

Information on Climate Change

UN Events

- The United Nations Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark (COP 15), 7-18 December 2009: <http://unfccc.int/meetings/items/2654.php>, <http://en.cop15.dk/>
- High-level thematic debate on climate change - Addressing climate change, the United Nations and the world at work (11-12 February 2008):
<http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/themclimatechange.shtml>
- High-level Event on Climate Change, UN Headquarters, New York, 24 September 2007:
<http://www.un.org/climatechange/2007highlevel/>
- Thematic Debate of the General Assembly - "Climate Change As a Global Challenge", 31 July – 2 August 2007: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/61/follow-up/thematic-climate.shtml>

UN Entities

- Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC):
<http://unfccc.int/>
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): <http://www.ipcc.ch/>
- Gateway to the UN System's Work on Climate Change: <http://www.un.org/climatechange/>
This website provides easy access to climate change information, such as fact sheets, news, calendar of events, and links to the pages describing the work on climate change issues by various UN System organizations and specialized agencies.

UN Treaties, Declarations and selected UN documents

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
http://unfccc.int/essential_background/convention/items/2627.php
- Kyoto Protocol
http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/2830.php
- Overview of United Nations activities in relation to climate change: Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/644, 10 January 2008)
<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/644>

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Secretary-General, in message to climate change conference, spells out challenges, lays out vision of path from present paralysis to equitable future prosperity (SG/SM/11997-ENV/DEV/1018, 11 December 2008):
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11997.doc.htm>

- Challenges of climate change, anti-female violence compound already heavy burden women bear, Deputy Secretary-General tells leaders' conference (DSG/SM/425-WOM/1703, 31 October 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/dsgsm425.doc.htm>
- Disasters a symptom of unsustainable development, Deputy Secretary-General says in remarks to ministerial meeting on reducing risks in changing climate (DSG/SM/417, 1 October 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/dsgsm417.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls on ministers to champion risk reduction as core element of climate change adaptation, implement such policies as first line of defence (SG/SM/11841-ENV/DEV/1009, 29 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11841.doc.htm>
- Delay in tackling climate change courts disaster, Secretary-General warns in remarks to event hosted by Intergovernmental Panel (SG/SM/11825-ENV/DEV/1008, 25 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11825.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General's remarks at press conference on climate change (SG/SM/11811-ENV/DEV/1006, 24 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11811.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General praises climate change panel's 'remarkable achievements', rigorous scientific tradition at twentieth anniversary event in Geneva (SG/SM/11767-ENV/DEV/1000, 2 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11767.doc.htm>
- Unless action is taken on a war-footing to address climate change, world will miss Millennium Development Goals, see gains unravel, says Deputy Secretary-General (DSG/SM/404-ENV/DEV/998-GA/10726, 8 July 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/dsgsm404.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, at meeting on climate change, stresses duty of handing over an environmentally sustainable world to future generations (SG/SM/11663-ENV/DEV/997, 30 June 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11663.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, at launch of climate group campaign, urges balance between globally inclusive action, need to eradicate poverty (SG/SM/11616-ENV/DEV/994, 5 June 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11616.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in video message, says Bangkok climate talks launching negotiation process 'tasked with changing the course of history' (SG/SM/11485-ENV/DEV/973, 31 March 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11485.doc.htm>
- 'We have moved climate change up to top of the agenda, where it belongs; we cannot now let those who depend on us down,' Secretary-General tells General Assembly SG/SM/11408-GA/10688-ENV/DEV/968, 11 February 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11408.doc.htm>

- 'Addressing climate change: the United Nations and the world at work', Opening statement by General Assembly President Srđjan Kerim at the Thematic Debate of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters, New York, 11 February 2008: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/statements/ccthematicdebate110208.shtml>
- A New Green Economics: The Test for the World in Bali and Beyond / by Ban Ki-moon (Washington Post, 3 December 2007): http://www.un.org/sg/press_green_economics.shtml
- At the tipping point / by Ban Ki-moon (International Herald Tribune - France, 16 November 2007): http://www.un.org/sg/press_article_climate3.shtml
- We can combat Climate Change / by Ban Ki-moon (International Herald Tribune, 27 September 2007): http://www.un.org/sg/press_article_climate2.shtml

Further information

- Cool Planet 2009: <http://www.coolplanet2009.org/>
- Global Issues on the UN Agenda: Climate Change: <http://www.un.org/issues/m-climat.html>
- UN Documentation on the Environment: Research Guide prepared by the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library: <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/specenv.htm>

Selection of Publications available online

- Acting on Climate Change: The UN System Delivering as One (November 2008) <http://www.un.org/climatechange/pdfs/Acting%20on%20Climate%20Change.pdf>
- Kick the Habit: A UN Guide to Climate Neutrality (UNEP, 2008) http://www.unep.org/publications/search/pub_details_s.asp?ID=3992
- Human Development Report 2007/2008: Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world (UNDP) http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr_20072008_en_complete.pdf
- UNEP Publications on Climate Change http://www.unep.org/publications/search/title_search.asp?search=climate+change
- UNFCCC Publications http://unfccc.int/essential_background/background_publications_htmlpdf/items/2625.php
- IPCC Publications (including IPCC Assessment Reports) <http://www.ipcc.ch/ipccreports/index.htm>
- Vital Climate Change Graphics (UNEP/GRID-Arendal, 2005) <http://www.vitalgraphics.net/climate2.cfm>

Selected Articles in UN journals

- UNite to combat CLIMATE CHANGE – Paint for the Planet (Tunza, Vol. 6, No.4, 2009):
http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza_6.4_EN.pdf
- Kick the Habit - Towards a low carbon economy (Our Planet, May 2008):
http://www.unep.org/pdf/ourplanet/OP_WEDMAY08.pdf
- Kick the habit (Tunza, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2008):
http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza_6.1_EN.pdf
- Maintaining momentum - Financing action on climate (Our Planet, February 2008):
<http://www.unep.org/pdf/Ourplanet/2008/feb/en/OP-2008-02-en-FULLVERSION.pdf>
- Now Is The Time: We must find a global response to this most global of problems / By United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (UN Chronicle Online Edition 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/062707_now_is_the_time.htm
- Nobel Peace Prize for IPCC / By Yuwei Zhang (UN Chronicle Online Edition, 19 October 2007): http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/101907_nobel_prize_ipcc.html
- Financing the Response to Climate Change: An Investment for the Future; United Nations High-Level Meeting on Climate Change / By Yuwei Zhang (UN Chronicle Online Edition, 5 October 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/100507_financing_the_response.html
- Green our World! (UN Chronicle, Volume XLIV Number 2, 2007):
<http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/issue2/0207cont.htm>
- Africa gears up for climate change (Africa Renewal, Volume 21, Number 2, July 2007):
<http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no2/index.html>
- Melting ice, a hot topic: Climate Change and the Cryosphere (Our Planet, May 2007):
<http://www.unep.org/pdf/Ourplanet/2007/may/en/OP-2007-05-en-FULLVERSION.pdf>
- Climate Change Impact on World's Cities: "About one third of the urban poor are environmental refugees" / By Yuwei Zhang (UN Chronicle Online edition, 16 May 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/051707_impactofclimatechg.htm
- 'Constructive Outcome' at Climate Change Meeting / By Jonas Hagen (UN Chronicle Online edition, 21 March 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/032107_yvodeboer.htm
- A Call for Action on Climate Change / By Jonas Hagen (UN Chronicle Online edition, 1 March 2007): http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/030107_clim_chnge.htm
- Sir Nicholas Stern at the United Nations: Urgent Action Needed on Climate Change / By Jonas Hagen (UN Chronicle Online edition, 21 February 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/022107_stern_atUN.htm

- Moving Forward on Climate Change: Yvo de Boer Visits New York / By Jonas Hagen (UN Chronicle Online edition, 17 January 2007):
http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/011707_climate.htm

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