In the face of clear challenges over the last year, the climate community is more organized, more unified, and more driven than ever. We have proven we can come together in the face of grave threats to our shared environment and climate and collaborate across an ever-broader cross-section of Canadian society.

This last year has certainly been challenging for everybody who cares about the global climate and environment in this country. By making Canada the first country to pull out of the Kyoto Protocol and doing so without having any credible plan in place to meet their own dismally low emissions target, the federal government showed beyond a doubt that it does not believe that Canada should do its fair share to solve the climate crisis.

Add to that the increasing intensity and aggressiveness with which the government attacks dissenting voices from the environmental movement, First Nations and parliamentary opposition, and the efforts to undermine progressive climate policy abroad, and a picture of a government emerges (as we describe in our report “Dirty Oil Diplomacy”) whose overriding policy objective is the continued reckless expansion of the tar sands at all costs.

At the same time, we can take some encouragement from the provinces, many of whom continue to move ahead with progressive climate policy, such as the carbon tax in BC, the cap and trade regime in Quebec, the coal phase-out and feed-in-tariff in Ontario, the mandated emission reductions of the electricity sector in Nova Scotia and so forth. Last November, Climate Action Network Canada and its members celebrated many of these policies at our “Provincial and Territorial Climate Change Leadership” conference in Montreal.

In order to do solve the climate crisis we know that we must begin an ambitious move away from our addiction to oil, coal and gas and instead rapidly transition towards the efficient use of safe, clean and renewable energy. That’s why we will continue supporting provincial leadership on climate change and continue demanding federal action while opposing the reckless expansion of the tar sands and the pipeline and mega-tanker projects that go with it. We will also continue exposing the federal government’s attacks on climate policy abroad. And we will certainly not allow our voices to get silenced.

The next year is critical for our movement as we define how we will ensure that our diversity unites us in the face of a challenging federal political climate paired with the ever-increasing urgency of climate change.

I look forward to my first full year at the helm of this group of inspiring organizations. I look forward to our challenges, our growth, the new opportunities for membership and engagement with our diverse allies. Most importantly, I look forward to the collective momentum that will continue to grow through our united actions and demands for a safe future for our shared environment and the global climate.

Dr. Christian Holz
Executive Director
Who We Are

Climate Action Network Canada is a network of organizations from across the country that are working together to push for meaningful action on climate change. Some of our members are environmental organizations focused to varying degrees on clean energy and global warming, while others are aboriginal, youth, health, faith-based, labour and development organizations that see climate change as one important dimension of their overall work. Some are small local or provincial organizations focused on grassroots activism and others are national in scope, with hundreds of thousands of people on mailing lists, analysts and lobbyists in major cities, and local chapters, congregations or representatives spread across the country.

These diverse organizations have their own styles and approaches, but they share a desire to work with other likeminded organizations. They want to learn from and influence other groups in the climate movement, combine resources, develop common messages, and avoid re-inventing the wheel or tripping over one another. With a view to maximizing their collective impact, these organizations want and need a way of coordinating their activities. They believe that they are stronger when they stand together.

This is why Climate Action Network Canada is an indispensable part of the Canadian climate change and clean energy movement. We help make it possible for Canadian organizations to work together to improve climate change policy and promote clean energy. We are also the only organization in the country with a mandate to promote the climate movement as a whole, rather than the interests and programs of any one organization.

The Network is led by a small secretariat working for a vast and diverse range of organizations. The Network’s membership includes:

- almost all of the major national environmental organizations working on climate change policy in Canada, such as the David Suzuki Foundation, Environmental Defence, WWF, Pembina Institute, Greenpeace, Équiterre, Sierra Club, and others;
- most of the regional organizations across the country focused on climate change and energy policy, such as ECO-PEI, Ecology Action Centre in Nova Scotia, the Conservation Council of New Brunswick, AQLPA in Quebec, Manitoba Wildlands and the Saskatchewan Environmental Society;
- the country’s largest labour organizations, such as the Canadian Labour Congress, National Union of Public and General Employees, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees;
- faith-based institutions, such as the United Church of Canada, the Baha’i Community of Canada, and Kairos, a social justice organization of eleven Christian churches and church organizations;
- aboriginal representation, such as the Assembly of First Nations;

MISSION STATEMENT

To combat climate change, particularly by pressing for comprehensive climate change action plans by all levels of government, based on the best available science, with specific policies, targets, timetables and reporting, and to work with Canada’s governments, First Nations, Inuit and Metis, private sector, labour, and civil society for the effective implementation of these plans.
What We Do
Climate Action Network Canada:

- Lobbies and presents briefs, especially at the federal level, for comprehensive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop tar sands exploitation and end our dependence on oil, coal and gas in favour of efficient use of renewable energy;
- Presses Canada to do its fair share to help developing countries as well as vulnerable regions and populations in Canada to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to adopt clean energy solutions;
- Encourages Canada to put in place meaningful policies to support and invest in safe, clean and reliable renewable energy while creating clean energy jobs to make Canada a leader in the clean energy economy;
- Supports provincial and municipal efforts to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and invest in safe, clean, and renewable energy technology.

To achieve these goals, the secretariat of Climate Action Network Canada:

- Organizes, facilitates and reports on meetings and conference calls between our member organizations to ensure shared information and effective coordination;
- Facilitates joint news releases, press conferences and media briefings in order to speak in a unified voice to the media and the public;
- Manages the electronic flow of information between groups working on climate change related issues through various email lists;
- Produces a frequent e-newsletter and maintains a website and social network spaces that inform our members and promote their work;
- Arranges and coordinates meetings with key decision-makers;
- Organizes conferences and events that advance common objectives, including strategy sessions for members to develop collective strategies and actions;
- Produces shared materials and resources for our members and the broader public and conducts or coordinates share activities such as polling and research to be shared with member organizations to advance common goals;
- Facilitates coordination and communications during key moments such as the United Nations climate negotiations and;
- Supports member fundraising efforts and administers grants.

In total, there are about 85 organizations that make up the membership of Climate Action Network Canada. Together, they represent many millions of Canadians.

- health groups, such as the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and the New Brunswick Lung Association;
- youth groups, such as the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition and the Sierra Youth Coalition; and
- international development organizations, such as Oxfam and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

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Director, Manitoba Wildlands

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- Dr. Christian Holz, Executive Director (since January 2012)
- Graham Saul, Executive Director (until January 2012)
- Hannah McKinnon, Campaigns Director
- Lauryn Drainie, Lead Organizer (until December 2012)
- Andrew Chisholm, Web Manager
- Roger Coady, Financial Manager

Climate Action Network Canada would also like to recognize our team of dedicated interns and volunteers for their generous contributions over the course of the year.
In-Person Meetings 2012

Provincial and Territorial Climate Change Leadership Conference

Climate Action Network Canada hosted a groundbreaking conference in early November 2011 in Montreal. This event brought together leaders from various sectors to share experiences and knowledge on building strong action on climate change at the provincial and municipal levels. Over 100 people joined us and actively participated in 8 sessions led by experts on key issues selected by member organizations. Workshop sessions included panelists from municipal, provincial and federal government, the private sector, and civil society.

January strategy session

In January, over 40 representatives of Climate Action Network Canada member organizations came together for a 2012 strategy session in Ottawa (with phone participation). This session focused on identifying the priorities and focus areas for the work of Climate Action Network in 2012 as well as developing strategies for the network’s work during the year. The meeting also served as an opportunity for members to meet our new Executive Director, Christian Holz.

Annual General Meeting

Over 45 member organizations were represented at our 2011 Annual General Meeting to discuss the future of the network. The meeting took place in the precedent setting ‘Maison du Developpement Durable’, Canada’s first LEED Platinum certified office building, located in Montreal. This exciting new building is home to many Climate Action Network Canada members.
Tar Sands – Exposing and Countering Dirty Oil Diplomacy

For a number of years, Climate Action Network Canada has been at the forefront of research into the federal government’s lobby efforts to kill and undermine clean energy and climate policies beyond Canadian boarders. We expanded this leadership over the year in a variety of ways:

- **Tar Sands Database** – We launched an online database of tar sands research, including hundreds of documents obtained through Access to Information legislation. This database is searchable, comprehensive, and frequently updated. It is used as a tool for allies, member organizations and investigative journalists.

- **Dirty Oil Lobbying Research** – We continued our research using Access to Information Legislation, receiving thousands of pages of government documents that have been strategically used either during specific relevant moments, to ‘keep the beat’ of the story, or for larger research projects including reports. These documents have been shared with members and allies here in Canada and abroad as well as with ongoing investigations relating to First Nations as well as illegal government lobbying and have been added to the tar sands research database. Access to Information documents obtained by Climate Action Network Canada have generated no fewer than 40 media stories over the past year.

- **European Parliamentarian Tour** – Climate Action Network Canada hosted a tour with a Member of European Parliament and a European policy expert in November of 2011 to share their perspectives with Canadian audiences on European leadership on climate change and how Canada has changed from a close ally climate policy to an aggressive lobbyist against clean energy policies. This tour visited Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal and included meetings with key decision makers and politicians, most of Canada’s leading media outlets, including editorial boards, as well as Ambassadors and diplomats. The tour was very successful in generating substantial media coverage as well as directly inspiring letters from both Her Majesty’s official opposition and the Green Party of Canada to European Decision makers urging them to disregard the federal lobby against the Fuel Quality Directive.

**Europe’s Fuel Directive None of Ottawa’s Business: EU**

“It is valid to want to protect jobs in Canada and choose the way you want to grow, but nobody should try to stop another sovereign state from protecting its citizens from catastrophic climate change,” Mr. Arsenis [a Member of the European Parliament] said in an interview.

– Globe and Mail, November 2011
• **Lobby Busting Tours** – Climate Action Network Canada worked with the Council of Canadians and Indigenous Environmental Network on “Lobby Busting Tours” which included 15 European Union embassies in Ottawa and 4 European cities (Paris, The Hague, London and Berlin) in order to present perspectives that counter the Canadian Government’s aggressive lobby efforts on behalf of the tar sands industry. The European Tour included meetings with over 25 decision makers including senators, party leaders, ministers and bureaucrats. The information presented to decision makers included the federal government’s failure to regulate Canada’s fastest growing source of greenhouse gas pollution, the tar sands, the government’s use of ongoing trade negotiations to pressure Europe to weaken environmental standards, and the direct and devastating impacts of tar sands development on First Nations communities in Canada. These tours generated stories from most major Canadian news outlets, as well as many national and European media while in Europe. The tours included leave-behind packages with fact sheets, letters from Canadian political parties, as well as an open letter signed by over 30 leading Canadian civil society organizations confirming that Canadians support the European Union’s leadership and action on climate change.

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**Green Groups Slam Big Oil on ‘Lobby-Busting’ Tour**

"Instead of fighting a pollution battle, this government has decided to launch an all-out public relations war which includes heavy lobbying in regions trying to pass clean fuel standards such as the European Union Fuel Quality Directive," [Hannah McKinnon of Climate Action Network Canada] said at a news conference on Parliament Hill, that launched a “lobby-busting” tour against the oilsands strategy of governments and industry.

– *Vancouver Sun, February 2012*
Dirty Oil Diplomacy report sheds light on international oil sands advocacy

“This dominating energy strategy right now is defining Canada’s reputation. It’s shifting the country’s image abroad from a constructive participant in global dialogue to what’s ultimately a self-absorbed bully,” said Hannah McKinnon, Campaign Director for Climate Action Network Canada. “Domestically …, the government strategies vis-à-vis dissenting voices really resembles McCarthyism.”

– Vancouver Observer, March 2012

Dirty Oil Diplomacy Report – Climate Action Network Canada led on the writing of the report “Dirty Oil Diplomacy: The Canadian Government’s Global Push to Sell the Tar Sands”. This report was produced jointly with the Draw the Line campaign that includes Greenpeace, the Natural Resource Defense Council, Environmental Defence, Équiterre and Sierra Club U.S. The report is a comprehensive discussion of how the federal government’s focus on exploiting the Albertan tar sands determines political strategies and objectives of the federal government in Canada and abroad. The report drew from hundreds of pages of new information obtained through Access to Information requests, and also included sections such as ‘Tar Sands 101’ and ‘Countering Canadian Lobby Assertions’. The report was translated into French and over 400 copies have been distributed to decision makers including federal politicians in Canada and Europe as well as Ambassadors and technical bureaucrats in Canada and Europe and the report was access over 600 times online during the first two weeks alone. The report launch was timed a day after 20 candle light vigils – organized by the Sierra Club US and European allies – took place at Canadian missions across Europe and the United States. The launch press conference included a Member of European Parliament, a former U.S. Congressman, and a faith leader. The report was also presented in a breakfast briefing to over 25 Ambassadors and embassy representatives in Ottawa. The report has enjoyed a very positive reception from many audiences, and will continue to be a useful tool for member organizations and allies.
Tar Sands – Letters to World Leaders from Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

Climate Action Network Canada worked with the Nobel Women’s Initiative to engage Laureates to send letters to world leaders to demand action on climate change and an end to the burning of tar sands oil.

Nobel Laureates Ask Harper to Stop Oilsands

The laureates point out that Harper has called climate change one of humanity’s biggest challenges. They call on him to back his words with action by using federal powers to halt further expansion of the oilsands. "It would be wrong for humanity to choose a path that drives hundreds of thousands of species to extinction," the letter says.

– CBC, September 2011

- A letter from 9 Nobel Laureates to President Obama urging him to refuse approval to the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline. This letter was supported by the Natural Resources Defence Council and later printed as a full-page ad in the Washington Post. Its original submission garnered hundreds of media articles in print, television, radio and online.

- A letter from 8 Nobel Laureates to Prime Minister Harper urging him to live up to his commitment to take climate change seriously and develop a real plan for Canada to move away from tar sands and towards safe, clean and renewable energy. This letter was supported by Environmental Defence, Équiterre, and Greenpeace Canada and also received impressive media coverage, including one-on-one interview with Nobel Laureate Jody Williams on popular Canadian media.

- A letter from 9 Nobel Laureates to European Union Heads of Government urging them to act decisively to pass a proposed policy that would see Europe track and eventually move away from highly polluting sources of fossil fuels, including tar sands. This letter was supported by many European organizations and received wide coverage as well as creating political pressure at a critical time in the lead up to a vote on the policy.

Tar Sands – Pipelines and Tanker Projects

In 2011, tar sand opposition was centered around pipelines. The Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, the Enbridge Northern Gateway tar sands pipeline and mega-tanker project, and the Enbridge Trailbreaker tar sands pipeline were all on the receiving end of inspired and effective campaigns. Climate Action Network Canada supported our member organizations who were directly involved in the organization of mass protests both in Washington, DC and in Ottawa. Climate Action Network Canada supported media work around events and announcements and our Executive Director travelled to Washington, DC with a Canadian Delegation to testify in front of Congress on the impacts of the tar sands in Canada and on our shared climate. The pipeline campaign is ongoing and continues to be a very effective way to challenge the reckless expansion of the Alberta tar sands.

Ottawa Sees the NEB as a Friend of the Oil Industry

Canada’s nominally independent energy regulator, the National Energy Board (which is currently evaluating Enbridge’s plan to build the Northern Gateway pipeline) is an ally of the federal government, according to an embarrassing official policy paper that was made public on Thursday. First Nations, on the other hand, are an adversary. ... Frantic efforts to contain the damage are already underway. Still, for Ottawa this remains a big, slippery black stain.

– MacLeans, January 2012
Ending Fossil Fuel Subsidies

Climate Action Network Canada members again demanded an end to 1.4 billion dollars per year in unfair federal tax breaks and handouts to oil, coal and gas companies.

- Our Executive Director presented during the formal budget consultations and Climate Action Network made a written submission to the federal budget process.

- Climate Action Network Canada also worked with our member organization LeadNow.ca and Truthfool Communications to develop a video and petition to raise awareness of the fact that the government is paying polluters to pollute. The video and petition had thousands of visits and signatures. As we expect as this campaign continues this year, these will remain useful tools for our engagement with the issue.

- Along with member organizations, Climate Action Network Canada organized meetings with key politicians and decision makers in advance of the federal budget to discuss the need to end subsidies to oil, coal and gas companies. Opposition parties and member organizations included this messaging in their responses to the tabling of the federal budget.

- Climate Action Network Canada arranged media interviews and an editorial board meeting with a former Progressive Conservative Minister who wanted to speak out against the federal government’s ongoing subsidies to the fossil fuel industry. This tour included a policy expert from Greenpeace Canada.

Ending Fossil Fuel Subsidies is No-Brainer: Former Tory MP

“We’re far too dependent on fossil fuels, and the longer we let that go on and subsidize it, the more we’re just making it so much tougher for future generations,” said Macdonald. “So I think this is a no-brainer.”

– Vancouver Sun, March 2012

Taking Action on Coal – King Coal

Climate Action Network Canada worked together with our member organizations to launch a campaign to demand strong federal regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from coal plants. This campaign included a sign on letter with 46 organizations demanding that the draft regulations be strengthened, including addressing a loophole that would allow the Maxim Corporation to build a new coal plant in 2015 and avoid any federal regulations for 45 years.

This campaign drove the minister to state publicly that he would insure the ‘Maxim Loophole’ was closed. Climate Action Network Canada members also launched a call to action which resulted in over 5000 submissions from Canadians to the public consultation process on the regulations demanding the loophole be closed.

The final regulations are still pending, but Climate Action Network Canada and our members continue to monitor the this issue, and are committed to demanding regulations with integrity and no loopholes.

New Coal Regulations Called Weak

… more than 5,000 people have written to the federal government demanding tougher rules for coal-fired power plants.

– CBC, October 2011
Harvesting Clean Energy on Ontario Farms - Climate Action Network Canada worked together with the Pembina Institute, The United Church of Canada and the Heinrich Boell Foundation on a speaking and media tour across Southwest Ontario in June. This tour included the launch of the report “Harvesting Clean Energy on Ontario Farms” and presentations by a German farmer who has become a leader in the field of community owned renewable energy development in Germany, Hans Detlef Feddersen. Experts from the Pembina Institute, Climate Action Network Canada and the Heinrich Boell Foundation joined Mr. Feddersen. The tour consisted of 10 events which were realized in partnership with various stakeholders ranging from local agricultural organizations to Mayors and Provincial Ministers. The tour also led to extensive media coverage in new media markets, as well as nationally. This tour served to establish and develop critical relationships with the agricultural community in Ontario at a time when there are significant opportunities for farmers to take advantage of Ontario’s Green Energy Act. These contacts are utilized as a basis for ongoing collaboration and outreach, including another tour led by our member, the Pembina Institute.

Renowned Wind-Power Expert Brings Message to Guelph

A leading German renewable energy pioneer is touting the potential of wind power as he blows through the region on a whirlwind promotional tour. “The main message is that based on our experience in Germany there is a huge opportunity for economic opportunities for rural areas and farmers especially” – Guelph Mercury, June 2011

German Farmer Touts Wind Co-ops in Rural Ontario

Farmers in Hans-Detlef Feddersen’s neighbourhood in northern Germany make $2.5 million in a good year growing wheat. They make $15 million harvesting the wind.

– Ottawa Citizen, June 2011
• **British Columbia Climate Action** – With the election of two new party leaders in British Columbia: Liberal leader and Premier Christy Clark and NDP leader Adrian Dix, neither of whom espoused strong climate policies during their election campaigns, Climate Action Network Canada and the Pembina Institute worked to organize three open letters from the student, faith, and business constituencies to support continued climate action in B.C. After her election, the student and faith leaders groups each followed up on their letter by meeting Premier Christy Clark.

• **National Energy Strategy** - In July, Provincial and Federal ministers met in Kananaskis for the annual Canadian Council of Ministers of Energy and the Environment. This meeting hosted the presentation of two proposed energy visions for Canada – one driven and presented by the oil industry, and one driven and presented by Climate Action Network Canada member, the Tides Foundation. Canada’s ‘New Energy Future’ vision was the result of many months of collaborative work between leading Climate Action Network member organizations. Climate Action Network Canada supported communications efforts around the meeting and worked to build on the narrative that Canada is at a crossroads and that the country needs to move towards the safe, clean and renewable energies that Canadians deserve. The outcome of this conference included a communiqué that drove a significant wedge between provinces committed to action on climate change and the renewable energy economy, and those heavily focused on fossil fuel exploitation. This dynamic was generated by the attention focused on the event and the final communiqué by Climate Action Network Canada and members, and represented the beginning of public discourse in the media between Premiers concerned about the development plans for the tar sands.

• **Council of the Federation** – The 2011 annual meeting of Canadian premiers was held in Vancouver and on the ground efforts were led by the David Suzuki Foundation. Many provincial Climate Action Network members engaged in anticipation of the conference to coordinate on political and public messaging on climate and energy issues. Climate Action Network Canada also supported communications efforts around the conference.

• **Western Climate Initiative** - Climate Action Network Canada continues to be an active member on the steering committee of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI). Climate Action Network Canada also began to coordinate a campaign to strengthen the implementation of the WCI in Canada which will begin to unfold during the year 2012.

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**Ontario Refuses to Call Alberta’s Oil Sands ‘Sustainable and Responsible’**

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– Globe and Mail, August 2011

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United Nations Climate Change Negotiations

- Climate Action Network Canada, together with member organizations, continued to participate as observers in the United Nations climate negotiations throughout 2011 and 2012. At these negotiations, the Climate Action Network fulfills a dual role on behalf of its membership: First, we closely monitor the activities of the Canadian government delegation and ensure adequate civil society response to the mostly detrimental role the Canadian government is playing at the international climate talks. Secondly, we act as a conduit for the timely flow of information between the negotiations and our members at home to ensure that Canadians and the world are aware of the behaviour of the government delegation at these talks.

The Canadian Government shocked the international community at the United Nations climate talks in Durban by refusing to deny a rumour that it intended withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol. As a result, there was intense scrutiny of the Canadian government’s intentions in Durban. Climate Action Network Canada briefed delegates, ministers, and officials from other countries to ensure that they were able to speak to Canadian media about their concerns and extreme disappointment in Canada’s failure to lead on this critical issue. Climate Action Network Canada also worked to place key communications materials in the hand of delegates, including a print advertisement version of the Nobel Peace Laureates letter in the ECO newsletter, of which 3000 copies are distributed. Climate Action Network Canada members and secretariat also gave a large number of media interviews covering the federal government’s intentions to withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol.

“Canada’s position is ‘disheartening.’ We’re very frustrated, we’re sad and we’re bitter and it’s a very unfortunate situation. It’s a scientific fact that human-induced climate change was created by [industrialized countries] having the quality of life they have today and this is the whole concept of historical responsibility. They should take leadership.”

– Senyi Nafo, spokesperson for the Africa group at the United Nations climate talks in Durban, December 2011

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“I was astonished and disturbed by the comments of my colleague from Canada. I am disturbed to find that a legally binding protocol to the Convention, negotiated just 14 years ago is now being junked in a cavalier manner. Countries which had signed and ratified it are walking away without even a polite goodbye.”

– Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of the Environment for India, December 2011
Climate Action Network Canada hosted a cross-constituency press conference in Durban and contributed articles to the ECO newsletter as well as to prominent political blogs and newspapers in Canada. Strategy was determined at the Climate Action Network Canada daily meetings held in Durban with broad representation of members and allies present in Durban and was consulted with the broader membership back in Canada. Climate Action Network Canada worked to ensure regular briefings on the Canadian government’s role and positions in Durban for interested decision makers and media in Canada and Durban.

'Poster child of inaction'

The campaigns director for the environmental group Climate Action Network Canada said the Durban accord is a step in the right direction but it “has not yet succeeded in moving the world away from a dangerous trajectory toward well above two degrees of global warming.” Without a serious “ramping up of ambition and action from developed countries, the deal we need will remain elusive,” Hannah McKinnon told CBC News. She also suggested Canada remains an environmental pariah on the world stage. "The Canadian government has been the poster child of inaction at these talks."

– CBC News, December 2011

Climate Action Network Canada and members continued communications efforts on December 12, the day after the official closure of the 2011 negotiations when Minister Kent did in fact confirm the federal government’s withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol. Our reaction was included in many major national and international stories covering the Canadian Government’s abdication of their Kyoto responsibilities.

Hannah McKinnon of Climate Action Network Canada said formally withdrawing was a slap in the face of the international community and “a total abdication of our responsibilities.”

– The Guardian, December 2011
Our New Website!
Climate Action Network Canada was thrilled in 2011 to launch its new and improved website. Please take a few minutes to visit www.climateactionnetwork.ca!

Facebook
Climate Action Network Canada continues to host a vibrant and active Facebook group with almost 5,000 members. Over 2011/2012 our Facebook group grew faster than ever before and our weekly reach has catapulted to over 28,000 people. Join the debate at www.facebook.com/climate.action.network.canada

Twitter @CANRACCanada
Climate Action Network Canada passed the 1,000 followers threshold this year on Twitter and we continue to broadcast the most recent and relevant climate change information and news!

Tar Sands Database
Last year, Climate Action Network Canada set out to create a comprehensive database including thousands of pages of research and documents obtained though access to information. This searchable database now hosts more than 400 unique documents as well as relevant reports and media coverage focusing on the Canadian government’s efforts to kill clean energy and climate policies abroad. This rich database has served as a resource for media, Members of Parliament, our member organizations, as well as ourselves as we continue to develop narratives to show how this government is working to undermine clean energy beyond our borders.
Communications

Reports

This year, Climate Action Network was centrally involved in or published two reports:


List serves

Climate Action Network Canada hosts various list serves to improve communication and flow of information between our member organizations and engaged individuals. These lists cater to over 375 key climate change experts and activists. Upwards of 5000 emails are circulated per year on these lists.

Conference calls

Climate Action Network Canada hosts regular conference calls for members to ensure shared information and communication both on a day-to-day basis and in the lead up to and during key events.

This year over 70 calls took place, which were joined by over 100 individual key experts and activists who dialed in over 700 times.

Press releases, advisories, conferences and briefings

Over the course of the year, Climate Action Network Canada issued over 60 news releases, rapid responses and media advisories and participated in or hosted 9 press conferences and in-depth media briefings.

Climate Action News This Week

Our newsletter goes out to over 1,400 people approximately once a week and draws together key climate change related news, analysis, actions and events while profiling the great work of our member organizations.
Our Funders

Climate Action Network Canada thanks all of its member organizations for the financial contribution they make in support of our work through their membership fees and other one-time contributions for special initiatives.

In addition, we gratefully acknowledge the following funding partners for their generous support of our activities in 2011-2012.

**Oak Foundation**
The Oak Foundation provided funding for the efforts of Climate Action Network Canada and its members to educate and inform Canadians about the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adopt a regulatory framework that targets emission reductions, and honour Canada’s commitments under the Kyoto Protocol.

**EJLB Foundation**
The EJLB Foundation supported Climate Action Network Canada with a grant for core operating expenses.

**United Church of Canada**
The United Church of Canada supported the “Harvesting Clean Energy on Ontario Farms” report and speaking tour.

**The Government of Quebec**
The Government of Quebec supported the Climate Action Network Canada conference “Provincial and Territorial Climate Change Leadership – Leadership provincial et territorial en matière de changement climatique.”

**The Government of Manitoba**
The Government of Manitoba supported the Climate Action Network Canada conference “Provincial and Territorial Climate Change Leadership – Leadership provincial et territorial en matière de changement climatique.”

**Heinrich Böll Foundation**
The Heinrich Böll Foundation supported the “Harvesting Clean Energy on Ontario Farms” report and speaking tour.

**Tar Sands Group**
The Tar Sands Group provided support in Climate Action Network Canada’s efforts to highlight the Canadian Government’s addiction to the tar sands through our fossil fuel subsidies campaign and Climate Action Network Canada’s continuing work to expose the government’s Dirty Oil Diplomacy.

**Three Guineas Foundation**
The Three Guineas Foundation supported Climate Action Network Canada’s outreach activities to other constituencies within civil society, such as health organizations, organizations representing senior citizens or conservation organizations.

**Membership Contributions**
Climate Action Network Canada member’s generous contributions are gratefully acknowledged.
To the Board of Directors of Climate Action Network
Canada/Réseau Action Climat - Canada

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of
Climate Action Network Canada/Réseau Action Climat -
Canada, which comprise the statement of financial position as
at March 31, 2012, and the statements of revenue and
expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year
then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies
and other explanatory information.

Management and directors’ Responsibility for the Financial
Statements

Management and directors are responsible for the preparation
and fair presentation of these financial statements in
accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting
principles, and for such internal control as management and
directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of
financial statements that are free from material misstatement,
whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial
statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in
accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing
standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical
requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain
reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements
are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit
evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial
statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s
judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material
misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor
considers internal control relevant to the organization’s
preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements
in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in
the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
opinion on the effectiveness of the organization’s internal
control. An audit also includes evaluating the
appropriateness of accounting policies used and the
reasonableness of accounting estimates made by
management and directors, as well as evaluating the overall
presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in
our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for
our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all
material respects, the financial position of Climate Action
Network Canada/Réseau Action Climat - Canada as at
March 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash
flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian
generally accepted accounting principles.

McLarty & Co Professional Corporation
Ottawa, June 1, 2012
### Statement of Financial Position

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<td>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities</td>
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### Statement of Revenue and Expenses

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<td><strong>33,167</strong></td>
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• 350.org
• Act for the Earth
• Algonquin Wildlands League
• Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society
• Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA)
• Bathurst Sustainable Development
• British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association
• Canadian Association for Renewable Energies (CARE)
• Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)
• Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)
• Canadian Centre for Policy Ingenuity
• Canadian Federation of University Women
• Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)
• Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
• Canadian Union of Public Employees
• Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice
• Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
• Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC)
• Centre Hélios - Helios Center
• Citizens Advocating Use of Sustainable Energy
• Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario
• Citizens for Public Justice
• Citizens’ Climate Lobby
• Clean Air Partnership
• Clean North
• Clean Nova Scotia
• Climate Action Niagara
• Climate Change Lawyers Network
• Community Based Environmental Monitoring Network
• Conseil régional de l’environnement de la région de la Capitale nationale (CRE)
• Conservation Council of New Brunswick
• Conserver Society of Hamilton and District
• David Suzuki Foundation
• Équiterre
• Edmonton Friends of the North Environmental Society
• Environment Northeast
• Environmental Coalition of PEI (EcoPEI)
• Environmental Defence
• ÉNvironment JEUnesse (ENJEU)
• Équiterre