

Because Canada is NOT where it belongs, We invite the population to occupy Place du Canada!

Saint-Léon-de-Standon, December 8, 2011. Wishing to signal its opposition to the Canadian government's withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol, a multi-partner coalition is organising a major rally at Place du Canada in Montréal on Saturday, December 10, 2011, starting at 1:30 PM. All the partners listed below urge the population to join them in support of the Protocol and to express their disapproval of the Harper government's attitude. By withdrawing from the Kyoto Protocol, Canada intends to rid itself of the only international legally binding tool that aims to fight climate change. Once again, the Harper government chooses to favour the interests of the polluters instead of those of the Canadian population

"We want Canada to act responsibly and to respect its commitments. We regret that our country is ranked amongst the worst worldwide in the fight against climate change, as indicated by *The Climate Performance Index 2012*," said Patrick Bonin, Climat-Energy director at L'Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA), in Durban, South Africa. The Canadian government's irresponsibility adds fuel to the current climate crisis and leads us directly to an economic, ecological and social catastrophe. By signing the Cancun and Copenhagen Accords, Canada recognized that a global warming of 2°C was the limit that could not be exceeded. But now we are heading toward a 3.5°C warming, which would condemn us to the worst natural catastrophes ever seen.

The Harper government refuses to honour the Kyoto Protocol and to commit itself for a second period, whereas China and India are showing a willingness to consider their eventual adherence to a legally binding treaty, just as the Canadian government wanted in the first place.

"When Peter Kent argues that China's words are only rhetoric, he takes care not to say that THE world leader in green energy investments is actually China, while his own Canadian government is cutting in this area and is increasing assistance to oil and gas industry, contrary to the International Atomic energy demands !" says Daniel Breton, from the MCN21 group.

"Canada puts the interests of polluters before those of the people and vulnerable countries. And if he continues, it will bear the responsibility of victims and disasters due to climate change" said Catherine Vézina, communications manager for Greenpeace. "Time has come to leave the field open to those who want to progress. In contrast, Canada continues to feed, with its dirty fuel, the fire of climate change. It is time for the Harper government to listen to its people, not polluters."

“Because the Canadian government is NOT there where it belongs and where it matters, we invite the Canadians to occupy Place du Canada! This government respects neither the law nor science, nor its environmental obligations, nor its own words or even the simplest most elementary pragmatism. We are in the realm of pure, unadulterated bad faith,” declared André Belisle, president of AQLPA

This action is the first stage of a continuous and wider movement that we intend to deploy throughout Québec from December 10, 2011, onward under the banner: “Kyoto for Hope!”

PARTNERS of Kyoto for Hope!

Association québécoise de lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA)

Énergie alternative aux Iles-de-la-Madeleine

Fondation David Suzuki

Greenpeace Québec

Jour de la Terre

Maîtres chez nous - 21 siècle

Mouvement Vert Mauricie

Nature Québec

Non à la marée noire dans le St-Laurent

Partenaires du Parc Écologique de l'Archipel de Montréal (PPÉAM)

Projet Écosphère

Regroupement interrégional sur le gaz de schiste de la Vallée du St-Laurent

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