

Road to Durban provides an overview of significant EU initiatives, which reflect the EU's leading role globally in the fight against climate change. It is published under the auspices of the **EU Climate Change Counsellors' Group** in SA

Council Conclusion on Climate Finance – Fast Start Finance

The European Council reaffirmed the collective commitment by developed countries in the Copenhagen Accord and under the Cancún Agreements to provide new and additional resources, approaching US \$30bn for the period 2010 - 2012.

See also: [4 October - Council Conclusions on climate finance](#)

Preparations for Durban

Addressing the European Parliament Environment Committee recently, Connie Hedegaard (EU Commissioner for Climate Action) noted: "... what is at stake for Durban is precisely to go beyond the current Kyoto/non-Kyoto divide, and to ensure that all countries, developed and developing, commit to do their fair share as part of a global undertaking."

EU ETS: EC proposes draft regulations

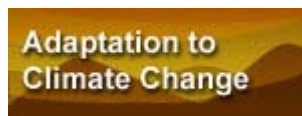
The European Commission has submitted two draft regulations to the Climate Change Committee, one for monitoring and reporting and one for accreditation and verification in phase 3 of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS).

Engaging with Africa on Climate Change

Previously we reported on a round table to examine the relevance of EU relations with Africa on the fight against climate change. Participants welcomed the opportunity to take a step back from the UNFCCC negotiations, focusing on shared interests and long-term perspectives.



http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/roadmap/index_en.htm



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UK supports National Business Initiative in building SA private sector climate change action

A British High Commission sponsored project is enhancing the South African private sector's understanding of climate change and the international climate negotiations. It aims to create an awareness of how these will impact on business sustainability. The project further seeks to lobby business on the importance of considering climate change, not just as an environmental issue, but also as a significant issue and opportunity. See also: <http://ukinsouthafrica.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/working-with-south-africa/COP-17-countdown/>

German "International Climate Initiative" supports variety of projects in SA

Germany's "International Climate Initiative" (ICI) has supported climate projects in emerging and developing countries since 2008. It is financed from emissions trading and thus represents an innovative financing mechanism to support partner countries in the area of climate protection. In South Africa, the ICI is involved in a number of diverse projects, ranging from the protection of wetlands to technical consulting services in national climate policy formulation.

Portuguese company supports Cape Verde and Mozambique on renewables

Gesto Energy, an international consulting company for sustainable energy, supported the Cape Verde Government on the development of an Energy Master Plan to achieve 50% renewables by 2020 and on the development of the largest PV plants in Africa: 5MW and 2,5 MW in Santiago and Sal islands respectively (commissioned in 2010). Gesto is currently developing the Mozambique Renewable Energy Atlas (hydro, solar, wind, biomass, MSW, geothermal and wave).

UK and Switzerland support two informal Ministerials ahead of COP17

A series of informal negotiations sessions throughout the year on the UNFCCC calendar have been helping pave the way for a successful COP in Durban. The UK and Switzerland have assisted SA financially with two of these: the 5-9 September informal ministerial in Pretoria and a pre-COP held in Stellenbosch 20-21 October. These provided useful forums for exploring areas of middle ground and therefore help take some of the pressure off the formal negotiating sessions.

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