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## Top Story

### December 7: Stop Climate Chaos

On December 7, 2008, Canadians from coast to coast will take to the streets to urge governments to take action on climate change. The national day of action is part of a global movement. Last December, thousands of Canadians joined demonstrations, in solidarity with people in 80 countries around the world.

Get involved: [www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/](http://www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/)  
[www.climatechaos.net](http://www.climatechaos.net)

## National News

### Court Allows Canadian Government to Continue to Violate the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act

Friends of the Earth Canada in June and Ecojustice launched a lawsuit against the Government of Canada for failing to meet the legal requirements of the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act by missing critical deadlines and failing to uphold its legal duty to publish regulations. The Court ruled that the legislation itself is not justiciable – meaning it is not an issue the Courts can resolve.

Read the Media Release:

[www.ecojustice.ca/media-centre/press-releases/canada-wriggles-off-the-hook-for-violating-kyoto-law/](http://www.ecojustice.ca/media-centre/press-releases/canada-wriggles-off-the-hook-for-violating-kyoto-law/)

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[www.ecojustice.ca/media-centre/press-releases/le-canada-echappe-a-toute-sanction-pour-le-viol-du-protocole-de-kyoto](http://www.ecojustice.ca/media-centre/press-releases/le-canada-echappe-a-toute-sanction-pour-le-viol-du-protocole-de-kyoto)

## **Campaign Tactics Hinder Climate Change Debate**

Experts are concerned that the Conservatives and the NDP set back the climate change carbon pricing debate by demonizing the Liberal carbon tax plan.

Read the story:

[www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=711cd873-686e-417d-95b7-c2a8c7f57fc7](http://www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=711cd873-686e-417d-95b7-c2a8c7f57fc7)

## **Study Concludes Single Policy on Climate Change is Not Enough to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

A TD Bank-commissioned report that examines the environment and the economy concludes that the federal government must adopt a multi-policy approach to reduce emissions causing global climate change.

Read the story:

<http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5jvjaQMT8C2LD91rUdWVhNbQhZRvA>

Read the report:

[www.pembina.org/pub/1720](http://www.pembina.org/pub/1720)

## **Francophonie Pledge to Cut Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Seventy French speaking nations attended the francophone summit in Quebec City. Quebec and France wanted the summit to focus on climate change, while the Government of Canada wanted a broader environmental focus. During the summit, the Canadian government also announced \$100 million in aid for poor countries most affected by warming, but has not provided any specifics on how this money will be spent and if the money is in fact new money.

Read about the francophone summit:

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5gV8nzVPwcCCjm0v9DEmYTxQhYMQA>

Read about the pledged funding:

[www.thestar.com/News/Canada/article/520153](http://www.thestar.com/News/Canada/article/520153)

## US News

### **Barack Obama Elected President of the United States (just in case you missed it)**

The Government of Canada says that it wants to team up with President-elect Barack Obama to create a North American cap and trade system. But what's Obama's plan?

To view the *Barrack Obama and Joe Biden: New Energy for America Plan*, see: [www.barackobama.com/pdf/factsheet\\_energy\\_speech\\_080308.pdf](http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/factsheet_energy_speech_080308.pdf)

To view Pew Centre of Climate Change's *The Candidates and Climate Change: A Guide to Key Policy Positions*, see: [www.pewclimate.org/voter-guide](http://www.pewclimate.org/voter-guide)

## World News

### **Increasing Green Jobs Created Globally**

The green economy is growing. The United Nations Environment Programme funded the report "Green Jobs: Towards Decent Work in a Sustainable, Low-Carbon World" that explores the emergence and growth of green jobs and complementary investment trends around the world. The report highlights several key policy recommendations to encourage decent-quality green job growth.

Read the report:

[www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/publication/wcms\\_098503.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_098503.pdf)

Report overview:

[www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---webdev/documents/publication/wcms\\_098487.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---webdev/documents/publication/wcms_098487.pdf)

## Get Involved

### **December 7: Stop Climate Chaos:**

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### **CANADIANS DESERVE KYOTOPLUS!**

Learn about this national mobilization campaign for climate action and sign the "Petition for Concerned Canadians" at [www.kyotoplus.ca/en/petition.html](http://www.kyotoplus.ca/en/petition.html)

## **STOP NEW OIL SANDS PROJECTS!**

Sign the petition at [www.nonewapprovals.ca/](http://www.nonewapprovals.ca/)

## **Would you like to see a \$120 billion/year U.N. Green Global Fund to save species from extinction due to global warming?**

Sign the Care2 petition: [www.thepetitionsite.com/1/to-un-secretary-general-for-creating-the-120-byr-global-green-fund-for-combatting-global-warming-and](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/to-un-secretary-general-for-creating-the-120-byr-global-green-fund-for-combatting-global-warming-and)

## **Looking Ahead**

### **2008**

- November 7 "The Food Crisis and Climate Change," hosted by Food Secure Canada/Sécurité Alimentaire, Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.  
[www.foodsecurecanada.org/](http://www.foodsecurecanada.org/)
- November 12 "Climate Change, Trade and Innovation: Chinese and Indian Perspectives," London, England.  
Programme Agenda - [www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/Chatham%20House%20-Agenda%2012%20Nov2008.pdf](http://www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/Chatham%20House%20-Agenda%2012%20Nov2008.pdf) Invitation - [www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/CH-Invitation12Nov08.pdf](http://www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/CH-Invitation12Nov08.pdf)
- November 17 "Indian Business & the 'Global Deal' on Climate Change – An information session," New Delhi, India.  
Invitation - [www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/csm\\_bw\\_171108\\_invitation.pdf](http://www.csmworld.org/public/pdf/csm_bw_171108_invitation.pdf)  
Registration Form - [www.csmworld.org/public/171108prog/regis.htm](http://www.csmworld.org/public/171108prog/regis.htm)
- November 21 "The Tata Group - An Indian icon's response to the sustainability and climate change challenge," London, England.  
Registration Form - [www.csmworld.org/public/211108prog/regis.htm](http://www.csmworld.org/public/211108prog/regis.htm)

- December 1-12      The United Nations Climate Change Conference, Poznań, Poland - COP 14.  
<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>
- December 7        Day of Action: Stop Climate Chaos, Across Canada.  
[www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/](http://www.sierraclub.ca/climatecrisis/)  
[www.climatechaos.net](http://www.climatechaos.net)

## 2009

- January 14        "Reclaiming the Commons: Promoting a North/South Agenda for Environmental Justice," Roundtable meeting hosted by Canadian Council for International Cooperation, Ottawa, Ontario.  
[www.ccic.ca/e/004/flash\\_current.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/e/004/flash_current.shtml)

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