

ACTING TOGETHER

On the eve of the Copenhagen climate change talks, join us for the UK's largest-ever climate change demonstrations, in London and Glasgow.

World leaders must attend the UN talks and take urgent and decisive action if we are to keep global warming below 2°C and agree a global deal that is fair to the world's poorest people.

Join us on **5 December** and add your voice to the call for climate justice. Email campaigns@christian-aid.org or call 0207 523 2264 for more information.

Laura Trevelyan
Campaign officer

(Pictured at Big Ben, sporting the signature blue of The Wave march – taking place in London this December)



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Don't forget there is also the opportunity to travel to Copenhagen. Email campaigns@christian-aid.org to find out more.

Please fill in and send off these action cards to your MP and to the chancellor

ACTION 1

Ask your MP to urge the prime minister to attend the Copenhagen talks in person. To find out who your MP is visit www.theyworkforyou.com or call 0207 523 2264

Please send attached postcard



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Time for climate justice

TELL THE PM,
WORK WITH US
FOR A FAIR DEAL

ACTION 2

Ask the chancellor of the exchequer to push, at the G20, for new standards and agreements to help stop tax dodging.

Please send attached postcard

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With the crucial United Nations climate talks in December fast approaching, we are using these last few months to tell the UK government to ensure climate justice is at the heart of any deal. Rich countries, including the UK, which are most responsible for the problem, must make the necessary cuts and ensure developing countries have the resources they need to develop cleanly and adapt to the effects of climate change.

Here's how you can keep up the pressure on the UK government right up to the start of the talks.

The Great Persuasion in October

The United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty is on 17 October, which this year marks the last 50 days in the Countdown to Copenhagen. Christian Aid, along with other development groups, is involved in Stand Up and Take Action: The Great Persuasion, happening from the 16-18 October – a mass lobby of MPs, and their main rival candidates, in their constituencies.

Campaigners will grill them on climate change and development in the run-up to Copenhagen, and ask them to write to Gordon Brown, calling on him to lead the UK delegation and to deliver a fair and equitable deal.

This is a key way to put pressure on the highest level of government, so please send the attached card to your MP and join with others to take part in The Great Persuasion.

Events are being organised across the country, so to see what is happening and to join other campaigners in your area go to www.standagainstopoverty.org or call 0207 523 2264.

Flood the streets in December

Our actions will continue with **The Wave** in London on 5 December 2009, organised by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition. Come to London on the eve of the talks in Copenhagen and join thousands of other people concerned about climate change. This is our last chance to ensure the UK delegation leaves for Denmark knowing that the only acceptable outcome is a fair and effective deal for the world's poor.

A Stop Climate Chaos Scotland march will take place in Glasgow on the same day. For more information about this, contact Diane Green (email dgreen@christian-aid.org or call 0141 241 6136).



On Saturday 5 December 2009, just ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in

Copenhagen, tens of thousands of people from all walks of life will flow through the streets of London and Glasgow to demonstrate their support for climate justice.

What the London event entails

11am-12 noon: you can join the Archbishop of Canterbury at an ecumenical service in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, before marching or...

12 noon-1pm: assemble at Grosvenor Square (W1) to form the march.

1-3pm: march to the Houses of Parliament.

3pm: The Wave will encircle the Houses of Parliament. Please wear blue and, if you can, bring blue gloves and a piece of blue material (scarf, banner, etc) to become part of The Wave.

What to remember

- Get yourself a seat on a coach. Details can be found at www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave or call 0207 523 2264.
- **Wear blue** so that the march creates a wave of people flooding the streets of London.
- Bring a piece of blue material (a scarf, banner or any other blue material you may have) and blue gloves, if you can.
- Bring friends, neighbours, members of your church or local community.



Creative lobbying of the Scottish Parliament led to success for Scottish Christian Aid campaigners. Now lobby *your* MP for a fair global deal on climate change

Campaign success with world-leading Scottish bill

The Scottish climate change bill, with its interim target of 42 per cent by 2020, is the most progressive climate change legislation in the world.

Una Bartley, policy officer for Scotland, said 'MSPs listened to our Christian Aid campaigners. The bill, ahead of climate talks in Copenhagen, shows what can be achieved with the right political will.'

Dear _____ MP

This December, the most important climate change talks in history take place in Copenhagen. We must ensure that we do not abandon the world's poorest people to the devastating impacts of a problem they did not create.

Please write to the prime minister asking him to:

- lead the UK delegation to Copenhagen in person
- urge the EU to commit to:
 - at least 40 per cent cuts in domestic carbon emissions by 2020
 - ensuring developing countries have all the resources necessary to reduce emissions, develop cleanly and adapt to climate change.

Yours sincerely

Name _____
 Address _____

 Postcode _____

 Email _____

MP

House of Commons
London
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Overleaf: For people like Monica Kilindi, who lives in the drought-prone village of Miamhani, east Kenya, climate change is not just a news story. It's a devastating reality as she struggles to grow enough food for her family. Image: Christian Aid/Jodi Bisber

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Dear chancellor

Every year, developing countries lose billions of dollars because multinational companies are not paying the right amount of tax on their profits. That means less money for essential services and more hardship for the world's poorest people.

I welcome the UK government's declared support for country-by-country reporting, whereby companies would be required to declare the profits they make and the tax they pay in every country in which they operate.

At the G20 I urge the UK to:

- persuade G20 leaders to support country-by-country reporting and formally request the International Accounting Standards Board to adopt this new standard
- work to deliver a truly multilateral agreement for the automatic exchange of tax information
- include in any tax agreement a review mechanism to ensure benefit to developing countries.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP
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Do you know someone else who wants to campaign with Christian Aid?

Ask them to give us their details, below, and we will send them regular campaign actions.

Complete, cut out and send to: **Christian Aid Campaigns, PO Box 3567, Melksham SN12 9AE**

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Address: _____

Postcode: _____

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Please complete if you are happy to receive email updates on our work.

Christian Aid will not pass your details on to any other organisation. If you already receive information from Christian Aid we will continue to send it unless you tell us otherwise by writing to us at PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

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THE BIG TAX RETURN: SUCCESS



The Guardian's piece on country-by-country reporting, 16 June 2009

UK government backs our call

Your Big Tax Return campaigning is already cutting ice with policy-makers in the highest places. The Treasury recently announced the UK would back our call for multinational companies to declare the profits they make and the tax they pay in every country in which they operate.

Meanwhile, the Department for International Development's new white paper says that they will discuss 'country-by-country reporting' with other governments. The Treasury acknowledged the role Christian Aid has played in getting country-by-country reporting on to the government's agenda, 'by focusing on this issue, highlighting it, and gathering support for reform'.

But there is a long way to go yet. We now want the UK government to persuade the G20 world leaders to support country-by-country reporting, and we want the G20 to request that the International Accounting Standards Board adopt this standard.

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Find out more about the Big Tax Return. Sign up to be a tax campaigner. Email campaigns@christian-aid.org

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Country-by-country reporting would help developing country governments collect the right amount of tax from the international companies doing business in their countries. That way, they would have more money for health, education and other essential services. Please support the Big Tax Return. Send the attached postcard to the chancellor, asking him to push for country-by-country reporting at the G20 summit on 24-25 September.

Tax campaigners challenge the Big Four across the UK

From London to Leeds, Bristol to Birmingham, Christian Aid campaigners have been calling on the Big Four accountancy firms to use their influence to end tax dodging that is costing the world's poorest countries an estimated US\$160bn a year in lost tax revenue – money urgently needed to pay for hospitals, schools and other public services.

During the summer, campaigners across the country presented their local Big Four offices with Golden Palm Awards for the *Greatest Potential for Tax Reform*. They challenged PricewaterhouseCoopers, KPMG, Ernst & Young and Deloitte to recognise the vital role the accountancy profession can play in stopping the flow of tax revenue out of poor countries.

Christian Aid campaigners in Leeds



Lindsey Pearson, Yorkshire unit manager, who led a band of staff and volunteers around the Big Four in Leeds, said: 'Giving out the awards was about us setting a positive challenge. A great way of saying to the Big Four in Leeds that tax is a development issue and they can help.'

Christian Aid is calling on the accountancy firms and the International Accounting Standards Board to support country-by-country reporting obliging multinational companies to report the profits they make and the taxes they pay in every country in which they operate.

Want to take more Big Tax Return actions? Call 020 7523 2264 and sign up to be a tax campaigner.

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