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Top Story

International Energy Agency calls global energy trends “patently unsustainable”

The world is on course for a 45 per cent increase in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 unless something is done, the International Energy Agency (IEA) has warned in a new report. This would lead to a temperature rise of 6°C. Scientists have warned that global average temperatures must be kept below 2°C to avoid catastrophic climate change.

IEA executive director Nobuo Tanaka said: "Current trends in energy supply and consumption are patently unsustainable – environmentally, economically and socially – they can and must be altered."

To view the fact sheet, slide presentation and Executive Summary of the IEA's 2008 World Energy Outlook, see:

www.iea.org/

For coverage of the report, see:

<http://news.mongabay.com/2008/1113-iea.html>

www.theage.com.au/environment/world-on-track-for-6-degree-warming-says-report-20081112-5o4x.html

Largest Group Ever of World Investors Warns a New Global Climate Deal Must Be “Strong and Binding” to Unlock a Low Carbon Future

More than 130 leading investors, representing assets worth \$6.4 trillion, warned world leaders this week that any global agreement on climate change must be strong and binding to guarantee necessary financing for global emissions reduction and adaptation

efforts, and that the financial crisis should not delay efforts to address rising global temperatures. To view the press release and letter to UN Heads of Government, see: www.ceres.org/Page.aspx?pid=963

National News

Globe and Mail: Canada Must Help Poor Countries Adapt to Climate Change

The Globe and Mail argues that any new climate pact should also establish a framework to fund adaptation programs in poor countries, including provision for relocating climate refugees.

See the Editorial at:

www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081113.EMALDIVES13/TPStory/Opinion/editorials

Environment Canada Warns Government about Biofuels

The Harper government was warned by its own experts at Environment Canada two years ago that a multibillion-dollar plan to boost production of green fuels could cause more problems than benefits, Canwest News Service has learned.

Read the Story:

www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=950381

Inuit Activist Encourages Stronger Action on Climate Change

Inuit activist and former International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Sheila Watt-Cloutier, argued that the Harper government must take principled leadership in climate action in Canada and internationally.

Read the Story:

www.canada.com/montrealgazette/news/story.html?id=aaf6a2ea-b9f3-4653-a8e5-a1b694e1fac8

What's the Buzz on a North American Cap and Trade System?

A Toronto Star Editorial:

www.thestar.com/comment/article/533209

Jeffrey Simpson thinks there is little new for Obama in Ottawa's energy "offer"

www.theglobeandmail.com//servlet/story/LAC.20081112.COSIMP12/TPStory/Comment/

From Canadian Business Online:

www.canadianbusiness.com/columnists/joe_castaldo/article.jsp?content=20081111_151023_5296

Provincial News

Cement Industry Aims for Carbon Tax Exemption

The British Columbia cement industry is trying to portray itself as a victim of the BC carbon tax; however, the Liberal Government suspects negative impacts on profits will be minimal.

Read the Story:

www.canada.com/victoriatimescolonist/news/comment/story.html?id=1185189e-b713-4472-ba89-86a1a52e62cd

US News

Al Gore to Obama: "Repower" the US

Former US vice president and the 2007 co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize reminds Obama about his five-part plan to repower America with a commitment to producing 100 percent of electricity from carbon-free sources within 10 years. He explains that this plan will simultaneously address the climate and economic crisis.

Read the Op-ed:

www.nytimes.com/2008/11/09/opinion/09gore.html

World News

Majority of Australians Support Government Carbon Cap Plan

A recent poll shows 72% of Australians support the government's proposed carbon emissions trading system.

Read the story:

www.angus-reid.com/polls/view/32194/australians_back_carbon_cap_proposal

EU Unveils New Energy Plan

The European Commission today unveiled wide-ranging proposals to give a new boost to energy security in Europe.

To view the plan, see:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/strategies/2008/2008_11_ser2_en.htm

To view WWF's response, see:

www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/europe/what_we_do/wwf_europe_environment/index.cfm?uNewsID=150361

To view Greenpeace's response, see:

www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/press-centre/press-releases2/European-Commission-strategy-energy-review

Get Involved

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/

www.climatechaos.net

Contacts:

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director@ourclimate.ca

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

STOP NEW OIL SANDS PROJECTS!

Sign the petition at 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

Green Cars – Do you want cars that are truly fuel-efficient? Tell it to the federal government today at www.cleancarscanada.ca.

Looking Ahead

2008

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/

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

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