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UNFCCC negotiations

• Little progress (forests, technology transfer and financing)
• Key topics unsolved: mitigation
• Absence of common position
The way to Cancun

• From ambition to compromise
• Necessity to stick to the UN process
• Elements that must be reflected in a Cancun outcome
  - Continuation of the Kyoto Protocol,
  - Comparability of efforts
  - Legally-binding agreement
  - Clean technology
  - Adaptation fund
Strategy for transition countries

- Cooperation
- Bottom up approach
- Science based lobbying
- Involvement of civil society
Strategy for civil society

• Central Asian civil society to engage more actively in the UNFCCC process
• Engage more actively in the national policy making process
• Cooperate with other sectors
• “Translate” UNFCCC to national and local level and to media
Thank you!

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