

Moving from Talk to Action:

What is occurring in key developing countries

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Overview

- What are we doing here?
- What is happening in key developing countries on climate change?

From Copenhagen to Cancun & Beyond

- Countries accounting for over 80% of the world's emissions have committed to specific actions to reduce their emissions
- Cancun needs to agree to a set of decisions that begin to implement key int'l actions
- **NEED TO ALSO FOCUS ON WHAT ACTIONS COUNTRIES ARE TAKING AT HOME**

Domestic Reasons for Countries to Take Action

- ☐ Need for climate solutions and clean energy is real
 - ☐ Global warming is real and impacting countries around the world now.
 - ☐ Co-benefits of taking action to reduce emissions – such as air quality, reduced oil dependence, job creation, etc
- ☐ Race for clean energy is happening

Race for the Clean Energy Future

- \$13 trillion market for global clean energy will emerge over the next 2 decades¹
- In 2009, China accounted for \$34.6 billion of clean energy, EU \$41.1 billion, & US invested \$18.6 billion²

1) Source, International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook,
http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/astevenson/putting_american_first_in_the.html

2) Pew Environment Group:
<http://www.pewglobalwarming.org/cleanenergyeconomy/pdf/PewG-20Report.pdf>

Tracking Actions of Key Countries

<http://www.nrdc.org/international/copenhagenaccords/>

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From Copenhagen Accord to Climate Action: Tracking National Commitments to Curb Global Warming

With more than 120 heads of government in attendance, the December 2009 Copenhagen Climate Change Summit was the largest meeting of world leaders in history. At the Summit, presidents and prime ministers from more than two dozen key countries -- representing more than 80 percent of the world's global warming pollution -- hammered out the Copenhagen Accord. Under the Accord, both developed and developing nations agreed for the first time to reduce their emissions and to register their national commitments by the end of January 2010. Countries also committed to delivering "prompt start" funding to assist developing countries in deploying clean energy technologies, reducing forest-related emissions, and adapting to the impacts of global warming. These promises represent important first steps on a new pathway to real progress in reducing emissions and moving to a low-carbon global economy.

photo: Copenhagen

POSTS FROM SWITCHBOARD

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[Mexico can be a leader when it hosts the next climate negotiations by taking additional steps to reduce its global warming emissions](#)
posted by Jake Schmidt, 9/28/10
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United States

Countries Taking Action

Brazil

- Reduce emissions growth by 36-39% below BAU by 2020
 - Also pledged to cut deforestation by 80% from historic levels by 2020

South Korea

- Reduce emissions 30% below projected levels by 2020
 - ~a target of approximately 4 percent below 2005 levels

Countries Taking Action (2)

Indonesia

- Reduce emissions by 26% by 2020 from BAU levels & by as much as 41 percent w/ int'l support

South Africa

- Reduce emissions growth 34-42% below BAU levels by 2020 with int'l assistance

Countries Taking Action (3) - Mexico

- Reduce emissions up to 30% compared to BAU by 2020 w/ int'l assistance
 - Also committed to reduce CO₂ emissions by 51 million tons by 2012
- In Cancun, will they announce further implementation action?
 - Draft climate bill proposed by Senator Cardenas
 - Vehicle efficiency standard

Take Away Points

- Strong domestic reasons why countries should & are taking action
- Int'l negotiations are more than just words on a page
 - Countries need to give them life at home by taking action
- Will countries come to Cancun prepared to further detail their actions?

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