

## **Proposal for GCAP working group on climate change**

This proposal is from the IFT support team to form a GCAP working group on climate change with immediate effect. This brief document outlines a rationale and draft TOR for this group which will be developed if the proposal is accepted.

### **Rationale**

In Montevideo (May 2007), climate change was explicitly added to the GCAP political declaration for the first time. At the time a working group was proposed but never established.

During 2007 a number of GCAP national coalitions campaigned on issues relating to climate change. In December 2007, a small team represented GCAP at the UN climate change conference in Bali and GCAP Indonesia supported a parallel civil society conference.

Climate change is an issue of justice. The poorest and most marginalized people all over the world are already being affected by climatic changes that have been caused almost exclusively by the world's wealthiest people. As a global movement demanding an end to poverty and inequality, it is imperative that GCAP engages closely and quickly on this issue.

During 2008 and 2009, key decisions will be taken at the UN level which will determine whether or not the world is politically ready to make the necessary steps to tackle this impending disaster. Civil society must do all it can to make this happen.

To ensure that GCAP is engaged in this work in the most useful and strategic way, the proposal is for a working group must be set up to take forward this work. Ben Margolis from Oxfam GB has been asked by the OFT support team to develop this proposal and to lead convene the working group.

### **Draft TOR**

The TOR would be worked on and agreed by all members if the working group is established with agreement from the IFT.

### **Key responsibilities**

Develop key global policy demands

Support development of regional and national policy demands

Develop 2-year global campaigns strategy

Support development of regional and national campaigns strategies

Devise project plan for targeting UNFCCC process including at Conference of Parties

To establish relationships with key partners on climate change

### **Composition**

The working group should include

- Regional representatives
- Climate change policy experts
- Mobilisation experts
- Convener

**Responsibilities and ways of working**

Working group members will work largely independently with limited communications. The convener will maintain regular contact with each working group member who will be assigned specific tasks. Working group members will meet via telephone conference once per month to discuss progress and share information.

Individual assignments will be discussed between individual group members and the convener. Small working groups may be established in certain areas.

The convener will report to the IFT each month on the activities and outputs of the group. The convener will also submit a short update for each GCAP newsletter and coordinate updates for the web site.