

# GLOBAL WARMING ENDANGERED PLANET

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## DATELINE COPENHAGEN Call for Climate Justice

Global warming-induced climate change is a grave world concern daily acquiring further gravity in absence of effective mitigation and adaptation measures.

This global warming itself is more human-induced than natural. Indiscriminate burning of fossil fuel in a race to scale up development has led to excessive emission of CFC and other harmful gases into the Earth's atmosphere. This more than tolerable deposit of unwanted gases has only heated the planet to court disasters, ironically to the fright of humans themselves.

But are all humans to be equally blamed? Not exactly; the developed and industrialised nations appear more or solely responsible for the damage; for, the least developed countries have embarked on development venture just the other day; their contribution in the process has been meagre.

World leaders have been meeting for decades to find ways and means to mitigate effects as

well as adapt to changes but are yet to reach any viable agreement. Meanwhile the poor vulnerable countries have already started to bear the brunt while they have little means to cope with it. For example, Bangladesh is more frequently visited by devastating cyclones now and set to lose 15% of its landmass to the rising sea in near future turning 10% of its population into climate refugees.

The poor developing countries naturally argue for adoption of a 'polluters pay principle' while the rich industrialised nations' stance is for sharing the cost of mitigation and adaptation initiatives. But the developing countries are much more justified in their demand which, of late, seems to usher in some favourable fund flow from the 'polluters.'

Let there be some concrete and effective agreements at COP15; for, time is just running out. We have only one planet to live in; the call for saving it must be heeded, now.