

RINGOS Statement at COP 20 Closing:

Mr. President and Ministers,

The Research and Independent NGOs, RINGOs, thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

RINGOs include researchers, practitioners, lawyers, academics, and students from all over the world who work in the physical, natural, and social sciences and the humanities.

Scientific research brought the international community to the table to discuss climate change. The IPCC 5th assessment report tells us that “warming of the climate system is unequivocal” and human influence on the climate system is clear.

Everyone recognizes the importance of science in policy, but we often underestimate the challenges of translating science into wise policy, and wise policy into effective action.

Lima represents your moment to act; to make a difference. We anticipate a new agreement in 2015 that will require movement from policy to action.

As we all turn toward Paris, we RINGOs offer our broad expertise to help bridge all facets of the policy-action gap.

Our members:

- Generate new knowledge and technologies, such as integration of renewable energies;
- We transform knowledge into new policy and practice, such as methods to develop, assess and review INDCs;
- And we share knowledge to build capacities and inform mitigation and adaptation actions. RINGOs provide a space for building research networks essential for that critical work.

As researchers representing numerous fields, we work with each other and the many different stakeholders at all levels in order to develop innovative solutions to climate change.

RINGOs members stand ready to work with you to close the policy-action gap on climate change.

Thank you.