

**Invitation to support the Fast for the Climate initiative
on December 1st, 2014**

Dear negotiator,

We are writing to you on behalf of the *Fast for the Climate* initiative that started last year in reaction to the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thousands lost their lives and millions lost their homes and livelihoods. In many other parts of the world, climate change is also already a matter of life and death.

Thousands of people, across youth, faith and secular communities, fast on the first of every month to stand in solidarity with vulnerable people who are most affected by dangerous climate impacts. The next fasting day is December 1st, the opening day of COP20 Lima. This is expected to be the biggest climate fast in history.

**As a symbol of your concern for those affected, we are approaching
all climate negotiators to join the fast on the first day of COP20.**

You can also show solidarity with those all round the world who will be fasting on this day by **wearing one of our Fast for the Climate badges.**

This will demonstrate that negotiators remember the opening day of the Warsaw negotiations last year when super Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines and in his grief over the destruction wrought on his country, Filipino climate commissioner, Yeb Saño, began fasting.

By choosing to participate you will show your willingness to solve the climate crisis. This will be a unique moment in COP's history uniting all.

The fast will continue towards Paris COP21 with people fasting on every day of the year on different continents/regions around the world during a 365 day fast relay, arriving in France on December 2015. The fasts are being coordinated by a group of volunteers from both faith-based and secular organizations under the #fastfortheclimate initiative.

Your participation truly is very important to us and many other people from different walks of life. We are sure you will touch the hearts of the many fasters who care for Creation and those who suffer disproportionately from a changing climate.

Respectfully,

The international and interfaith coordinating group
of *Fast for the Climate*

Attached:

Background with list of the organizations which are partners of the #fastfortheclimate.

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