

# Global climate changes are likely to hit African hardest

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global greenhouse gas reductions of 80 percent are needed before 2050 to avoid the worst and irreversible impacts.

Under the Kyoto Protocol, 25 developed countries, not including the U.S. and Australia, promised to reduce their emissions by five percent below 1990 levels by 2012. However, emissions in some Kyoto countries like Spain and Canada have soared instead of declining. Canada has already declared that it will not meet its target.

Delegates will be in Nairobi for the next two weeks for what is officially called the twelfth Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the second Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP2).

They are hoping to keep moving forward with the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, but most importantly to find money for adaptation and to look at future ways of reducing emissions.

The Kyoto Protocol has an Adaptation Fund where monies are deposited by developed countries buying carbon credits under the treaty's Clean Development Mechanism. It is not a lot of money — 30 to 40 million dollars a year starting in 2008 — and who gets the money and for what has yet to be worked out, said Sawyer.

"Adaptation is going to cost many billions of dollars," he said.

The Netherlands has estimated it will need to spend one to three percent of its GDP annually to adapt to the new conditions under climate change.

Bangladesh, another low-lying country, will need sim-

lar assistance to stave off the worst impacts, Sawyer said.

But without sharp reductions in GHG emissions, those costs will quickly soar to unmanageable levels.

"The legal, moral and political obligations of the rich countries are clear: they must dramatically reduce their emissions and at the same time be prepared to provide massive support to help the poorest countries," Sawyer said.

However, no one is expecting the United States, the world's largest emitter of

GHGs, to do much until a new administration is in the White House.

After that, the sky is the limit, says Sawyer.

With the right signals from a federal government committed to taking aggressive action, U.S. business' entrepreneurial spirit and drive could accomplish great things as they have done in the past, he believes, adding that the tide is turning and the U.S. public wants action.

"Future generations will not forgive us if we delay," Sawyer said.

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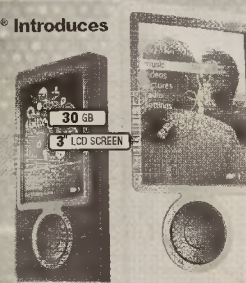
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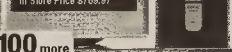
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55-62	40-48	56-68	58-68	59-72	56-72	57-68	60-79
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**Temperatures**

**Precipitation**

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**IN THE SKY**

Sun	Asc	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Moon Phases
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	Thursday	2:57 a.m.	2:57 p.m.	New
Friday	7:03 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	Friday	3:53 a.m.	3:20 p.m.	First
Saturday	7:01 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	Saturday	4:51 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	Full
Sunday	7:02 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	Sunday	5:51 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	Last
Monday	7:03 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	Monday	6:53 a.m.	4:49 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:04 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	Tuesday	7:54 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:05 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	Wednesday	8:59 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aiken, SC	61 38 a	65 34 a	65 35 a	64 34 pc	Memphis, TN	49 38 pc	61 41 a	57 38 a
Augusta, GA	67 38 c	64 35 a	63 36 a	62 34 s	Myrtle Beach, SC	65 42 l	63 42 pc	62 41 s
Charleston, SC	65 44 l	66 40 a	65 41 a	67 40 s	Norfolk, VA	69 49 r	60 44 pc	56 41 pc
Columbia, SC	57 41 pc	64 37 s	63 36 a	64 35 pc	Raleigh, NC	63 41 l	61 37 s	58 36 pc
Durham, NC	62 40 l	61 37 s	60 36 pc	59 35 s	Richmond, VA	66 46 r	61 39 pc	56 35 pc
Greensboro, NC	54 39 l	59 37 a	55 35 pc	56 35 pc	Roanoke, VA	55 42 l	56 36 pc	54 35 pc
Greenville, SC	68 38 c	61 37 pc	60 37 pc	58 35 s	Savannah, GA	64 41 pc	65 39 s	68 39 s
Knoxville, TN	48 37 c	57 35 pc	55 36 s	56 31 pc	Winston, NC	69 45 r	65 40 pc	62 42 pc
Lynchburg, VA	65 36 r	67 34 pc	64 32 pc	62 30 pc	Wilmington, NC	57 39 pc	58 38 s	57 36 pc

**U.S. CITIES**

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	54 39 c	59 42 pc	61 42 s	57 35 pc	Miami	84 65 l	78 64 c	78 61 pc
Boston	62 52 r	58 43 r	54 39 pc	48 37 pc	Minneapolis	43 28 pc	40 27 c	40 26 pc
Chicago	45 33 c	43 31 pc	43 30 pc	46 30 pc	New Orleans	63 44 pc	70 48 s	71 53 s
Cleveland	57 39 r	49 36 r	46 33 c	40 32 c	New York City	65 53 r	54 46 pc	54 42 pc
Dallas	62 38 c	60 37 a	62 38 s	61 40 s	Orlando	74 52 pc	70 48 s	70 50 s
Denver	59 29 pc	53 28 pc	50 28 pc	53 27 s	Pittsburgh	60 38 r	44 33 c	41 32 c
Detroit	50 36 r	46 32 c	42 32 c	42 30 c	Phoenix	82 51 s	83 52 c	81 55 pc
Houston	70 44 s	75 53 s	72 51 s	66 47 s	San Francisco	64 52 pc	64 51 pc	64 49 s
Kansas City	61 31 pc	54 31 a	50 31 a	49 31 s	Seattle	49 40 r	49 41 r	49 44 r
Los Angeles	73 56 s	73 56 s	76 56 s	74 53 pc	Washington, DC	65 46 r	58 41 pc	54 38 pc

**WORLD CITIES**

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	51 52 r	57 48 r	55 43 c	55 41 pc	Paris	83 52 pc	57 43 c	50 36 sh
Buenos Aires	62 53 c	59 43 c	55 37 c	52 34 pc	Rio de Janeiro	67 74 pc	69 76 pc	69 76 pc
Caracas	72 52 pc	63 59 r	68 63 r	76 67 s	Rome	64 54 pc	66 55 pc	66 55 pc
Hong Kong	74 53 s	75 55 s	74 53 s	74 53 s	San Juan	86 74 pc	86 74 pc	86 74 pc
London	64 46 a	66 44 a	65 45 a	65 45 a	Seoul	44 27 pc	47 32 s	57 39 pc
Los Angeles	73 56 s	73 56 s	76 56 s	74 53 pc	Sydney	64 58 pc	68 59 pc	75 61 s
Mexico City	65 41 c	73 40 c	73 39 s	66 38 pc	Toronto	52 43 r	44 35 r	44 36 pc
Moscow	36 26 sn	31 29 pc	40 34 pc	40 40 pc	Zurich	64 43 s	62 45 c	57 42 c

Weather: (W) = sunny, (C) = partly cloudy, (CL) = cloudy, (SH) = showers, (I) = thunderstorms, (H) = heavy rain, (F) = fog, (B) = blizzards, (S) = snow, (K) = ice.

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