



Many Strong Voices - Lessons from Bali

1. Adaptation in vulnerable regions emerged as a significant issue and will feature prominently over the next two years as negotiations move towards a post-Kyoto climate change agreement, scheduled to be completed in 2009.
2. There is a strong desire by people in the Arctic and Small Island Developing States to join forces, support each other and coordinate activities in the COP environment.
3. Many Strong Voices with its mitigation/adaptation focus was successful in supporting partners from the Arctic and Small Island Developing States in their efforts at COP XIII. This was done by bringing people to the COP as speakers, organizing daily briefings, ensuring that the MSV messages were incorporated into a number of side event presentations, participating in joint outreach efforts, distributing written information, building the network, and establishing contact with new potential funders.
4. Given the complexity, intensity and short time frame of the negotiations over the next two years, it is imperative that MSV identify the extent and focus of its efforts in both the coming COPs but also the intersessional meetings that are scheduled leading up to 2009. To be effective, MSV will require more resources.
5. We need to develop the capacity to monitor the negotiations more closely. This means getting the MSV partners who are engaged in negotiations to report back to the meeting and to use GRID-Arendal and CICERO staff to monitor contact groups and other sessions.
6. A major focus of the MSV programme should continue to be communications and outreach. These efforts are broader than the UNFCCC process but the messages are linked.
7. There are opportunities to further develop networks with existing initiatives that will advance the MSV partners' agenda. We need to take advantage of these.