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Tonight 's Film

Hot Politics: Examining the Politics behind the U.S. Government 's Failure to Act on the Biggest Environmental Problem of Our Time. A PBS, Frontline Production.

Visit the film 's web site at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/hotpolitics/> for more information including interviews with the scientists and policymakers in the film, reports, and links to further information.

Climate Change Resources from the United Nations A Selective Bibliography

Web Resources

- *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.* 192 countries around the world have joined an international treaty that sets general goals and rules for confronting climate change which was adopted at the Rio Conference in 1992.
<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>
- *Kyoto Protocol.* An addition to the Framework Convention with legally binding provisions.
http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/2830.php
- *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* – the primary international body responsible for scientific assessment of climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in 1988.
<http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/organization.shtml>
- *Gateway to the UN System 's Work on Climate Change*
<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/climatechange/gateway>
- *United Nations Environment Programme Climate Change Portal*
<http://www.unep.org/climatechange/>
- *Climate Change at the World Bank.* As part of the UN family the World Bank publishes extensively on the climate change and development issues.
<http://climatechange.worldbank.org/climatechange/>

Ebooks

- Kirby, Alex. *Climate in Peril: A Popular Guide to the Latest IPCC Reports*. Arendal, Norway: United Nations Environment Programme, 2009.
http://www.grida.no/_res/site/file/publications/ClimateInPeril.pdf
A short explanation of climate change that is accessible to the non-scientist. Covers what scientists know as well as key areas of uncertainty.
- Bogdanovic, Jasmina, Alex Kirby, and UNEP. *Kick the Habit: A UN Guide to Climate Neutrality*. Nairobi, Kenya: United Nations Environment Programme, 2008. .
http://www.unep.org/publications/ebooks/kick-the-habit/pdfs/KickTheHabit_en_lr.pdf
A guide for governments, organizations small and large, businesses and individuals who want to embark on the path to climate neutrality
- Bindra, Satinder, Tim Hirsch, and UNEP. *A Case for Climate Neutrality: Case Studies on Moving towards a Low Carbon Economy*. Nairobi, Kenya: United Nations Environment Programme, 2009
http://www.unep.org/pdf/CN-Net_case_studies.pdf
Case studies on how towns, cities, businesses, and individuals who are part of UNEP 's Carbon Neutral Network are working to eliminate their negative impact on the environment.
- Jabbour, Jason Ramsey, Catherine P. McMullen, and UNEP. *Climate Change Science Compendium* . Nairobi, Kenya: DEWA, United Nations Environment Programme, 2009
http://www.unep.org/pdf/ccScienceCompendium2009/cc_ScienceCompendium2009_full_en.pdf
Includes updates to the 2007 IPCC assessment reports
- *High Mountain Glaciers and Climate Change - Challenges to Human Livelihoods and Adaptation* Arendal, Norway: United Nations Environment Programme, December 2010.
<http://www.grida.no/publications/high-mountain-glaciers>
Climate change is causing significant mass loss of glaciers in high mountains worldwide. Although glacier systems show a great amount of inherent complexity and variation, there are clear overall trends indicating global glacier recession, which is likely to accelerate in coming decades.
- *Vital Climate Change Graphics for Latin America and the Caribbean 2010* . Arendal, Norway: United Nations Environment Programme, 2010.
<http://www.grida.no/publications/vg/lac2>.
The document describes the ways in which climate change manifests itself, drawing on historical analysis of variables such as temperature, precipitation and sea levels. In addition, it details the effects of climate change on ecosystem services, human health and the region 's vulnerability to extreme events