

**WANTED:  
Leadership on climate change**

The Bandung Declaration

**About this declaration**

This declaration has been written by 150 leaders who are part of the LEAD network. We are a diverse group from business, academics, NGOs, government and the media from across the globe. We met over six days in Bandung, Indonesia from 26 November to 1 December 2007. This declaration is designed to address the leadership-gap in tackling global climate change.

**The Bandung Declaration, 1 December 2007**

*Summary*

A new kind of leadership is urgently needed to meet the climate change challenge. Immediate actions are required to avoid catastrophic change in the Earth's climate systems and processes. Climate security and justice are essential to securing access to energy and food as well as ensuring the social, economic and cultural stability of nations.

We declare:

**Climate Change Adaptation**

- 1: Adaptation and mitigation are two sides of the survival coin. Both are critically important.
- 2: However, adaptation requires far more attention.
- 3: Awareness of the impacts of climate change is low. So is the level of preparedness for coping with climate change. Both need to be enhanced.
- 4: Local communities affected by climate change should be involved in finding solutions that are appropriate to their needs.
- 5: Adaptation should be integrated into mainstream economic and social policymaking.
- 6: More financial investment is needed for adaptation.
- 7: Learning from adaptation strategies can make mitigation more effective.

### **Towards a low-carbon economy**

- 1: A systemic shift towards more renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable lifestyles is vital to a low-carbon economy.
- 2: Energy costs must reflect the real cost of energy - prices must reflect environmental, social and other costs..
- 3: Demystifying low-carbon science is needed so that everyone can better understand the urgency of the situation and the measures needed to reach a low-carbon economy.
- 4: Effective communication is crucial. Positive messages creating hope for the future are critical to changing individual behaviour.

### **Avoiding Deforestation**

- 1: Traditional forestry practices should be acknowledged, documented and supported, as should the rights of local and indigenous communities.
- 2: There needs to be a new CSR: 'Community Social Responsibility'. This means that governments, businesses and communities alike, understand each other's roles and needs in sustainable forest management.
- 3: There needs to be greater financial incentives to avoid deforestation. The values of forests should be understood and calculated in environmental and financial terms.
- 4: There should be an uncomplicated green investment scheme for countries that are part of the Clean Development Mechanism to help them avoid deforestation.

### **Renewable Energy**

- 1: Renewable energy helps both mitigation and adaptation to climate change.
- 2: Financial incentives are needed to encourage more small-scale, community-based renewable energy.
- 3: The incentives for renewable energy need to be at a par with those for other forms of energy.

- 4: More public-private partnerships are needed as a way of encouraging the involvement of more sector partners in renewable.
- 5: Government and regulatory policy needs to be clear, and easily-understood in order to be accessible to local communities.
- 6: Low-cost technology-transfers should be encouraged. Information should be actively shared among nations in the global South and pro-actively promoted on a South-South basis.

### *Conclusion*

Renewable energy and avoiding deforestation are key components of the transition towards a low-carbon economy. They play a crucial role in contributing to adaptation, in addition to their mitigation potential. Together with energy efficiency, they make up the critical elements to a sustainable future.

The 150 leaders present in Bandung call on the heads of delegations, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and other participants at the CoP 13 in Bali to support the actions set out in this declaration.