Copenhagen Accord disappointing but a start, says Solomons govt

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The Solomon Islands environment minister says people from small island countries and the developing world deserve a better deal than the Copenhagen Accord.

Developed countries have promised help in funding climate change adaptation of small island states and developing countries under the accord.

While disappointed by the outcome of last month's Copenhagen summit, Gordon Darcy Lilo believes it provides a starting point.

"It's the first time that we've actually had some kind of an accord with strong political committment and political will to work towards an arrangement that will eventually end up with a leegally binding agreement. That is a positive part. But what needs to be done is to work quickly work towards a better and much firmer legally binding agreement."

Gordon Darcy Lilo hopes but questions whether a legally binding agreement could be reached by the end of this year.