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ing to developed countries) to move away from their commitments," said Mpanu-Mpanu.

He said the overriding priority for Africa was adaptation while at the same time there is an urgent need for the continent to develop and urged the western developed nations to come up with clean technology so that African

the West to link "markets" to climate change because that would mean poor countries would get financial resources through loans yet they are not the polluters. But there is still a glimmer of hope, despite the difficulties in the negotiations, said Sano, because "for the first time we're having a COP that is focusing on

she told the delegates: "We must stay focused, exert maximum effort for the full time and produce a positive result, because what happens in this stadium is not a game."
 Ministers of environment and heads of state are expected to join in the discussions next week as decisions are about to be taken at the end of the conference.

Philippine tragedy inspires delegates' hunger strike

CIVIL society organisations at the 19th Conference of the Parties (COP19) of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are on hunger strike to force "action at the conference."

Following the death of an estimated 10 000 people from Philippines owing to a Super Typhoon dubbed Haiyan, civil society delegates at the Warsaw National Stadium in Poland have stopped eating.

Philippines diplomat, Yeb Sano, moved many delegates to tears when he spoke about the plight of his people as the climate talks kicked off on Monday, saying he would fast in their solidarity.

Non-governmental organisations have decided to follow suit, calling it a hunger strike that is aimed to drum sense into those responsible for the high carbon emissions.

"We'll continue with this solitary fast until we see action at this COP," Wael Hmaiden, the director of Climate Action Network (CAN)

told a press conference.

CAN is an organisation with 850 members in 100 countries and Hmaiden said already 20 organisations had taken the decision to stop eating in an attempt to force developed countries to reduce carbon emissions and give financial support to poor countries to help them adapt to climate change.

"Some organisations from outside the COP are also joining in," he said and further appealed for more support from the media and negotiators from the conference.

Influence

While others will fast for the duration of hours spent at the COP, others, like Hmaiden, will go without food for 24 hours.

"So far, I've gone for one day without food and can see clearly," he said. This is a desperate attempt by organisations at the conference in trying to influence the fortnight long discussions, where behind closed doors negotiators are battling it out to get the best deal for their

countries.

Swaziland, through director of meteorology, Emmanuel Dlamini, is chairing the African Group of Negotiators for the second and final year. At the centre of the discussions is funding to help poor countries cope with the impact of climate change. "What happened in Philippines is beyond adaptation," said Kelly Dent from the Oxfam COP 19 Team. "The scale of tragedy in the Philippines is unimaginable."

She urged developed nations to provide the much needed finance to help developing countries, which she said had nothing to do with the carbon emissions, deal with the catastrophes of climate change.

In 2009, industrialised countries pledged to provide \$30 billion funds between 2010 and 2012 and further mobilise \$100 billion by 2020. They further pledged to reduce carbon emissions. But poor countries are complaining that these promises were hardly fulfilled.

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