



On the Climate Crisis,
It's Donald Trump

VS

the World



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If elected, Trump would be the only world leader to deny the science of climate change

The Republican Party has long been a notable outlier in the global discussion of climate change, climate science, and the need for action. But just how far out of step are Congressional Republicans and their new leader Donald Trump?

Many have assumed that leaders of other nations around the world, including those countries most dependent on fossil fuels or with despotic leaders, hold similar views regarding climate denial and opposition to all climate action. But in a historic and shocking finding, this study demonstrates that, if elected, Donald Trump would be the only world leader today to deny the science of climate change.

In fact, a review of the data indicates that Trump might very well be the only world leader not calling for urgent climate action.

A WORLD UNITED ON CLIMATE

From America's closest allies like Canada, Israel and Japan, to the largest carbon emitters like India, China and Brazil, to countries as varied as Somalia, Mexico and Malaysia, the leaders of all nations accept the scientific consensus that man is fueling climate change by burning fossil fuels and are calling for urgent action. World leaders accept the fact that, [as made clear by NASA](#), "Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree" on the facts.

RESEARCH & FINDINGS

The existence of a global consensus on climate among world leaders was discovered through comprehensive research conducted to identify directly attributable, verifiable statements, quotes and actions from current world leaders — Heads of

State and Heads of Government — acknowledging the climate crisis, climate science, and the need for climate action. Many nations have also recently signed the Paris climate accord, and have submitted their climate plans to the United Nations.

The 195 nations included in this report represents the full, official list of "Independent States in the World" as recognized by the [U.S. Department of State](#). The majority of statements were retrieved through official national and international government sources, with the remainder coming primarily from direct quotes as published by official news outlets.

A STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN TRUMP AND WORLD LEADERS

Trump has a history of engaging in conspiracy theories, and in that vein he has described climate change as a "[hoax](#)," "[mythical](#)," "[nonexistent](#)" a "[con job](#)," and "[bullshit](#)." He even [said](#) that "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." Meanwhile, world leaders like the Prime Minister of Italy, Matteo Renzi, have [described](#) climate change as "a challenge that concerns us all: the future of the planet" while Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe [has said](#) "It is important that we act, because climate change is becoming an increasingly serious problem for all nations."

*“Well, it’s a hoax.
I think the scientists are
having a lot of fun.”*

-DONALD TRUMP



PHOTO: GAGE SKIDMORE

And while Donald Trump has said that [he would “cancel”](#) the Paris climate agreement, important U.S. allies like Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joined world leaders in New York to formally sign the Paris accord, [saying that](#) “Climate change will test our intelligence, our compassion and our will. But we are equal to that challenge. I encourage other signatories to move swiftly to follow through on their commitments.” Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, who attended the Paris conference, [said](#) “This is a pivotal issue of our time. It’s a pivotal issue for developed nations; it’s a pivotal issue for developing nations. We are one planet, and climate knows no bounds.”

2016: THE PLANET IS ON THE BALLOT

In 2016, it’s essential that voters know that Donald Trump’s position on climate change is just another of his reckless, dangerous positions based more in Reality TV than actual reality. Trump can’t be trusted to protect our planet, our families, or our communities.

What this study makes clear is that not only will Trump’s policies harm the U.S. economy and businesses, but rejecting climate action would undermine America’s global leadership and

influence around the world. The world is united as one behind climate action, and Trump’s promise to “cancel” the universal agreement reached in Paris while eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency would completely undermine U.S. global leadership and our key alliances around the world.

When combined with his dangerous and despicable policies and comments about women, immigrants, Muslims, and so many other Americans, Trump’s extremism is out of sync with our nation and has no place in the White House.

BE A #CLIMATEVOTER IN 2016

If you’re a #ClimateVoter, you simply can’t afford to sit on the sidelines this year. We don’t have time to waste four years on inaction and backsliding. It’s not just all the progress we’ve made on climate action that’s on the line, it’s the health of our communities and our families. The planet needs your vote on November 8th — because there is no “Planet B.”



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Afghanistan

President Ashraf Ghani

“Let the spirit of Paris transform the emerging consensus on the environment into a binding collective framework, in an agreed paradigm, to prevent 2 degrees of global warming, and enhance the resilience of countries vulnerable to environmental threats.”

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event/his-excellency-mr-ashraf-ghani-president-of-afghanistan>

Albania

Prime Minister Edi Rama

“Moreover, the issue of saving our planet has become urgency, due to overexploitation of resources and dangerous climate change.”

Source: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Albania to the UN

<http://www.ambasadat.gov.al/united-nations/sq/node/234>

Algeria

President Abdelaziz Bouteflika

*“The international community has come to recognize that climate change is a multiplier of threats to global peace and security”
-Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal on Behalf of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika*

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_algeria.pdf

Andorra

Prime Minister Antoni Marti Petit

“Mountain regions are particularly sensitive to global warming, as mountain ecosystems have extremely delicate equilibrium. That is why Andorra was one of the first countries to make a national contribution to this conference [COP21].”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_andorra.pdf

Angola

President José Eduardo dos Santos

“Today, the world is confronted with global warming, a consequence of the atmospheric pollution resulting from human activity on Earth, which is causing dramatic and dangerous climate change...”

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/62/2007/pdfs/angola-eng.pdf>

Antigua and Barbuda

Prime Minister Gaston A. Browne

“Like terrorism, climate change is a war. It is not a war of nation against nation; or of a state against insurgents. It is a war for all mankind and for human survival. There can be no winners, only losers.”

Source: UNFCCC

https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ant-barb.pdf

Argentina

President Mauricio Macri

“As Mayor of the city, I learned about the importance of the green agenda, and now I’m committed to make sure that our country also leads in the fight against climate change in the 21st century.”

Source: Joint Press Conference with President Obama, Buenos Aires
<http://www.climatechangenews.com/2016/03/24/us-argentina-sign-climate-pact-urge-aviation-emissions-deal/>

Armenia

President Serzh Sargsyan

“Climate change is a global challenge, which equally threatens all states and nations, regardless of their size and level of development.”

Source: UNFCCC
https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_armenia.pdf

Australia

Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull

“The impacts of global warming are already being felt and will continue to be so even after we reach global net zero emissions. Adaption to the impacts of climate change is equally important and there too innovation is key.”

Source: UNFCCC
https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_australia.pdf

Austria

Chancellor Christian Kern

“Going by train is climate-neutral and sustainable; this is why we are the mobility partner of the Eurovision Song Contest”

Source: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management / The Austrian Ecolabel
https://www.umweltzeichen.at/cms/en/austrian-ecolabel/song-contest-als-green-event/idart_1816-content.html

Azerbaijan

President Ilham Aliyev

“With respect to the climate change, as I mentioned in the beginning of May, though we don’t have obligations under the Kyoto protocol, our economic policy, investments in renewable sources of energy, the building of more than ten hydro power stations – all that is our contribution.”

Source: Azerbaijan State News Agency
http://azertag.az/en/xeber/President_Ilham_Aliyev_attended_panel_discussion_on_climate_and_energy_security_at_Munich_Security_Conference-927106

The Bahamas

Prime Minister Perry G. Christie

“Recognizing that mitigation alone will not protect us, we have made concerted efforts to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. We have strengthened building codes; built new coastal defences; and moved to relocate vulnerable communities – all through use of our national resources”

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_bahamas.pdf

Bahrain

King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

"We are convinced that it is imperative for all Member States to cooperate on a number of issues such as addressing climate change, international health, drought, poverty alleviation, disarmament, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and combating terrorism."

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/66/BH_en.pdf

Bangladesh

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed

"The goal of combating climate change and its impacts is crucial, as we are on the frontline of this global threat."

Source: BD24 News

<http://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2015/09/20/sheikh-hasina-says-bangladesh-is-fighting-climate-change-on-its-own>

Barbados

Prime Minister Freundel Stuart

"In light of recent reports that 2015 was the hottest year on record and of the study that concluded that climate forecasts underestimated the sea-rise impact of Antarctic thaw, there is no time for complacency. These reports oblige us to actively and with determination build on the positive spirit cultivated in Paris, through real actions to deliver on our established obligations."

Source: Government of Barbados

http://gisbarbados.gov.bb/index.php?categoryid=12&p2_articleid=15829

Antigua and Barbuda

Prime Minister Gaston Browne

"Terrorism is a major threat to our common humanity. So, too is Climate Change. It is arguably the greatest threat that now confronts all mankind. "

Source: UNFCCC

https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ant-barb.pdf

Belarus

President Alexander Lukashenko

"For many years now, the international community has been trying, but to no avail, to meet the challenge of climate change. Many simply prefer to shift the burden onto others."

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/70/70_BY_en_2.pdf

Belgium

Prime Minister Charles Michel

"The fight against climate change is essential for our joint future, for peace, for security and for development."

Source: FPS Chancellery of the Prime Minister

<http://premier.be/en/speech-prime-minister-charles-michel-un-conference-climate-change>

Belize

Prime Minister Dean Barrow

“As a developing country and low lying coastal nation, Belize is among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and is now classified as one of the top ten most affected countries.”

Source: Channel 7 News Belize
<http://7newsbelize.com/sstory.php?nid=15775>

Benin

President Patrice Talon

“I fully believe that climate change constitutes a major threat to our civilization. In fact, changing temperatures and melting glaciers are just two of its consequences likely to radically upset the planetary balance.”

Source: 24 Heures au Benin
<http://www.24haubenin.info/?+Message-de-M-Patrice-Talon-a-son-612+>

Bhutan

Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay

“After all, we’re here to dream together, to work together, to fight climate change together, to protect our planet together.”

Source: TED Talk
https://www.ted.com/talks/tshering_tobgay_this_country_isn_t_just_carbon_neutral_it_s_carbon_negative/transcript?language=en#t-416360

Bolivia

President Evo Morales

“The response to global warming is global democracy for life and for the Mother Earth. Let us choose to be clean and active today for the sake all of humanity, not toxic and reactive tomorrow, against nature.”

Source: Yale University / United Nations
<http://fore.yale.edu/news/item/evo-morales-united-the-developing-countries-can-save-the-world1/>

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chairman Denis Zvizdić

“The importance of the issue is proven by a fact that over 160 states signed this act today, binding to protection of our natural environment, return to natural streams and prevention of climate changes which may truly absolutely destructively affect our planet.”

Source: Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
http://www.vijeceministara.gov.ba/saopstenja/saopstenja_predsiedavajuceg/default.aspx?id=22338&langTag=en-US

Botswana

President Ian Khama

“Climate change is having far reaching consequences and it should be given the urgent attention it deserves.”

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_botswana.pdf

Brazil

President Dilma Rousseff

"Climate change resulting from human action is one of the biggest global challenges of current times."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_brazil.pdf

Bulgaria

President Rosen Plevneliev

"Fighting global warming requires that we change the way we live and work."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_bulgaria.pdf

Burma

State Counselor, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

"We understand that this country [Myanmar] is one of the most vulnerable to climate change. We have suffered from the effects since a few years ago. We have understood what it is like to suffer from climate change. We have had floods, cyclones, and of course as a result of the floods, we have had landslides. Our people have lost lives, lost homes, lost livelihoods."

Source: World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/speech/2016/06/22/ida-18-replenishment-meeting-remarks-by-daw-aung-san-suu-kyi>

Brunei

Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

"I much value the convening of the UN Climate Summit in galvanising support to address the impact of climate change and in ensuring a dynamic and transformative post-2015 development agenda."

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/gadebate/pdf/BN_en.pdf

Burkina Faso

Prime Minister Paul Kaba Thiéba

"The consideration of issues related to the environment, sustainable development and climate change is a major challenge for our country. It is in this context that the Government has taken action in line with the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment."

Source: Le Faso / State of the Nation Speech

<http://lefaso.net/spip.php?article70992>

Burundi

President Pierre Nkurunziza

"Of course it would be difficult to achieve food security, without a good policy on Climate Change."

Source: East African Legislative Assembly

<http://www.eala.org/uploads/speech%20HE%20NKURUNZIZA%20-%209ex%20summit-%20darpdf.pdf>

Cabo Verde

President Jorge Carlos Fonseca

"Our survival is threatened or powerfully imperiled. In these circumstances, together we must strengthen the implementation of environmental protection measures locally. It seems to me that the international community will have to radically revise the current strategy in the fight against climate change."

Source: National Assembly of Seychelles
http://www.nationalassembly.sc/NAS/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1267:discours-de-son-excellence-le-president-de-la-republique-dr-jorge-carlos-de-almeida-fonseca&catid=186:2014&Itemid=74

Cameroon

President Paul Biya

"Of course, climate change has not only greatly altered feeding habits and the lives of people, it has also led to the emergence of violence, particularly around Lake Chad where we are grappling with very violent movements"

Source: Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon
<https://www.prc.cm/en/news/travels-and-visits/1579-address-by-h-e-paul-biya-president-of-the-republic-of-cameroon-at-the-mini-summit-on-africa-on-the-theme-climate-challenge-and-african-solutions>

Central African Republic

President Faustin-Archange Touadéra

"The Paris climate conference was a historic event, it was a major milestone, it brought together several countries of the world to take action on climate change. ... This temperature change would have nefarious effects..."

Source: United Nations
<http://webtv.un.org/topics-issues/global-issues/climate-change/watch/faustin-archange-touadera-central-african-republic-high-level-signature-ceremony-for-the-paris-agreement-national-statements/4857807002001>

Cambodia

Prime Minister Hun Sen

"Climate change is no longer a remote case, but is affecting all of us in the present and [becoming] one of the grave challenges that must be addressed in the 21st century"

Source: The Phnom Penh Post
<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/pm-says-climate-change-fight-needed>

Canada

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

"Climate change will test our intelligence, our compassion and our will. But we are equal to that challenge. I encourage other signatories to move swiftly to follow through on their commitments."

Source: The Canadian Press
http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/04/22/pm-and-other-leaders-sign-paris-climate-change-accord-at-un-today_n_9757130.html

Chad

President Idriss Déby

"My country, Chad, is energetically pursuing policies. Affected by climate change, we have suffered desertification and above all, recurrent drought, which has adversely affected our socio economic development."

Source: UNFCCC
<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event-statements-by-heads-of-state-and-government-la-loire-part-2/his-excellency-mr-idriss-deby-itno-president-of-chad>

Chile

President Michelle Bachelet

“Recognizing that climate change is a global problem and a common challenge, Chile considers it necessary that developed countries are called upon to exercise clear leadership.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_chile.pdf

China

President Xi Jinping

“Tackling climate change is a shared mission for mankind”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_china.pdf

Colombia

President Juan Manuel Santos

“We are the country which has the most biodiversity per square kilometer, but we are also especially vulnerable to climate change. To halt climate change is the greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced.”

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event-statements-by-heads-of-state-and-government-la-loire-part-2/his-excellency-mr-juan-manuel-santos-president-of-colombia>

Comoros

President Azali Assoumani

“The serious threats our nations face, such as climate change, rising sea levels, natural and environmental disasters and other major challenges that we face together are high on our agenda. Nature, in its way, tragically reminds us of its order.”

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/smallislands2005/coverage/statements/sids050113comores.pdf>

Republic of the Congo

President Denis Sassou Nguesso

“The Earth, our marvelous planet, is being threatened to a great extent. This is so through our own fault. Human activities, the outrageous action by man, on nature, have led to some serious changes in the environment intensifying each day — Climate Change. Humanity is in trouble.”

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event/his-excellency-mr-denis-sassou-nguesso-president-of-congo-the>

Democratic Republic of the Congo

President Joseph Kabila

“For the group of least developed countries, today is not a mere symbolic event. It is an important opportunity to reaffirm to positive spirit and the narrative we created in Paris: Our commitment to collective action to move in one irreversible direction to secure a safer climate.”

Source: United Nations

<http://webtv.un.org/topics-issues/global-issues/climate-change/watch/joseph-kabila-democratic-republic-of-the-congo-high-level-signature-ceremony-for-the-paris-agreement-opening-session/4857567983001>

Costa Rica

President Luis Guillermo Solís

“Climate change is a phenomenon that affects humanity as a whole. We are all vulnerable to its effects and we all contribute, although in different ways, to this latent threat.”

Source: United Nations

<http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/4627976/costa-rica.pdf>

Côte d’Ivoire

President Alassane Ouattara

“Indeed, our planet is warming quickly and the time for action to reverse this trend is now upon us”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_cote_de_ivoire.pdf

Croatia

President Kolinda Grabar Kitarović

“Our Declaration says that this is ‘a far-reaching program of action that is centred on the people’. That means that no one is excluded. Not the countries without access to the sea; not the small islands which are exposed to the dangers of climate change...”
Croatia signed the Paris agreement at the earliest possible date, on April 22, 2016.

Source: Total Croatia News

<http://www.total-croatia-news.com/politics/990-president-grabar-kitarovic-speaks-at-the-un-general-assembly>

Cuba

President Raul Castro

“Let’s put justifications and selfishness aside and work for solutions. This time everyone, absolutely everyone, will suffer the consequences of climate change.”

Source: United Nations

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=255&nr=16889>

Cyprus

President Nicos Anastasiades

“Only by acting collectively, decisively and with greater urgency and ambition can we avoid the worst consequences of a rapidly warming planet.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_cyprus.pdf

Czech Republic

Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka

“We must reach a comprehensive, legally binding agreement that will hold the increase in global average warming to below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_czech_republic.pdf

Denmark

Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen

“The world’s climate is changing. But fortunately the will to act is changing too.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_denmark.pdf

Dominica

President Charles A. Savarin

“Additionally, Mr. President, the impact of climate change remains an existential threat to people throughout the world, who call Small Island States their homes.”

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/gadebate/pdf/DM_en.pdf

Ecuador

President Rafael Correa Delgado

“The planetary emergency demands a global treaty that declares technologies that mitigate climate change and their respective effects as global public goods, guaranteeing free access to them.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ecuador_en.pdf

Djibouti

President Ismail Omar Guelleh

“Climate change is not only the greatest challenge that humankind faces, but also the most important one of our day in terms of development.”

Source: The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Djibouti to the United Nations

<https://www.un.int/djibouti/news/his-excellency-president-ismail-omar-guelleh-addresses-general-debate-united-nations-general>

Dominican Republic

President Danilo Medina Sánchez

“For the country I represent, the Dominican Republic, the consequences of Climate Change do not constitute an intellectual exercise but a challenge to our survival, which threatens us daily.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_dominican_republic.pdf

Egypt

President Abdel Fattah El Sisi

“We are facing a crucial juncture in our international endeavor, as all of our peoples are watching us and hoping that this Conference proves to be a turning point in achieving our common goal to secure a better future for humanity and protect the rights of the next generations, by reaching an ambitious, sustainable and balanced international agreement to face the increasingly dangerous climate change-related challenges.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_egypt.pdf

El Salvador

President Salvador Sánchez Cerén

“The new global agenda requires us to come to an agreement, and to face the great threat of climate change, which hits us with disasters and limits the opportunities for families to live with dignity.”

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/gadebate/pdf/SV_en.pdf

Equatorial Guinea

President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo

“In order to reduce the effects of climate change, we must not only act on its consequences, but it is necessary to attack its causes as well”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_eq_guinee.pdf

Eritrea

President Isaias Afwerki

Under Isaias Afwerki, who has been dictator since 1993, Eritrea signed the Paris agreement at the earliest possible date on April 22, 2016

Source: United Nations

https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-d&chapter=27&lang=en and <http://www.tesfanews.net/eritrea-signed-historic-paris-climate-agreement/>

Estonia

Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas

“Although in Estonia we perceive the impact of climate change to a lesser extent than in many developing countries, for example, climate change indirectly affects all of us through the abundance of climate refugees and the instability of the world economy”

Source: Republic of Estonia, Government Communication Unit

<https://valitsus.ee/en/news/prime-minister-roivas-represents-estonia-climate-conference-paris>

Ethiopia

Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn

“Our challenge in this area is compounded and made even worse by climate change, which is a global challenge calling for responsible and wise leadership at the international level.”

Source: Embassy of The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in London

http://www.ethioembassy.org.uk/news_archive/PM_hailemariam_unga.pdf

Fiji

Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama

“We in the Pacific are innocent bystanders in the greatest act of folly of any age. ... Unless the world acts decisively in the coming weeks to begin addressing the greatest challenge of our age, then the Pacific, as we know it, is doomed.”

Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/02/pacific-islands-make-last-ditch-plea-to-world-before-paris-climate-change-talks>

Finland

President Sauli Niinistö

“What we need is a Climate agreement that charts a clear and predictable path towards future action on preventing global warming”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_finland.pdf

France

President François Hollande

“To resolve the climate crisis, good will, statements of intent are not enough. We are at breaking point.”

Source: Reuters

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/climatechange-summit-highlights-idUKL1N13POFE20151130>

Gabon

President Ali Bongo Ondimba

“As I pledged in Copenhagen, I reaffirm the will of Gabon to act in concert with the community of nations to limit warming to two degrees.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_gabon.pdf

Gambia

President Yahya Jammeh

“Climate change and development are inextricably linked. The impact of climate change is felt in all countries, particularly developing countries as it undermines their ability to achieve sustainable development.”

Source: All Africa via. United Nations

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201409292523.html>

Georgia

President Giorgi Margvelashvili

“We must strengthen our partnership for secured future addressing the threat of climate change and reducing the vulnerability of people to natural disasters.”

Source: The Administration of the President of Georgia

<https://www.president.gov.ge/en/PressOffice/News?10298>

Germany

Chancellor Angela Merkel

“Ladies and gentlemen, ambitious, comprehensive, fair and binding – a global climate agreement should and indeed must be all those things. This is a question of both ecological necessity and economic common sense. It is a question of intergenerational equity. It is a question of our humanity, and on it depends the future of the human race.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_germany.pdf

Ghana

President John D. Mahama

“Ghana has submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) on our climate change strategy and is determined to achieve ambitious cuts in green house gases”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ghana.pdf

Greece

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras

“Greece, which at the moment is experiencing an unprecedented refugee crisis and human despair, gives political priority to the need to prevent climate change displacement risk.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_greece.pdf

Grenada

Prime Minister Kieth Mitchell

“We are indeed at a historic and defining moment in this beautiful city, Paris...a defining moment to address the scourge of the impacts of climate change.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_grenada.pdf

Guatemala

President Jimmy Morales

“For Guatemala the Paris Agreement is a historic landmark because the parties committed themselves to continue with the reduction of greenhouse gases in measurable and quantifiable ways. This agreement represents the best hope we have for meeting the challenge of climate change, particularly in the most vulnerable countries.”

Source: United Nations

<http://webtv.un.org/topics-issues/global-issues/climate-change/watch/jimmy-morales-guatemala-high-level-signature-ceremony-for-the-paris-agreement-national-statements/4857854246001>

Guinea

President Alpha Conde

“The 54 African states wait with hope and confidence for a clear response to the climate challenge. We’d like to see that the Paris Agreement is indeed implemented so as to help eradicating poverty as well as climate change and its impacts.”

Source: United Nations

<http://webtv.un.org/topics-issues/global-issues/climate-change/watch/alpha-cond%C3%A9-guinea-high-level-signature-ceremony-for-the-paris-agreement-national-statements/4857854210001>

Guinea-Bissau

President José Mário Vaz

“The problem of climate change is one of the major concerns of the global agenda of human security”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_guinea_bissau.pdf

Guyana

President David A. Granger

"Guyana, through the pursuit of a Green Economy, will spare no effort to contribute to both a sustainable future and to an effective global response to climate change."

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/GuyanaE.pdf>

Haiti

Interim President Jocelerme Privert

"It's about substantially increasing the share of renewable energy in our system of electricity production, the definitive launch of the grand work of reforesting our country, adopting agricultural techniques that are more resilient in the face of climate change, improving the management of our coastal zones and finally reinforcing human establishments"

Source: Le Nouvelliste

<https://www.oursoil.org/haiti-signs-the-paris-climate-change-accord/> and <http://lenouvelliste.com/lenouvelliste/article/158113/Signature-de-lAccord-de-Paris-Haiti-present-a-un-evenement-historique-pour-la-planete>

The Holy See

Pope Francis

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."

Source: Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' Of The Holy Father Francis On Care For Our Common Home

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Honduras

President Juan O. Hernández

"In Honduras, climate change isn't just a problem of environmental warming, it's a hard economic, social, and migratory reality – it's a problem of life or death."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_honduras.pdf

Hungary

President János Áder

"My grandchild says the following to me ... Why didn't you read all the analyses, which provided proof that climate change would have dire economic consequences, or if you did, why did you not draw the necessary conclusions? Why didn't you introduce climate friendly technologies?"

Source: Hungary Today / The Guardian

<http://hungarytoday.hu/news/recurring-dream-hungarian-president-janos-ader-speech-un-climate-change-conference-paris-94263> and <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/01/cop21-the-best-climate-metaphors-from-paris>

Iceland

President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson

"The people of Iceland do not need to go to international conferences to discover that climate change is indeed happening and at an accelerated rate"

Source: Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

http://english.forseti.is/media/PDF/2015_06_10_Svaefingalaeknar_raeda.pdf

India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

"Outcome of #ParisAgreement has no winners or losers. Climate justice has won & we are all working towards a greener future. @COP21 @COP21en"

Source: Official Verified Twitter Account

https://twitter.com/narendramodi/status/675928261591851008?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw

Indonesia

President Joko Widodo

"Vulnerabilities and challenges of climate change do not lessen Indonesia's commitment to contribute in our global action to reducing emission."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_indonesia.pdf

Iran

President Hassan Rouhani

"The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the opportunity to promote cooperation with relevant public and private sectors at the national, regional and international levels, in order to strengthen its national measures in combating climate change, and is determined to facilitate such partnership and cooperation through, inter-alia, establishing joint ventures between Iranian and foreign companies."

Source: Islamic Republic News Agency

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/2738512/>

Iraq

President Fuad Masum

"We also wish to reiterate our support to international efforts to limit climate change and global warming, limiting it to 2 degrees."

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event-statements-by-heads-of-state-and-government-la-loire-part-2/his-excellency-mr-fuad-masum-president-of-iraq>

Ireland

Prime Minister Enda Kenny

"Ireland's national longterm vision is presented in climate legislation, which sets out our intention to substantially cut CO2 emissions by 2050"

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ireland.pdf

Israel

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

"This is a pivotal issue of our time. It's a pivotal issue for developed nations; it's a pivotal issue for developing nations. We are one planet, and climate knows no bounds."

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel

<http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2015/Pages/PM-Netanyahu-attends-Paris-Climate-Conference-and-meets-with-world-leaders-30-November-2015.aspx>

Italy

Prime Minister Matteo Renzi

“There is a challenge that concerns us all: the future of the planet. We must realise that we are at a crossroads. Italy wants to be among the protagonists of the fight against selfishness, on the side of those who choose non-negotiable values like the defence of our mother Earth”

Source: ANSA

http://www.ansa.it/english/news/politics/2015/11/30/renzi-praises-italy-on-climate-change_963d2085-72fe-4aa4-a79b-8257e72245e9.html

Jamaica

Prime Minister Andrew Holness

“Climate change is a real phenomenon. We as a people are the best and most effective tool we can deploy in the battle against the effects of climate change.”

Source: Official Facebook Page of PM Holness

<https://www.facebook.com/AndrewHolnessJM/photos/pcb.1141731815838668/1141731552505361/?type=3>

Japan

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

“It is important that we act, because climate change is becoming an increasingly serious problem for all nations”

Source: CNN

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/04/opinions/abe-g7-three-challenges/>

Jordan

King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein

“The entire planet is endangered by climate change. Responding to individual crises as they arrive is not enough.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp1_leaders_event_jordan.pdf

Kazakhstan

President Nursultan Nazarbayev

“Addressing global climate change is one of the key conditions for sustainable development, poverty reduction and achievement of social and economic well-being of all countries of the world.”

Source: Official Site Of The President Of The Republic Of Kazakhstan

http://www.akorda.kz/en/events/akorda_news/akorda_other_events/statement-by-president-nursultan-nazarbayev-on-the-results-of-the-21st-session-of-the-conference-of-the-parties-to-the-united-nations-framew

Kenya

President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta

“Climate change hurts Kenya’s development. In this respect, Kenya was among the first developing countries to submit an ambitious Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the UNFCCC Secretariat, despite the fact that our contribution is a mere 0.1% of total global emissions.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp1_leaders_event_kenya.pdf

Kiribati

President Taneti Maamau

"Where there's a need to concentrate and put more effort [on climate change] in the international forum, I am ready to continue that"

Source: Radio New Zealand

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/300657/decentralisation,-education-priorities-for-new-kiribati-govt> and <http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player/201795727>

South Korea

President Park Geun-hye

"The climate crisis is real. The earth is warming. Scorching heat waves, severe rains and frigid colds - such extreme weather events are affecting human life in so many ways."

Source: Korean Culture and Information Service / Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism / Korea.net

<http://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Presidential-Speeches/view?articleId=121881&pageIndex=3>

Kuwait

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah

"The State of Kuwait supports the efforts of the United Nations in the fight against climate change, through its active participation in the ongoing negotiations aimed at reducing the negative effects of this phenomenon, based on the principles and provisions contained in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change..."

Source: State of Kuwait

http://www.da.gov.kw/eng/speeches/amir_speeches_2012.php?p=04122012 and <http://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticlePrintPage.aspx?id=2278771&language=en>

North Korea

Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un

Speaking on behalf of Leader Kim, North Korea's Foreign Minister said that his government would complete a large-scale tree-planting initiative over the next decade, which will help the "national effort to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions". Subsequently, North Korea signed the Paris climate agreement on April 22.

Source: The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/dec/08/north-korea-war-climate-paris-deforestation>

Kosovo

President Hashim Thaçi

"Today, Kosovo's diplomacy is diversifying portfolio of international relations by lobbying for a prompt start of formal EU accession, membership to multilaterals and working with allies in global issues such as countering violent extremism or climate change."

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kosovo

http://www.mfa-ks.net/repository/docs/KND_13_jun.pdf

Kyrgyzstan

President Almazbek Sharshenovich Atambaev

"Ladies and Gentlemen, today we have met an important goal to agree how we are going to resolve the issue of climate change, which has become a global challenge to the sustainable development of humanity."

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event-statements-by-heads-of-state-and-government-la-loire-part-2/his-excellency-mr-almazbek-sharshenovich-atambaev-president-of-kyrgyzstan>

Laos

Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith

“Unlike most calamities, global warming affects not only the livelihood of every being on the planet but also the course of human history. ... In formulating policies confronting climate change, we should promote the integration of all three components of sustainable development that is economic development, social development, and environmental protection.”

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/ga/63/generaldebate/pdf/lao_en.pdf

Lebanon

President Tammam Salam

“Lebanon sees climate action as an opportunity not only to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience, but also to solve many of our environmental, social and economic challenges.”

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/LebanonE.pdf>

Liberia

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

“In our region, the effects of climate change are increasingly manifest – higher temperature, variable rainfall, and more frequent droughts and storms.”

Source: African Development Bank Group

http://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Generic-Documents/Remarks_by_Her_Excellency_Ellen_Johnson_Sirleaf_President_of_the_Republic_of_Liberia_at_the_First_African_Development_Fund_14th.pdf

Latvia

President Raimonds Vējonis

“One does not need to be a biologist to be concerned about climate change, biodiversity loss, air pollution and access to safe drinking water.”

Source: United Nations

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20285latvia.pdf>

Lesotho

King Letsie III

“In conclusion, Lesotho supports negotiation of the new legally binding agreement that will address challenges posed by climate change.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp1_leaders_event_lesotho.pdf

Libya

Prime Minister Fayed al-Sarraj

Just one month after after taking office, under Prime Minister Fayed al-Sarraj, Libya signed the Paris agreement. During the Paris meetings, Permanent Representative of Libya for the UN Ibrahim Dabbashi said: “Climate change is a major challenge facing human. The Paris agreement which we have signed today is a significant step in facing it. But like any other agreement it remains a written text that needs a collective will to transform it into concrete actions through which we protect our planet...”

Source: United Nations

https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-d&chapter=27&lang=en and <http://webtv.un.org/topics-issues/global-issues/climate-change/watch/representative-of-libya-high-level-signature-ceremony-for-the-paris-agreement-national-statements/4858433559001>

Liechtenstein

Prince Hans-Adam II

"In many regions of the world, the effects of man-made climate change are already apparent. According to various model calculations, the Alpine region in which we live will be strongly affected by climate change in the future. It is therefore in our own interest to contribute to the global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

Source: United Nations

<http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/4628044/liechtenstien-e-.pdf>

Luxembourg

Grand Duke Henri

"To ensure durable peace, one must tackle the root causes of conflicts. Among these root causes, Luxembourg is concentrating specifically on two of them: social inequality resulting from persistent poverty and the increasing scarcity of natural resources, resulting from climate change"

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=43034#.V1sIDvkrLX4>

Madagascar

President Hery Rajaonarimampianina

"We must also more effectively distribute income and profits, build durable infrastructure, better prepare to limit the risk of disasters, and transform the stakes of climate change into development opportunities."

Source: African Development Bank Group

<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/madagascar-president-launches-national-dialogue-on-green-growth-13291/>

Lithuania

President Dalia Grybauskaitė

"In today's world we cannot isolate ourselves from the global challenges. No country is immune to climate change. The climate change is real and its impact is felt across the world."

Source: Office of the President of the Republic of Lithuania

<https://www.lrp.lt/en/activities/speeches/speech-by-president-dalia-grybauskaite-at-the-un-climate-change-conference-cop21-in-paris/24290>

Macedonia

President Gjorge Ivanov

"We must also stand united in our efforts to reach a climate agreement"

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_macedonia.pdf

Malawi

President Peter Mutharika

"My government's long term goal for climate change management is to reduce human suffering and socio-economic impact of adverse effects of climate change."

Source: Malawi News Agency

<http://www.manaonline.gov.mw/index.php/national/environment/item/1431-malawi-making-strides-in-climate-change-mitigation-efforts>

Malaysia

Prime Minister Najib Razak

"In the face of growing climate impacts, Malaysia remains committed to the climate agenda."

Source: UN Climate Summit

<http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/4628000/malaysia.pdf>

Mali

President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

"At this particular point in time we are facing yet another scourge, and that scourge is climate change ... I am talking about what I have experienced myself. We must not let our people down."

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event/his-excellency-ibrahim-boubacar-keita-president-of-mali>

Marshall Islands

President Hilda Heine

"No President wants one of their first acts in office to be to declare a state of disaster. But by becoming one of the first countries to ratify the Paris Agreement, we have shown our determination to continue to lead this fight from the front."

Source: Climate Home

<http://www.climatechangenews.com/2016/03/21/marshall-islands-set-to-ratify-paris-climate-agreement/>

Maldives

President Abdulla Yameen

"The Maldives believes that climate change poses as the most pressing developmental and security challenge of the 21st Century. As one of the world's lowest lying island nations, our country faces potentially devastating impacts if bold climate action is not taken immediately."

Source: Alliance Of Small Island States

<http://aosis.org/aosis-a-history-of-leadership-at-the-unfccc/>

Malta

Prime Minister Joseph Muscat

"On the climate front of this war, the aim is not just to reach agreement here on what governments undertake to do in the years and decades ahead. It is also to give a signal to the world beyond governments."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_malta.pdf

Mauritania

President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz

"The planet's future is in our hands; it is a responsibility we must take on with discipline and good judgment"

Source: World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2010/02/24/climate-change-in-mauritania-taking-action-before-it-is-too-late>

Mauritius

President Ameenah Gurib

“Climate change is a global problem, its solutions hinge on local actions. As Laudato Si’ warns us, in tackling climate change, let us not succumb to a ‘globalization of indifference.’ “

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_mauritius.pdf

Federated States of Micronesia

President Peter Christian

“Our purpose here in Paris demonstrates our acknowledgement of the cause and effect climate change and global warming have on our Planet Earth; And that in this acceptance of this knowledge, we are determined to support and institute a path to change.”

Source: UNFCCC

https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_micronesia.pdf

Monaco

Prince Albert II

“Climate change has far-reaching consequences for our own survival on this planet ... As an issue, it overrides everything else.”

Source: New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/20/fashion/prince-albert-ii-of-monaco-charges-forth-as-eco-warrior.html?_r=0

Mexico

President Enrique Peña Nieto

“We are convinced that it is possible to ensure a new climate regime without slowing economic or social development ... Mexico is an actor that is assuming its global responsibility as regards future energy and climate challenges.”

Source: Government of Mexico (gob.mx)

<http://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/mexico-is-promoting-a-bold-energy-transition-towards-cleaner-renewable-sources-enrique-pena-nieto>

Moldova

President Nicolae Timofti

“Our country promotes the principles of sustainable development and actively contributes to achieving the objectives of the frame convention on climate changes”

Source: Presidency of the Republic of Moldova

<http://www.presedinte.md/eng/comunicate-de-presa/presedintele-timofti-a-participat-la-summit-ul-onu-privind-schimbarile-climatice>

Mongolia

President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj

“For the first time we have come together to agree on the epic-scale contract to save the mother-earth. It is our shared duty to hand over our one blue planet, safe and sound, to our next generation.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_mongolia.pdf

Montenegro

President Filip Vujanović

“Activities in the area of tackling climate change are an inseparable part of development policies and programs. We believe that the successful high-level gatherings [in Addis Ababa and New York] will encourage the countries to intensify their efforts towards achieving universal and legally binding agreement on climate change in Paris, at the end of the year.”

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/70/70_ME_en_2.pdf

Morocco

King Mohammad VI

“We all realize now that the threat is global. Indeed, there is not a single country, region or continent that will be spared the consequences of climate change. Doubt and skepticism are no longer acceptable.”

Source: Maghreb Press Agency

<http://www.mapnews.ma/en/discours-messages-sm-le-roi/full-text-hm-kings-address-opening-united-nations-conference-climate-cha>

Mozambique

President Filipe Nyusi

“Climate change is a wakeup call which warns us that there is a need to change, it is urgent that we correct this. We need to change practices and attitudes for the sake of our common survival”

Source: UN Statement

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/19321mozambique.pdf>

Namibia

President Hage Geingob

“We can choose to pursue our developmental ambitions by maintaining emissions levels where they are, or we can choose to reduce our emissions for the sake of shared sustainable development. Let us leave a lasting legacy which will shape the future of our planet politically, economically and ecologically”

Source: Namibian Broadcasting Corporation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CFv1-o_yow

Nauru

President Baron Waqa

“After years of excess and willful ignorance, the climate bill has finally come due. Who will pay? Right now, it is being paid by the poorest and the most vulnerable.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_nauru.pdf

Nepal

President Bidhya Devi Bhandari

“Emphasis will also be given to the implementation of climate change treaties and conventions to which Nepal is a party.”

Source: The Policies and Programmes of the Government of Nepal for Fiscal Year 2073-74 (2016-17)

http://opmcm.gov.np/uploads/news/file/engpolpro_20160509014925.pdf and https://ccafs.cgiar.org/blog/nepal-government-vows-implement-climate-smart-village-model-part-key-policies-2016-17#.V1sQL_krLX4

Netherlands

Prime Minister Mark Rutte

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands is fully committed to the goal of keeping global warming below two degrees Celsius.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_netherlands.pdf

New Zealand

Prime Minister John Key

“While New Zealand’s emissions are small on a global scale, we are determined to make a strong contribution to the international effort.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_new_zealand.pdf

Nicaragua

President Daniel Ortega

Commander in Chief of the Nicaraguan Army (ret.) Moises Omar Halleslevens Acevedo, Vice President of the Republic of Nicaragua, on behalf of President Daniel Ortega: “I would like to first share with you the greeting of the President of the Nicaraguan people, Comandante Daniela Ortega Saavedra ... Climate change is one of the world’s greatest political challenges of our time, and should take its place among the key issues in our international agenda”

Source: United Nations

<http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/4651692/nicaragua-e-s-.pdf>

Niger

President Mahamadou Issoufou

“The decisions made by the conference to mitigate and slow the temperature rise of the globe, caused principally by climate change, must be accompanied by measures to adapt to effects of climactic variations which are already tangible in some countries like Niger.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_niger.pdf

Nigeria

President Muhammadu Buhari

“Constant and abrupt alteration between floods and droughts prove that climate change is real and therefore a global approach and cooperation to combat its effects are vital if the human race is not to face disaster in the 21st century.”

Source: The Guardian

<http://guardian.ng/news/at-summit-buhari-lists-effects-of-climate-change-on-nigeria/>

Norway

Prime Minister Erna Solberg

“Putting a price on emissions and phasing out fossil fuel subsidies will make businesses and consumers around the world more climate friendly.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_norway.pdf

Oman

Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said

His Highness Sayyid Assaad bin Tariq Al- Said on behalf of Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said: "It has become essential to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change by fully adopting international conventions and strategies regarding carbon sinks, reforestation, cleaner production technologies and cleaner development mechanisms."

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/events/wssd/statements/omanE.htm>

Palau

President Tommy Remengesau

"We need the Paris agreement to include a strong long-term goal, a regular review process that drives greater ambition over time, robust transparency rules for both action and support, and a permanent loss and damage mechanism to help respond to the unavoidable impacts of climate change."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_palau.pdf

Papua New Guinea

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill

"Papua New Guinea is a nation of 8 million people, and we are seeking to go beyond our size in fighting global warming."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_papua_new_guinea.pdf

Pakistan

Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif

"Stemming the tide of climate change is a global challenge that requires collective action."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_pakistan.pdf

Panama

President Juan Carlos Varela

"we appeal to all nations to reach a definitive, universal and inclusive agreement that allows us to jointly address the damage done to our planet, which has been hard hit by our unsustainable practices."

Source: Ministry of the Presidency Panama

<https://www.presidencia.gob.pa/en/News/Remarks-by-President-Juan-Carlos-Varela-at-the-70th-General-Assembly-of-the-United-Nations>

Paraguay

President Horacio Cartes

"Looking into to the next Summit on Climate Change, scheduled for later this year in Paris, we must redouble our efforts and ratify a serious political commitment to mitigate, alleviate and reverse the devastating consequences of climate change."

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/70/70_PY_en.pdf

Peru

President Ollanta Humala

"This phenomenon affects our planet like no other in human history. It poses a threat to human survival... The time has come to mobilize history's greatest alliance in an effort for climate and development."

Source: Agencia EFE

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/agencia-efe/140923/peru-humala-expects-coherent-draft-emerge-lima-climate-talks>

Poland

President Andrzej Duda

"Poland actively participates among others in the international effort to arrive at a new climate agreement. We see the need for the permanent understanding to be reached in this field, one which will be joined by all states and that will engage efforts of all in proportion to their actual capacities. Poland has otherwise an impressive track record in climate protection."

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/70/70_PL_EN.pdf

Qatar

Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

The Emir of Qatar attended the opening ceremony of the COP21 meeting in Paris and spoke with President Obama. Qatar subsequently signed the agreement on April 22, 2016, the first day possible. At COP18, the Emir's father, Emir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, said "The climate change phenomenon is one of the major challenges of this era. It is a real problem, existing and worsening steadily and raising several complex problems with intertwined economic, environmental and social dimensions."

Source: Reuters / United Nations / UNFCCC

<http://news.trust.org/item/20151130132110-3utue/?source=spotnewsfeed> and https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-7-d&chapter=27&lang=en and https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/doha_nov_2012/statements/application/pdf/04122012_cop18_hls_emir_qatar_english.pdf

Philippines

President Benigno Aquino III

"...despite our fiscal limitations, and despite the fact that we have one of the smallest carbon footprints in the world, the Philippines continues to pursue vital reforms to address climate change; and I say that we are willing to share our experiences, knowledge, and best practices."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_philippines.pdf

Portugal

Prime Minister Antonio Costa

"The great challenge for humanity is the issue of climate change"

Source: Boursorama Groupe

<http://www.boursorama.com/actualites/antonio-costa-le-grand-defi-pour-l-humanite-est-la-question-du-changement-climatique-133465b0d5f57644601d4cd3ef51eb45>

Romania

President Klaus Iohannis

"According to relevant studies, climate change will adversely impact our economic, social, and political systems, overburdening particularly the most vulnerable states. Climate change can therefore be considered an important threat multiplier and should be tackled accordingly. Unless we act now, the impact will quickly become unmanageable, with irreversible consequences for humanity and our environment."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_romania.pdf

Russia

President Vladimir Putin

"One of these problems is certainly that of limiting organic emissions and keeping global warming within an increase to two degrees Celsius. I think this is a realistic plan and we are prepared to work on this together with our partners."

Source: Official website of the President of Russia
<http://en.special.kremlin.ru/events/president/transcripts/50850>

Rwanda

President Paul Kagame

"Africa will probably have the greater and more severe impacts from climate change than other parts of the world – but has fewer resources to manage this challenge."

Source: Republic of Rwanda - Office of the President
http://presidency.gov.rw/index.php?id=23&xttnews%5Btt_news%5D=358&cHash=9bccc99075f799c35f811ecfd2c96279

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Prime Minister Timothy Harris

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the dangers of Climate Change are real and present. The threat is existential... greenhouse gas emissions from small island states like St. Kitts and Nevis are negligible. Yet our small island states continue to be adversely and disproportionately affected by the impacts of Climate Change."

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_saint_kitts_and_nevis.pdf

Saint Lucia

Governor-General Pearlette Louisy

"The particularly precarious situation of small island developing states is therefore not one of their closely-guarded secrets. Environmental uncertainty, which manifests itself in climate change, remains their greatest challenge."

Source: University of Bristol
<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/cabot/migrated/documents/pearlette-address-text.pdf>

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves

"[I am] baffled by the intransigence of major emitters and developed nations that refuse to shoulder the burden for arresting climate changes that are linked to the excesses of their own wasteful policies."

Source: United Nations
http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39775&Cr=climate+change&Cr1=#.V1Bvr_krLcs

Samoa

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi

"The impacts of climate change are evident in our countries and have been for quite some time now. There is also no doubt that neither climate change nor its impacts will be reversed overnight."

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_samoa.pdf

San Marino

Foreign and Political Affairs Minister With Functions of Prime Minister Pasquale Valentini

“The effects of climate change, often dramatic, are one of the most serious threats to the future of humanity and a challenge that all States, in the framework of a joint action coordinated by the United Nations, are called upon to face with commitment and determination.”

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/gadebate/pdf/SM_en.pdf

Sao Tome and Principe

Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada

“Each of us seems to understand the need to work to combat global warming, and each of us must also understand the imperative necessity to address the asymmetries of development.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_sao_tome_and_principe.pdf

Saudi Arabia

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

The official Intended Nationally Determined Contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change under King Salman: “The Kingdom will engage in actions and plans in pursuit of economic diversification that have co-benefits in the form of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission avoidances and adaptation to the impacts of climate change, as well as reducing the impacts of response measures ... Being highly vulnerable to climate change and actions and plans to address it, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will be engaged in several actions to address climate change and make its development more sustainable.”

Source: UNFCCC / Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Saudi Arabia

<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Published%20Documents/Saudi%20Arabia/1/KSA-INDCs%20English.pdf> and <http://www.mofa.gov.sa/sites/mofaen/ServicesAndInformation/news/statements/Pages/ArticleID2015121418339965.aspx>

Senegal

President Macky Sall

After joining more than 170 countries to sign the Paris climate accord, Sall welcomed an “excellent start for the agreement and for humanity.”

Source: AFP

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-3555459/Climate-change-brings-conflict-Senegal-leader-warns.html>

Serbia

President Tomislav Nikolić

“The challenges of global climate change require a comprehensive action, based on tangible global, regional and local operations.”

Source: UN Statement

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SerbiaE.pdf>

Seychelles

President James Michel

“Climate change is the greatest threat of our time.”

Source: NZ Herald, via the Office of the President of the Seychelles, Government of Seychelles

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11357293 and http://www.statehouse.gov.sc/static.php?content_id=25&topic_id=27

Sierra Leone

President Ernest Bai Koroma

“Our world will only achieve its goal on climate change if we remain united in this fight.”

Source: United Nations

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Sierra-LeoneE.pdf>

Slovakia

President Andrej Kiska

“Cutting carbon dioxide emissions is not a matter of choice, we know that our production and consumption must be more sustainable, more energy efficient.”

Source: The Slovak Spectator

<http://spectator.sme.sk/c/20146925/president-kiska-signs-climate-agreement-meets-un-secretary.html>

Solomon Islands

Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare

“The issue of climate change, for Solomon Islands, like other Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) is existential. It impacts on everyone, but the poorest and marginalized populations often bear the greatest burden.”

Source: United Nations

http://gadebate.un.org/sites/default/files/gastatements/70/70_SB_en.pdf

Singapore

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

“In particular, the most serious long-term challenge confronting all of us today is climate change. This is a global problem, which requires a coordinated global solution.”

Source: Government of Singapore

https://www.mfa.gov.sg/content/mfa/overseasmission/washington/newsroom/press_statements/2007/200711/press_200711_01.html

Slovenia

President Borut Pahor

“If the European Union does not assume responsibility to fight climate change, a bleak future awaits our children. We are willing to take on this responsibility”

Source: Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

http://www.nekdanji-pv.gov.si/2008-2012/nc/en/press_centre/news/article/252/3380/

Somalia

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

“The destruction that we have succumbed to as a result of this crisis, will not by any means deter us from becoming part of a global low-carbon future. ... As we sign the Paris Agreement today, we want to affirm that Somalia will be bound by the provisions of the Agreement,”

Source: Africa Review

<http://www.africareview.com/news/Somalia-signs-the-Paris-Agreement-on-Climate-Change/-/979180/3174042/-/k8rm4gz/-/index.html>

South Africa

President Jacob Zuma

"Climate change is a major global challenge that requires an urgent global response."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_south_africa.pdf

South Sudan

President Salva Kiir Mayardit

"Climate change is now recognised as a huge global threat. It is the single biggest threat that can wipe out the planet Earth and the entire human race."

Source: United Nations

http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/gadebate/pdf/SS_en.pdf

Spain

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy

"Ladies and gentlemen, climate change is the major environmental challenge being faced by society today, and it causes major social and economic challenges as well. For this reason, it requires a global, ambitious response here in Paris."

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event/his-excellency-mr-mariano-rajoy-brey-president-of-the-government-of-spain>

Sri Lanka

President Maithripala Sirisena

"The impact of Climate Change threatens our very survival. In Sri Lanka, the adverse impacts are already obvious. Domestically, we have developed a 'National Climate Change Policy' and prepared a 'National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy'."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_sri_lanka.pdf

Sudan

President Omar Al-Bashir

"These kind of frictions increased because of climate change and the dry weather which also increased the movement of people and herds, which led to more friction."

Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/apr/20/omar-al-bashir-sudan-darfur>

Suriname

President Dési Bouterse

"We owe it to our children to prepare ourselves for the effects climate change will have on our country"

Source: Reuters

<http://news.trust.org//item/20110825114800-46hin?view=print>

Swaziland

Prime Minister Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini

"The issue of climate change is crucial for many of our developing economies."

Source: United Nations

<http://webtv.un.org/watch/swaziland-general-debate-69th-session/3811745232001>

Switzerland

President Johann Schneider-Ammann

"At the Climate Conference in Paris last December, after years of difficult negotiations, 195 countries adopted an agreement legally binding for all states. In the autumn, the international community agreed on a set of universally applicable goals towards global sustainable development in the shape of Agenda 2030. Switzerland was strongly committed to both milestones."

Source: The Federal Council of Switzerland
<https://www.admin.ch/gov/en/start/documentation/media-releases.msg-id-60291.html>

Tajikistan

President Emomali Rahmon

"Tajikistan attaches particular importance to measures for adaptation to climate change that constitute an important component of sustainable development. The Government of our country has adopted the National plan of action for mitigation of climate change impact."

Source: Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the United Nations
<http://www.tajikistan-un.org/9-statements/53-statement-of-the-president-of-the-republic-of-tajikistan-h-e-mr-emomali-rahmon-at-interactive-dialogue-of-the-un-summit-protecting-our-planet-and-combating-climate-change-new-york-september-27-2015>

Sweden

Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

"It is our duty to support those countries that did not cause the emissions, but are most vulnerable to its effects. Sweden is strongly committed to showing leadership. We remain the largest per capita donor to the Green Climate Fund."

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_sweden.pdf

Syria

President Bashar al-Assad

During an official visit of President Bashar al-Assad to Romania in 2010, the Romanian Ministry of the Environment and Forestry (MMP) and the Syrian Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation around environmental protection and climate change. Meanwhile, during a state visit to Syria in 2010, the President of Finland said that "Finland and Syria, as well as other countries, are searching for cooperation opportunities that would enable us to respond more effectively to the challenges of climate change and to promote sustainable development."

Source: Office of the President of the Republic of Finland & Act Media - Romanian News Agency
<http://www.presidentti.fi/halonen/Public/default8f1f.html?contentid=181893&contentlan=2> and <http://actmedia.eu/daily/memorandum-of-understanding-on-environmental-questions-is-signed-by-romania-and-syria/30565>

Tanzania

President John Magufuli

"I bring to you the greetings of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, newly elected and therefore could not be here in person nor send a Minister as he doesn't have a ministerial cabinet yet. ... The challenges of climate change to a country like Tanzania cannot be over emphasized. They range from sea level rise threatening the inundation of small islands across the coast of Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar to the melting of the ice cap of Mount Kilimanjaro, with dire consequences for water availability to downstream communities." -H.E. Begum Karim Taj, Ambassador Of The United Republic Of Tanzania To France And Representative Of The President Of The United Republic Of Tanzania At The United Nations

Source: UNFCCC
https://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_hls_speech_tanzania.pdf

Thailand

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha

“For Thailand, we have an action plan to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 20 to 25 per cent by the year 2030. We are working on all fronts to achieve this target by using less fossil fuels and more renewable energy”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_thailand.pdf

Timor-Leste

President Taur Matan Ruak

“The world is facing new challenges: from climate change to terrorism and other forms of major international criminality.”

Source: Post from the Office of the Presidency

<https://aitaraklaranlive.wordpress.com/2016/03/04/brief-remarks-by-his-excellency-president-taur-matan-ruak-of-the-democratic-republic-of-timor-leste-at-the-luncheon-for-his-excellency-general-the-honourable-sir-peter-cosgrove-governor-general-of-t-2/>

Togo

President Faure Gnassingbé

“In a global context marked by economic austerity and recession, we advocate that the fight against climate change is conducted in conjunction with the fight against insecurity and inequality that plagues the world.”

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_togo.pdf

Tonga

Prime Minister ‘Akilisi Pōhiva

“We appreciate [the ADB’s] support for rebuilding more climate resilient primary and high school facilities on the Ha’apai Island Group. As you know, Tonga has one of the world’s highest exposures to natural disasters so it is vital that our schools are climate-proofed.”

Source: Asian Development Bank

<http://www.adb.org/news/adb-new-zealand-help-boost-education-services-ha-apai-tonga-after-cyclone-ian>

Trinidad and Tobago

President Anthony Carmona

“For 70 years, the United Nations has been the embodiment of hope and has stood as an indomitable pillar in this global village of ours, fostering international peace and security, promoting sustainable development, protecting human rights, upholding international law, delivering humanitarian aid and fighting climate change.”

Source: Office of the President, Trinidad and Tobago

<https://otp.tt/speech-70th-anniversary-of-the-un/>

Tunisia

Prime Minister Habib Essid

“We need to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions are reduced”

Source: UNFCCC

<http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-11-30-14-45-leaders-event-statements-by-heads-of-state-and-government-la-loire-part-2/his-excellency-mr-habib-essid-prime-minister-of-tunisia>

Turkey

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

“Responsibility should be assumed by developed countries. Realizing high-quality infrastructure projects would help our joint combat against climate change”

Source: Presidency of the Republic of Turkey
<http://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/36138/uluslararası-toplum-iklim-degisikligiyle-mucadelede-yeni-bir-donemin-esiginde.html>

Tuvalu

Prime Minister Enele S. Sopoaga

“Either we stand united and agree to combat climate change or we all stumble and fall and condemn humanity to a tragic future.”

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_tuvalu.pdf

Ukraine

President Petro Poroshenko

“My country consistently contributes to the efforts aimed at reducing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions in order to limit dangerous global temperature”

Source: UNFCCC
http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_ukraine.pdf

Turkmenistan

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow

“We realize that the social and economic development of nations and peoples on the planet is impossible without addressing climate change and environmental challenges. In this context, we welcome the efforts of the United Nations and the Secretary-General towards developing effective measures to reduce global environmental risks”

Source: Speech to UN / State News Agency of Turkmenistan
http://www.turkmenistan.gov.tm/_eng/?id=5171

Uganda

President Yoweri Museveni

“The global threat by the North American, European and some of the Asian countries is through the release of carbon-dioxide into the atmosphere as well as the release of other gases that erode the ozone layer. This is the global threat which is so much talked about and for which a solution must be found”

Source: New Vision Uganda
http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1310642/museveni-addresses-climate-change

United Arab Emirates

Prime Minister Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

“In an effort to deal with climate change, Sheikh Mohammed also said the Ministry of Environment and Water would become the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.”

Source: The Independent
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/united-arab-emirates-creates-happiness-minister-for-social-good-and-satisfaction-a6862996.html>

United Kingdom

Prime Minister David Cameron

"I believe man-made climate change is one of the most serious threats that this country and this world faces"

Source: The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/26/climate-change-serious-threat-david-cameron-prime-ministers-questions>

United States

President Barack Obama

"The United States of America not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it."

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_usa.pdf

Uruguay

President Tabaré Vázquez

"the right and conservative ideologies have shown they are unable to solve global problems like the energy crisis and climate change".

Source: The New School, NY

<http://www.observatorylatinamerica.org/en/news/52-the-challenges-of-progressive-governments-in-latin-america-the-experience-of-the-frente-amplio-administration-in-uruguay-m-a-presidential-lecture-with-dr-tabare-vazquez-president-of-uruguay>

Uzbekistan

President Islam Karimov

"What is at issue is first and foremost the ongoing environmental degradation and unpredictable consequences of climate change, the frequent droughts and scarcity of water resources, including the underground water depletion for irrigation, the insufficiency of investments directed at irrigation, melioration and restoration of soil fertility."

Source: The Embassy Of The Republic Of Uzbekistan To The Kingdom Of Belgium

<http://uzbekistan.be/speeches%20president/Address%20at%20the%20International%20Conference%20in%20Tashkent.htm>

Vanuatu

Prime Minister Charlot Salwai

"For the record, Vanuatu insists that no later than 2050 emissions must have achieved a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases."

Source: Vanuatu Daily Post

http://dailypost.vu/news/vanuatu-ratifies-paris-agreement/article_a92a3e47-0467-59aa-ac04-cce49d14c130.html

Venezuela

President Nicolas Maduro

President Maduro said that the upcoming U.N. sponsored climate change summit in Paris "should be a summit of the organized people in defense of the planet" while calling for leaders to develop of system of rights for Mother Earth. "May the voice of the people be heard in Paris!" exclaimed Maduro to loud cheers and applause from the large crowd.

Source: Tele Sur

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/President-Maduro-We-Cannot-Trust-the-Oligarchy-to-Save-Earth-20151012-0036.html>

Vietnam

Prime Minister Nguyễn Xuân Phúc

"Climate change is a hot issue, not only receiving a lot of attention from the international community, but also from the Government of Viet Nam because the country was one of five that will suffer most from climate change,"

Source: Viet Nam News - The National English Language Daily

<http://vietnamnews.vn/environment/295563/pm-targets-water-crisis.html>

Zambia

President Edgar Chagwa Lunga

"I am happy to report that in the 7th national development plan we are developing, climate change ranks among our top priorities."

Source: Lusaka Voice

<http://lusakavoice.com/2015/09/27/president-edgar-lungus-speeches-at-un-in-new-york-26-sept-2015/>

Yemen

President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi

The official Intended Nationally Determined Contribution of Yemen to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change under President Hadi: "Yemen is not contributing a lot into the anthropogenic GHG emissions, but still highly vulnerable to climate change-related impacts. ... Yemen recognizes that in order to meet the 2 degree objective all countries will need to undertake mitigation"

Source: UNFCCC

<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/INDC/Published%20Documents/Yemen/1/Yemen%20INDC%2021%20Nov.%202015.pdf>

Zimbabwe

President Robert Mugabe

"Today we meet to address another major global challenge that of climate change, which calls for global responses on our part"

Source: UNFCCC

http://unfccc.int/files/meetings/paris_nov_2015/application/pdf/cop21cmp11_leaders_event_zimbabwe.pdf



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