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The United States at COP-15

Follow developments in the U.S. participation in the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in Denmark, December 7-18, 2009 from the U.S. official COP-15 website.

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Statement from the Press Secretary on the United Nations Climate Change Conference. White House.

December 4, 2009.

The President strongly believes that all nations have a responsibility to combat the threat of climate change. He has already taken unprecedented action to do so at home, including an historic investment in clean energy solutions that will reduce our dependence on oil and create jobs. [Full Text](#)



President Obama's Climate Change Speech. New York, United Nations. September 22, 2009.

"Our generation's response to this challenge will be judged by history, for if we fail to meet it -- boldly, swiftly, and together -- we risk consigning future generations to an irreversible catastrophe." [Full Text](#)



China, United States Urge Comprehensive Climate Change Agreement. November 17, 2009.

The United States and China say they will work toward a successful outcome to the December 7–18 climate change summit in Copenhagen and in support of Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen’s call for a comprehensive agreement, President Obama told reporters in Beijing.

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COUNCIL *on*
**FOREIGN
RELATIONS**

Countdown to Copenhagen Symposium: Connecting Domestic and International Action. Edward J.

Markey. Council on Foreign Relations. November 10, 2009.

The author discusses how to create a future with more clean energy and less global warming pollution, focusing on the interplay between domestic and international actions on climate change. [Full Text](#)



Meeting the Climate Challenge: Core Elements of an Effective Response to Climate Change. Andrew Light, et al. **Center for American Progress and United Nations Foundation.** October 2009.

This paper assesses four core elements of an effective global response to climate change: energy efficiency, renewable energy, forest conservation, and sustainable land use and adaptation. [Full Text](#)

**National
Journal**
MAGAZINE

Focus Climate Talks on Carbon Price.

Clive Crook. National Journal. October 10, 2009.

The author examines how the Obama administration can claim global leadership on the issue of curbing carbon emissions, focusing on advantages of cap-and-trade systems under the U.S. House's Waxman-Markey and Senate's Kerry-Boxer climate change bills. [Full Text](#)



Development and Climate Change.

Rosina Bierbaum, et al. World Development Report 2010. October 2009.

Climate change policy is not a simple choice between a high-growth, high-carbon world and a low-growth, low-carbon one. The question has become not just how to make development more resilient to climate change, but also how to pursue growth and prosperity without causing "dangerous" changes to the climate. This report examines these questions and offers the steps that can put a climate-smart world within our reach. [Full Text](#)



Climate Change: Impact on Agriculture and Costs of Adaptation. Gerald C. Nelson, et al. IFPRI Food Policy Report. October 2009.

The authors examine research results that quantify the impact of climate change on agriculture, assess the consequences for food security, and explore investments that could offset the negative consequences for human well-being. Using two climate scenarios to simulate climate change, along with insights from an extremely detailed global agriculture model, the authors analyze detailed modeling of crop growth under the climate change scenario. [Full Text](#)



Climate Change and the Future Impacts of Storm-Surge Disasters in Developing Countries. Susmita Dasgupta, et al. Center for Global Development Working Paper 182. September 2009.

The world is facing changes in the climate that may cause larger cyclonic storm surges and growing populations to collide in disasters of unprecedented size. As conditions worsen, variations in coastal morphology will magnify the effects in some areas, while largely insulating others. The authors explore the implications of sea-level rise and storm surges for 84 developing countries and 577 of their cyclone-vulnerable coastal cities with populations greater than 100,000. [Full Text](#)



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This *eJournal USA* offers perspectives of experts and activists in several key countries on effective policies to curb greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate global warming and adapt to irreversible changes, and features an introduction by U.S. special envoy Todd Stern. [Full Text](#)

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[Center for Global Development](#)

The Center for Global Development is an independent, not-for-profit think tank that works to reduce global poverty and inequality by encouraging policy change in the United States and other rich countries through rigorous research and active engagement with the policy community.

[United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#)

This UN site contains numerous resources on climate change, such as introductory and in-depth publications on the issue, as well as the official United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Kyoto Protocol texts. A helpful search engine of the UNFCCC library is also available.

[Unite for Climate](#)

Unite for Climate is a growing global community of young people and organizations working together on youth-powered solutions designed to facilitate collaboration, coordination and resource sharing.

[World Resources Institute](#)

The World Resources Institute is an environmental think-tank whose mission is to move human society to live in ways that protect Earth's environment and its capacity to provide for the needs and aspirations of current and future generations.

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