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EU helps move world closer to global climate deal *But we're still on a pathway to a 3°C world*

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"The most important thing that happened here in Durban is that we saved the Kyoto Protocol and secured a roadmap to negotiate a new treaty by 2015," said Wendel Trio, Director of CAN Europe. "But the agreement lacks specific measures to further reduce greenhouse gases. The Durban deal will also not make a contribution to closing the gap between the reductions needed to stay below a 2°C temperature rise and what countries have pledged."

"We were happy to see the EU playing a constructive role in Durban by creating alliances with the small island states (AOSIS) and the least developed countries (LDCs), making genuine efforts to move the negotiations forward," Trio continued. "Given the relative success of this summit, the EU now needs to urgently deal with its own low emission reduction ambition and start increasing its target well beyond 30%."

Notes:

Climate Action Network (CAN)-Europe is a coalition of over 150 citizens' organisations in Europe working to stop the most dangerous effects of climate change. CAN-Europe is the European node of CAN International, a worldwide network of over 750 environmental and development organisations committed to limiting human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.

CAN International released a document in advance of the Durban conference outlining global NGOs' vision for the necessary decisions: <http://climatenetwork.org/publication/cans-durban-expectations>