteeing community control of natural resources.
- ◆ Re-localisation of production and consumption, prioritising local markets
- ◆ Full recognition of Indigenous Peoples, peasant and local community rights,
- ◆ Democratically controlled clean renewable energy.
- ◆ Rights based resource conservation that enforces indigenous land rights and promotes peoples sovereignty and public ownership over energy, forests, seeds, land and water
- ◆ Ending deforestation and its underlying causes.
- ◆ Ending excessive consumption by elites in the North and in the South.
- ◆ Massive investment in public transport
- ◆ Ensuring gender justice by recognising existing gender injustices and involving women in decision making.
- ◆ Canceling illegitimate debts claimed by northern governments and IFIs. The illegitimacy of these debts is underscored by the much greater historical, social and ecological debts owed to people of the South.

We stand at the crossroads. We call for a radical change in direction to put climate justice

and people's rights at the centre of these negotiations.

In the lead-up to the 2009 COP 15 at Copenhagen and beyond, the Climate Justice Now! alliance will continue to monitor governments and to mobilise social forces from the south and the north to achieve climate justice.

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## 5.5 - Summary of first meeting: September '08, Copenhagen.

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- ◆ About 100 people from 20-25 different countries met over two days
- ◆ Many people quite young with a background in anti-globalisation movement: Seattle and the WTO blockades were an important reference point for the group
- ◆ Global south and Europe/US/Australia were represented
- ◆ Climate Camps were also well represented at the meeting (Europe, Australia, North America) – roots in 2006 UK camp
- ◆ What we did at the meeting:
- ◆ Tried to set-up working groups to facilitate the process of moving forward (action, international coordination, logistics)
- ◆ Discussed strategy: realised that we came from very different backgrounds and had very different ideas (for example: on the legitimacy of the COP process), but also that we had lots of similarities (ie: don't want false solutions that are being propagated, that the outcome of these negotiations are

likely to be bad, that we're not convinced by market based solutions, that we want to put solidarity over profit making, that we need to stop over-production for over consumption and that we want to work for food sovereignty and community control)

- ◆ These ideas come from the call out produced by the meeting: it is a preliminary call out, but was a first way to reach out and get new organisations involved.

### A Call to Climate Action

We stand at a crossroads. The facts are clear. Global climate change, caused by human activities, is happening, threatening the lives and livelihoods of billions of people and the existence of millions of species. Social movements, environmental groups, and scientists from all over the world are calling for urgent and radical action on climate change.

On the 6th of December, 2009 the governments of the world will come to Copenhagen for the fifteenth UN Climate Conference (COP-15). This will be the biggest summit on climate change ever to have taken place. Yet, previous meetings have produced nothing more than business as usual. There are alternatives to the current course that is emphasizing false solutions such as market-based approaches and agrofuels. If we put humanity before profit and solidarity above competition we can live amazing lives without destroying our planet.

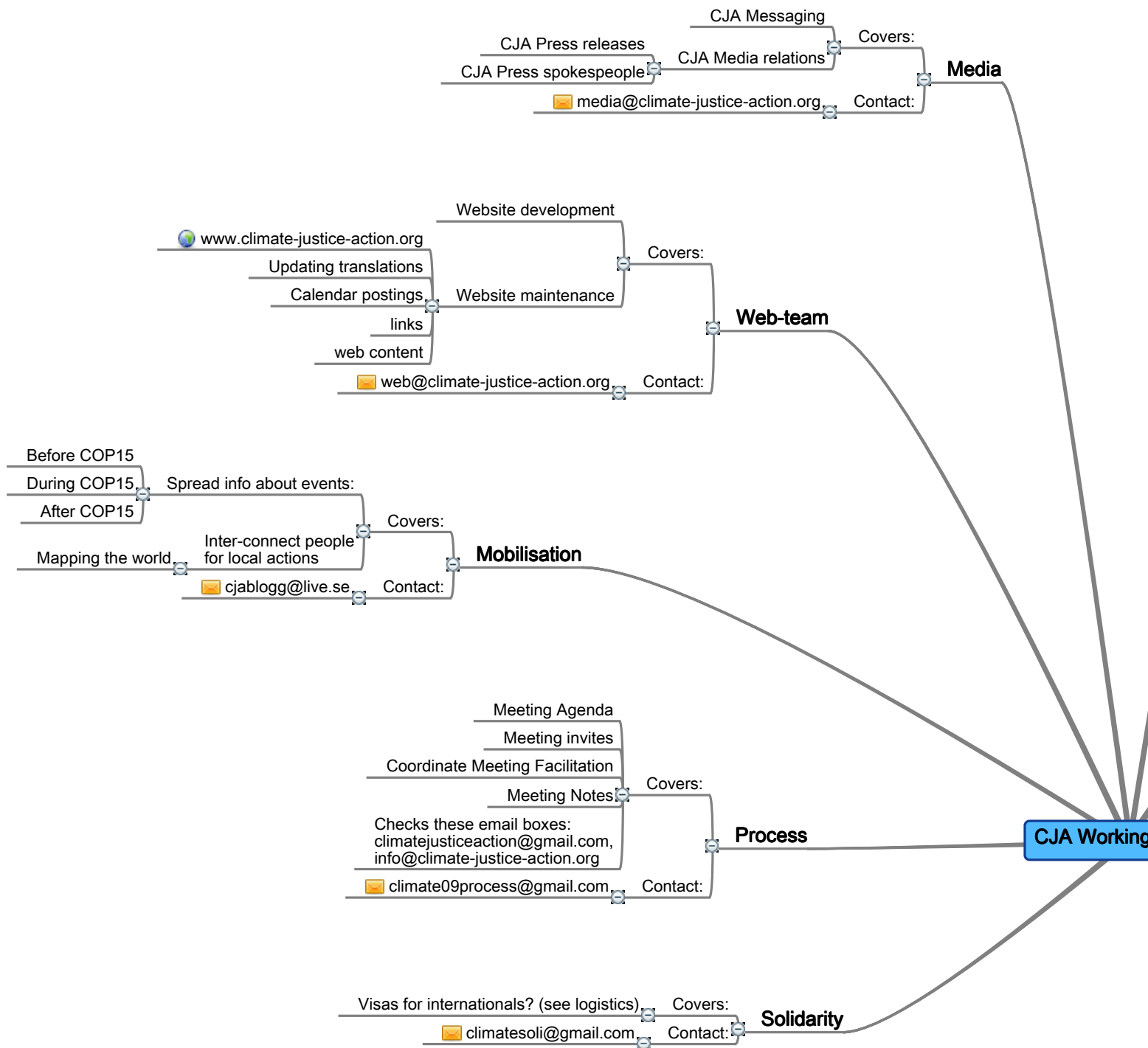
We need to leave fossil fuels in the ground. Instead we must invest in community-controlled renewable energy. We must stop over-production for over-consumption. All should have equal access to the global commons through community control and sovereignty over energy, forests, land and

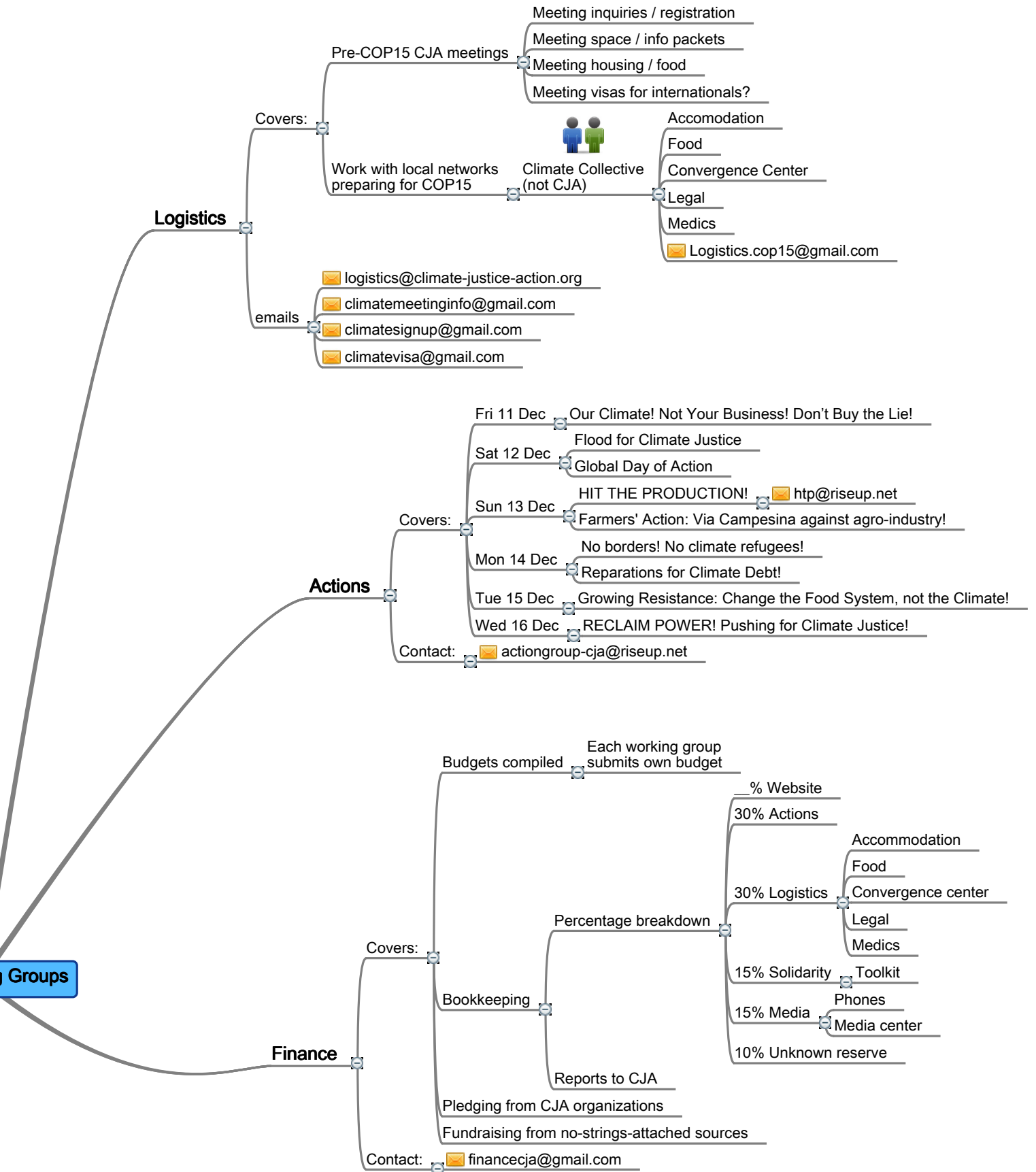
water. And of course we must acknowledge the historical responsibility of the global elite and rich Global North for causing this crisis. Equity between North and South is essential. Climate change is already impacting people, particularly women, indigenous and forest-dependent peoples, small farmers, marginalized communities and impoverished neighborhoods who are also calling for action on climate- and social justice.

This call was taken up by activists and organizations from 21 countries that came together in Copenhagen over the weekend of 13-14 September, 2008 to begin discussions for a mobilization in Copenhagen during the UN's 2009 climate conference. We call on all peoples around the planet to mobilize and take action against the root causes of climate change and the key agents responsible both in Copenhagen and around the world.

This mobilization begins now, until the COP-15 summit, and beyond. The mobilizations in Copenhagen and around the world are still in the planning stages. We have time to collectively decide what these mobilizations will look like, and to begin to visualize what our future can be. Get involved! We encourage everyone to start mobilizing today in your own neighborhoods and communities. It is time to take the power back. The power is in our hands. Hope is not just a feeling, it is also about taking action.

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# System Change!

**NOT CLIMATE CHANGE.**

*Take Action in Copenhagen!*

**CLIMATE CHANGE IS A SYMPTOM,**

**7th - 18th December 2009**

**11 Dec • Our Climate! Not Your Business!**

Organized direct action to disrupt corporations taking part in the COP process

**12 Dec • Flood for Climate Justice**

**• Global Day of Action**

*Join: **System change! Not climate change!** bloc*

**13 Dec • Hit the production!**

Shut down capitalist industrial production: blockade Copenhagen's harbours

**• Farmers' Action**

Via Campesina against agro-industry!

**14 Dec • No borders! No climate refugees!**

**• Reparations for Climate Debt!**

**15 Dec • Growing Resistance**

Change the Food System, not the Climate!

**16 Dec • RECLAIM POWER!**

Pushing for Climate Justice!

**18 Dec • Last day of the summit**

NTAC actions throughout the city.

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