

Sources for Background Information on Climate Change

Looking for background information on climate change, the current state of debate, or ideas for apps? Climate change is quite likely the most daunting challenge mankind has ever faced. If you're unfamiliar with the issue, the learning curve alone can be daunting. So here are some links that might help you get started (note that the World Bank does not necessarily endorse or support the views of these organizations).

Climate Science

[RealClimate](#)

RealClimate is a commentary site on climate science by working climate scientists for the interested public and journalists. Aimed to provide a quick response to developing stories and provide the context sometimes missing in mainstream commentary. The discussion here is restricted to scientific topics and will not get involved in any political or economic implications of the science. All posts are signed by the author(s), except 'group' posts which are collective efforts from the whole team. This is a moderated forum.

[ClimateWatch \(NOAA\)](#)

The NOAA Climate Services Portal, for its initial prototype, has focused on developing the infrastructure and capacity to showcase a wide breadth of climate information to users.

[New Scientist](#)

The site provides an overview of the latest issues related to climate change and science.

Climate and Development Policy

[Essential background on UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol](#)

[World Bank climate blog](#)

This blog is hosted by the Climate Change Team of the Environment Department of the World Bank. It is a forum to discuss challenges and solutions, stories, action on the ground, and to hear the voices of those most impacted by development and climate change.

[Center for International Forestry Research \(CIFOR\)](#)

The Center for International Forestry Research is a nonprofit, global facility dedicated to advancing human wellbeing, environmental conservation and equity. We conduct research that enables more informed and equitable decision making about the use and management of forests in less-developed countries.

[Conservation International](#)

It is written by CI staffers who work in more than 30 countries to promote the conservation of vital ecosystems and species for the benefit of people everywhere. The blog contains commentary on the major issues that threaten the essential services the planet provides for all of us—a stable climate, abundant supplies of food and fresh water, safeguards for human health, the provision of cultural services and abundant biodiversity; glimpses at our field work around the world—whether written from a boat on the open ocean, a conference hall at an international meeting or a tent in the rainforest; Links to resources that we find worth passing along: sites, publications, announcements, published articles from CI staffers, partners and others.

[International Institute for Environment and Development](#)

The International Institute for Environment and Development is a global leader in sustainable development. As an independent international research organisation, it specializes in linking local to global. In Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Middle East and the Pacific, the organisation works with some of the world's most vulnerable people to ensure they have a say in the policy arenas that most closely affect them — from village councils to international conventions.

[International Institute for Sustainable Development \(IISD\)](#)

The International Institute for Sustainable Development – Reporting Services Division – provides a variety of multimedia informational resources for environment and sustainable development policymakers, including daily coverage of international negotiations, analyses and photos. As the publisher of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin, IISD RS is recognized for its objectivity and issue expertise in the field of international environment and sustainable development policy. The various products provided by IISD RS make it an essential source of information for government officials, policy and decision makers, UN staff, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, business, industry and academia.

[The Nature Conservancy](#)

You'll find four things on this blog: nature Conservancy staff and invited experts talking about conservation issues of the moment — everything from migratory birds to coral reefs to rainforests to the intersection between humans and nature — in our uniquely rigorous, science-based way; links to interesting online news and features about the Conservancy's work and opportunities to help support and engage more deeply with that work; links to conservation news around the world; comments on the issues raised by our posts — constituting what we hope is a vigorous debate about the state of conservation and the future of our planet.

[Oxfam International](#)

Oxfam is an international confederation of 15 organizations working together in 98 countries and with partners and allies around the world to find lasting solutions to poverty and injustice. We work directly with communities and we seek to influence the powerful to ensure that poor people can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them.

[Center for Climate and Energy Solutions \(C2ES\)](#) – successor of Pew Center on Global Climate Change
The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to advance strong policy and action to address the twin challenges of energy and climate change.

[Worldwatch Institute](#)

The site provides a list of blogs with each blog featuring regular contributions from Worldwatch researchers and outside experts on the global issues that the Institute tracks, from climate change negotiations to how to feed a growing population.

[World Resources Institute](#)

WRI is a global environmental think tank that goes beyond research to put ideas into action. It works with governments, companies, and civil society to build solutions to urgent environmental challenges. WRI spurs progress by providing practical strategies for change and effective tools to implement them. It measures success in the form of new policies, products, and practices that shift the ways governments work, companies operate, and people act.

[World Wildlife Foundation](#)

The aim of this blog is to provide you with an inside look at the climate change policy negotiations. It will also be a place where you can find out more about our campaign actions, how to take action and engage with the climate team.

Media

[BBC weather – Climate Change](#)

The site provides a newsfeed of climate change and environmental issues from around the globe.

[Dot Earth \(New York Times\)](#)

Andrew C. Revkin examines efforts to balance human affairs with the planet's limits. Conceived in part with support from a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, Dot Earth tracks relevant developments from suburbia to Siberia. The blog is an interactive exploration of trends and ideas with readers and experts.

[Guardian Environment](#)

The World's Leading Green Journalists on Climate, Energy and Wildlife.

[Institute of Development Studies](#)

The site features list of recommended blogs written by IDS researchers and experts who can offer a personal analysis to development research and current affairs.