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Canadians Ready to Set the Bali Beat

After months of preparation, more than 50 delegates from Climate Action Network Canada member organizations are packing their bags for the 2007 UN Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia, (Dec 3-14). Check-out our Bali page to keep on top of how things evolve:

www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/cop-13/index.html

Scientists Scream – But Are Policymakers Listening?

With the release of its *Summary for Policymakers of the Synthesis Report of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report*, the world's scientists have sent another dire warning to governments everywhere that the window for action to prevent dangerous warming is closing fast. The report, released Saturday, November 17th, pulls together data from its three working group reports this year.

To view the IPCC Powerpoint presentation of the summary report, go to
www.ipcc.ch/pdf/presentations/valencia-2007-11/pachauri-17-november-2007.pdf

Canadian Council of New Brunswick releases “Road Map for Energy Self-Sufficiency in New Brunswick”

The Conservation Council of New Brunswick wants Premier Graham to embrace energy self-sufficiency for New Brunswick. On Nov 21st, the group launched a new publication entitled, “A Road Map for Energy Self Sufficiency” which argues that the twin imperatives of making deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions and revitalizing local economies can best be met by replacing

imported fuels with the development of local energy resources such as efficiency, wood, bioenergy, solar and wind power. Read the report: www.conservationcouncil.ca/archives/2007/pdf/NBRoadmap%20English.pdf

THE TIME TO INFLUENCE BALI OUTCOMES IS NOW.

The IPCC has “medium confidence” that approaching 3.5°C average global warming (we are currently at just under 1°C) will drive **40-70% of species studied to extinction**. Still, there is no evidence that the Government of Canada is listening to the scientists...

1) Send Government Your Wake-Up Call Today (and tomorrow and the day after that...)

Log on to the “Under 2 Degrees Celsius: Keep Canada in Kyoto” website and tell your elected representatives what you think about the crisis we are in and what you expect them to do about it. And while you’re there, send them a photo for their growing photo gallery. Check it out at: www.under2c.blogspot.com

2) Sign the Youth Petition

www.ipetitions.com/petition/canadian_youth/index.html

3) Participate in the December 8th Global Day of Action.

That old writer’s adage is good advice for anyone wanting to push for change: Don’t Tell - *Show*.

On December 8th, you have an opportunity to show the Government of Canada and the media your concern about the warming planet and you won’t be alone. Communities around the world are taking to the streets and Canadians are gearing up for rallies all over the country. Organizers are still laying plans so get in touch with them now if you want to help out. For more information on the rally nearest you and how to get involved see: www.climatechaos.ca

4) Adopt an MP!

The Canadian Youth Climate Coalition wants you to adopt your local MP and help educate them on climate change. See: www.ourclimate.ca/main/actioncentre.php?pageid=8

In the News...

Manitoba and six Midwestern states recently signed on to the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord, the first such multi-state program in the U.S. Midwest. The Midwest agreement commits Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Manitoba to setting up a regional cap-and-trade system for trading emission credits. At the same conference, 12 Midwestern governors agreed to various other goals, such as aiming to have 30 percent of the region's electricity come from renewable sources by 2030, and working to increase the use of biofuels.

Read the Accord at:

<http://graphics.jsonline.com/graphics/news/img/nov07/MGAGreenhouseGasAccord.pdf>

The Australian people have spoken and they are demanding action on climate change!!! With the defeat of Prime Minister John Howard in this week's Australian elections, Canada has lost an important ally on global climate change policy. Howard is a staunch critic of the Kyoto Protocol and Australia has refused to ratify and accept its Kyoto commitments. Howard will be replaced by Labour leader Kevin Rudd, who has stated that under his leadership Australia will ratify and respect the Kyoto Protocol.

Check out the Climate Action Network Canada press release at:

www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/canada-isolated-2007-11-24.html

Canada is facing a second legal challenge for missing a key deadline under global warming legislation passed into law earlier this year. The government was served late yesterday with a second Application for Judicial Review for violating the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act (KPIA), the Canadian federal law that requires reductions in greenhouse gas emissions according to the Kyoto Protocol commitment.

Friends of the Earth Canada's press release can be found at:

www.foecanada.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=344&Itemid=2

The booming tarsands industry may actually profit by up to \$700 million from selling carbon credits while their global warming emissions dramatically increase. An analysis by the UK-based Tyndall Centre for Climate Research, commissioned by WWF, demonstrates this perverse outcome arises because the federal government's proposed greenhouse gas limit for large industrial facilities is set at a level below what is attainable, and in some cases, below what has already been voluntarily committed to by industry...

Check out WWF's press release at:

wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1563&lang=EN

Justice Matters...

Just released: 5th report from the Working Group on Climate Change and Development: Asia and Pacific

The Up In Smoke Coalition, a network initiative of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the new economics foundation (nef), has put their spot light on the need to involve development organizations in the climate change debate.

Read the report: www.upin smoke coalition.org

UNDP Human Development Report Focuses on Climate Change:

This year's United Nations Human Development Report, *Fighting Climate Change: Human solidarity in a divided world*, focuses on the role of climate change in undermining international development.

Check it out at: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2007-2008/>

Looking Ahead....

December 3 to 14 – United Nations climate change negotiations in Bali, Indonesia. See:

www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/cop-13/index.html

http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_13/items/4049.php

December 8 – Global day of action on climate change, with demonstrations scheduled across the country. See:

www.climatechaos.ca