New Climate Change Agreement Reached in Paris at COP21 Meetings

Radha's Letter

Dear Friends,

As the climate meetings in Paris come to a successful close and we approach the end of 2015, there seems to be a sense of growing optimism around our issue, sector, and the global development community. In Paris, the proceedings were permeated with a “can do” attitude from the official negotiation teams, as well as from the numerous NGOs, indigenous groups, businesses community, and other stakeholders. In addition to the optimism, I also felt a sense of urgency. Thousands of miles from Paris, floods inundated Chennai and also the north-west U.K., toxic smog hit historic levels in China, and mudslides impacted the U.S. West Coast.
While these tragedies were taking place, the constant headlines combined with the energy in Paris delivered a clear message -- the time to act on climate change is now. To quote Christiana Figueres, "We are not in a world of business as usual, we're in a world of business as urgent."

**Featured**

**Clean Cooking Issues Prominent in COP21 Solutions in Paris**

The Alliance and partners actively engaged with the international community on the climate mitigation impact of strong clean cooking programs during the UN's climate change conference.

**News**

**New Year Brings Transitions in Alliance Enterprise Development Team**
Joining the Alliance in January will be Peter George, who has a background in off-grid energy, impact investment and energy access.

**Results Report 2014: Sharing Progress on the Path to Adoption of Clean and Efficient Cooking**

The Alliance and its partners made significant strides in 2014 towards our 100 million household adoption goal.

**Hugh Jackman’s Laughing Man Foundation Partners with Alliance for Giving Tuesday**

During a trip to Ethiopia to see firsthand the impacts of extreme poverty, Jackman learned about the health and environmental impacts of cooking with solid fuels over open fires.

**Eco-Fuel Africa Honored with Award for Excellence**

This prestigious award that recognizes projects supported by the Finnish Government’s Energy and Environment Partnership.
Climate Justice Through Clean Cooking: A Teen’s Perspective

Sneha Dave, a high school senior from Indiana, is dedicated to improving health and well-being for young people dealing with chronic illnesses. During a trip to Washington she heard Radha Muthiah speak about how unsafe cooking methods are putting girls and women’s health and safety at risk.

Global Events

How to Make Carbon Offsets More Popular: Panel at Sustainable Brands London

Leading offsetting brands shared best practices in communicating carbon offsetting, both internally and externally.

addressing the multi-sectoral
risks and challenges they face when collecting, producing and using fuel.