

Africa - Up in Smoke?



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The second report on Africa and global warming from the Working Group on Climate Change and Development

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Africa - Up in Smoke?--the second report from a coalition of the U.K.'s top environment and development groups, the Working Group on Climate Change and Development--says that efforts to alleviate poverty in Africa will ultimately fail unless urgent action is taken to halt dangerous climate change. The report says that G8 nations have failed to "connect-the-dots" between climate change and Africa. Unless addressed, this could condemn generations in the world's poorest nations. The G8 summit can choose to act now, or see human development gains go up in smoke, the coalition warns. The report, with a foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and pictures, graphics, and case studies throughout, details the impact that climate change is already having on Africa and the threat it poses to human development. Africa - Up in Smoke? calls for new and deeper emission cuts in rich countries, and for the G8 to make significant new funds available to help poor countries adapt to the impacts that are already being felt. Written with support of with support from Hannah Reid, International Institute for Environment and Development, and based on material supplied by the members of the Working Group on Climate Change and Development:

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