

# Climate Action News **this week**

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## **A Week in Review...**

### **Keep global temperature rise below 2°C Mr. Harper**

A coalition of environmental, social justice, faith and development groups sent a letter to Prime Minister Harper this week urging him to support Chancellor Merkel's efforts for a G8 agreement on limiting the global average temperature increase to 2°C.

Read the full letter and the accompanying press release from CAN-RAC:  
<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/cc-g8-2007-06-04.html>

### **Bring Democracy Back to Parliament!**

Phil Fontaine (National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations), David Suzuki and Gerry Barr (President-CEO of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation and Chair of Make Poverty History) were on Parliament Hill Tuesday June 5 to call on Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Senate leaders to do all they can to ensure that three crucial Bills are considered before the Senate breaks for the summer.

The three Bills (Kelowna Accord Implementation Act, Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act and Development Assistance Accountability Act) were all passed in the House of Commons and are now before the Senate. If the government decides to prorogue Parliament, the Bills will at the very least suffer major set backs and could be lost altogether.

Read more: [http://www.ccic.ca/e/004/news\\_2007-06-04\\_national\\_leaders\\_to\\_prime\\_minister\\_and\\_senate.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/e/004/news_2007-06-04_national_leaders_to_prime_minister_and_senate.shtml)

## **Canada joins US as worst performer on climate change – WWF**

The US and Canada come in last under WWF's Climate Scorecards, which rate each of the G8 countries' performance on climate change. The US's bottom ranking underscores a disconnect between President Bush's announcement last week and ongoing US attempts to block progress at G8 negotiations aimed at stopping dangerous climate change, says WWF.

Read more:

<http://wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1543&lang=EN>

## **Green Party lays out roadmap to Canada's low-carbon future**

Green Party leader Elizabeth May unveiled the party's Environment Day gift to Canada – a comprehensive blueprint for a thriving low-carbon economy and a clean, green energy future that will reinstate Canada as a leader in the global campaign to prevent catastrophic climate change.

Read more: <http://www.greenparty.ca/en/releases/06.06.2007>

## **World Environment Day 2007**

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on 5 June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The World Environment Day slogan selected for 2007 is Melting Ice – a Hot Topic? In support of International Polar Year, the WED theme selected for 2007 focuses on the effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities, and the ensuing consequences around the world.

Read more: <http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/>

## **World Health Organization**

The focus of World Environment Day this year for the WHO is on the impact of climate change on the polar regions, their ecosystems and communities, and its consequences for the world.

Read more:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2007/s11/en/index.html>

## **Action Alert**

### **We love nukes! (not really...)**

Sign the petition to rename a nuclear plant after Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty!

Find out more (and sign the petition!) at [www.ilovenukes.ca](http://www.ilovenukes.ca)

There should be a Dalton McGuinty Memorial Nuclear Station. Why? Because no one else has done as much to promote nuclear power in Canada, and we want everyone to know.

## **Inside Ottawa...**

### **MPs could be in the house until June 22nd**

Hill Times: Government denies it wants to adjourn early, plans to sit until June 22

But some Conservative insiders say prorogation is not out of the question, and the government is talking about not returning until after the October Ontario election. The government says it expects the House to sit for the next three weeks, denies speculation it will adjourn early, and is dismissing rumours about spring prorogation as creative media speculation, but some are not so quick to discount an early House adjournment.

Read more: <http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php>

## Heads UP!

### Check out: CO2 Man Episode One

[www.youtube.com/iamco2man](http://www.youtube.com/iamco2man)

**Wheels for Change:** A bike tour across BC this summer to show commitment to stronger action on climate change.

Read More: <http://www.wheelsforchange.ca/>

### Job Opportunity: Executive Director

**Climate Action Network Canada (CAN-RAC)** is seeking a visionary professional for the position of Executive Director to provide leadership for the network and organization. Closing date: June 11th 2007

Read the full job description at:

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/job-posting-ed-2007.html>

### Parliamentary Schedule

House of Commons: May 1-18th, 28th-31st. June 1-8th (optional sitting 11th-22nd), summer recess until September 17th.

Senate: May 1-18th, 28th-31st. June 1st-29th, summer recess until September 17th.

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