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## DANES CHANGED THE RULES - AGAIN

The newly appointed COP15 President, Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, has introduced 'a new Danish Text', heavily criticised by International NGOs.

Nelson Muffuh, Senior Climate Advocacy Coordinator at Christian Aid, sees the move as an expression of 'haste to push the talks along and have some sort of 'success' to declare on Friday':

'Nothing could more undermine the trust of developing countries than for the Danes to change the rules again - and continue to promote their

ideas at the expense of encouraging compromise'.

### Principles sacrificed

'President Rasmussen seems to have sacrificed the principle that any deal must be reached openly and transparently, through the existing negotiating groups here, rather than behind closed doors between an exclusive group of compliant countries. This flawed approach compromises his proposed texts,' Nelson Muffuh maintains.

'Denmark's role here is as a facilitator. This conference is being held in

Copenhagen - but it is not Denmark's conference on climate change - it is the whole world's'. 'The constant deadlocks afflicting the talks are a symptom of developed countries' refusal to offer anything like a fair deal for developing countries. Instead, the rich are trying to bully the poor into taking on more of the burden of solving the climate crisis.'

'We realise that time is short for this historic meeting to achieve a deal which is worthy of the crisis facing the entire world.

### DIVIDE AND RULE

Delegates from the Pan-Africa Climate Justice Alliance, a coalition of 200+ civil society organisations from across Africa, held a peaceful and authorized protest on Wednesday afternoon in the Bella Centre where UN climate talks are taking place.

African civil society demands that rich countries stop their attempts to 'divide and rule' during the negotiations. Some rich countries have been seemingly trying to create divisions within Africa particularly. France and other European countries including the UK have persuaded Ethiopia's Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to accept proposals hugely lacking in ambition, PACJA says.



## INDIAN NGOS BURN THEIR BADGES

A 17 strong delegation of dalit and indigenous community members from India protested outside the UN talks this morning culminating in a ceremonial burning of their conference badges. They were protesting at the clear lack of community participation in the UN climate talks process.



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