



The campaign for COP18

Will Arab Prove Leadership?



Outcome

- Isolation of Saudi Arabia
- Lebanon and UAE becoming progressive
- Position of Arab World much stronger
- Egypt another leader along Saudi Arabia



QATAR BY NUMBERS

Percentages of nationalities in Qatar





- Absolute Monarchy, ruled by Al-Thani family
- Used to be British colony and pearling was main economy
- Strong military ties with US
- Highest GDP per capita in the world, and second highest human development
- Main export LNG gas
- highest emissions per capita (three times US, double the next in line)
- third largest gas reserves after Russia and Iran









Outcome needed:

“Closing two tracks, and putting a workplan for a new one”

Detailed proposal:

www.climatenetwork.org/publication/doha-milestones-and-action



Campaign on two fronts:

- *COP18 specific outcome*
- *Influencing country positions*



Qatar

- Vulnerable to climate change
- Natural gas the best of fossil fuels
- Only country that stood up to Saudi Arabia on different areas
- Huge political ambition
- **Objective:** Qatar becoming a leader on climate change



Political opportunities:

- Amcen (ends today)
- UNGA in New York (18 to 26 Sep)
- COP18 meeting in New York organized by EC (27 Sep)
- Cartagena Dialogue meeting in Bali (second half of Oct)
- Pre-COP in South Korea (end of October)
- G20 meeting in Mexico (early November)



Interact with stakeholders:

- Discuss ideas (weekly calls)
- Lobby stakeholders
- Media work
- Events/stunts/actions
- Social media strategy



Engaging the royal family: Reaching out to European royals, and other high-level VIPs

Establish the Arab Youth Climate Movement: Next week in Egypt

Regional day of action in the Arab region: Asking Qatar leadership

Global mobilization: Letters to Embassies, international PR

media exposure: Conduct various media interviews and coverage



COP18 media work:

- Daily press conferences
- Daily Fossils of the Day
- Big March/Event outside
- Media stunts
- Lots and lots of interviews
- Members work



EXERCISE: Political Opportunities in Africa

Energy ministers meeting SADC end of Nov

Youth common market for southern Africa Climate meeting Zimbabwe

African group meeting

AACC meeting beginning of Oct

National processes

Caragena African members

LTF workshop in Cape Town

Francophone meeting