

Unilever boss urges world leaders to reduce carbon output



Efforts to tackle climate change are linked to economic growth.

BBC NEWS

The head of Unilever has called on world leaders to raise their game in the battle against climate change.

Chief executive Paul Polman said governments must set clear CO2 targets to force low-carbon innovation.

Speaking ahead of a business climate summit in Paris this week, he urged fellow chief executives to help create a "political licence" for politicians to promote clean energy.

But firms dependent on cheap fossil fuel energy are unlikely to agree.

"It's clear that, increasingly, the business community is aware of the costs of climate change. Momentum is swinging towards people realising that we need to take urgent action to stay below two degrees [increase in global average temperature]," Polman told BBC News.

He said there had been a "long dance" between politicians and chief executives over who should take the lead on cutting emissions.

"There was a belief among some politicians that the main challenge is job creation and economic

growth, and if we get side-tracked with climate we might not achieve the economic growth.

"The reality is, if we don't tackle climate change we won't achieve economic growth."

Polman said Unilever had faced business costs €300m-to-€400 million (£216m-to-£316m) higher than normal due to extreme weather.

Along with Virgin's Richard Branson and vehicle industrialist Ratan Tata, he is in a group called The B Team, which urges governments to bring greenhouse gas emissions to zero by the middle of the century.

This group will form a strong presence at the business summit, which is expected to attract more than 1,000 people to Paris. The French capital is also the location for the world leaders' climate summit in December.

Another group in Paris, RE100, will announce new members today. It is aiming to encourage 100 world-leading firms to obtain 100 percent of their energy from renewable sources.

Nick Mabey, who runs the green think tank E3G, said: "We've seen the underpinnings of climate politics grow. Now we have a \$5tn

(£3.1tn) low carbon economy.

"We have the G20 discussing the risks to financial markets from climate policy and a real understanding of how climate change is hitting countries and cities. And in the end it's the politics of the real economy that's going to drive action.

"With firms, it's moved from being something you did for corporate social responsibility. Now it's a risk issue for every major company."

The World Bank's climate chief, Rachel Kyte, told BBC News: "There's really a conversation beginning between business and government about what are the conditions necessary in the economy for us to grow in a cleaner direction.

"The message to fiscal policy managers and CEOs [chief executive officers] is they have to understand this is the direction of travel.

"To be a first mover working out how to be competitive in an economy which has less carbon in it... that is the stuff of business."

But for every CEO who makes promises in Paris this week, others will warn against a rush away from CO2.

America's fossil fuel giants, the Koch Brothers, are spending \$900 million on political advertising to make their case.

Fossil fuel advocates, in organisations like the Global Warming Policy Foundation, argue that developing countries need cheap energy to lift their people out of poverty. They claim fears for the climate are exaggerated.

Oil company Shell meanwhile, acknowledges the threat from climate change, but is planning for strong demand for oil and gas for decades to come.

Whilst public research and development promotes renewables - like solar, wind and hydro - private investment still focuses on making fossil fuels cheaper.

Polly Courtice, who runs the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, says it is hard to gauge how many firms are willing to embrace a low-carbon agenda.

"The general awareness that climate change is an issue to be addressed is much more firmly embedded than before," she said.

"Most of the firms we work with have emissions targets built in to their plans, which certainly wasn't the case back in 2009 [at the Copenhagen climate summit].

"Whether the targets are ambitious enough is another matter."



Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh, poses with employees of the company at its annual sales meeting held in Bangkok recently.

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৪	অর্থের উৎস	জিওবি।	
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৬	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।	
৭	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লিখিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং যাদের গত ৫ বছরে অনুরূপ প্রকৃতির কাজ বাস্তবায়নের অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে এছাড়া গত ৩ বছরে বার্ষিক গড়ে ২.২৫ কোটি টাকার উর্ধ্বে টার্নওভার রয়েছে।	
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১৩	দরপত্র জামানত/টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	প্রকল্প পরিচালক, বিসিক শিল্প নগরী, মিরসরাই, চট্টগ্রাম বরাবরে যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাকে হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে দাখিল করতে হবে।	
১৪	কাজের নাম ও অবস্থান, দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য, টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি ও কাজ বাস্তবায়ন সময়ঃ	কাজ বাস্তবায়ন সময়সীমা	
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১৫	বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	১) দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার দিন কোন কারণে ছুটি ঘোষিত হলে পরবর্তী কর্মদিবসে বর্ধিত সময়ে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে। ২) দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ও বিধিমালা" অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে। ৩) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বা সফল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
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Thai economy grows a sluggish 0.3pc in Q1

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's economy expanded 0.3 percent on-quarter in January-March, official data showed Monday, highlighting the task ahead for the military junta that seized power in a coup last year vowing to kickstart growth after months of political instability.

And in another blow to the country's year-old government the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESB) lowered its growth forecast for this year. Year-on-year first quarter growth came in at three percent, the NESB said.

But Krystal Tan, an Asia economist at Capital Economics, said that figure was "exaggerated by a low base in the first quarter of 2014, when growth contracted and political unrest was at its peak".

At the time Bangkok was paralysed by protests against the democratically elected government of Yingluck Shinawatra, whose administration was eventually toppled in the coup.

The NESB said it expected the economy to grow 3-4 percent this year, down from an earlier prediction of 3.5-4.5 percent.

Growth came in at just 0.7 percent in 2014, its weakest pace in three years.

In February, Thailand's finance minister said he had been told by junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha to push for at least 4 percent growth for 2015, something many analysts thought optimistic.

The World Bank estimates growth for 2015 will be closer to 3.5 percent.

The ruling junta has vowed to pump billions of dollars into the economy, mainly through long-planned infrastructure schemes but analysts say government spending and increased tourist revenues have failed to offset falling exports and weakening demand at home.

"There has been no sign of a strong economic recovery," Benjarong Suwankiri, an economist at TMB Bank in Bangkok told Bloomberg News.

"Growth will continue to be sluggish, as only the government's spending has showed signs of picking up, while consumption, investment and exports are still very weak."

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Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism
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Invitation for Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh						
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism.				
2	Agency	Do				
3	Procuring entity name	Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism.				
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.				
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.				
6	Invitation for	Procurement Regarding Desktop, Printer and Scanner.				
7	Invitation Ref No.	30.00.0000.010.007.001.2015-746				
8	Date	13 May 2015.				
KEY INFORMATION						
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National Competitive Bidding).				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.				
11	Development partners (if applicable)	---				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	---				
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	---				
14	Tender package No.	01				
15	Tender package name	Procurement Regarding Photocopier, Desktop, Printer and Scanner				
16	Tender publication date	Within 07 (seven) days after issuing the tender notice.				
17	Tender last selling date	04 June 2015 on or before 12:00 noon.				
	Date	Time				
18	Tender closing date and time	07 June, 2015	12.00 noon			
19	Tender opening date and time	07 June, 2015	12:15pm			
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address				
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-01), Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, Room # 1902, Building # 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.				
	-Selling tender document (others)	N/A.				
	-Receiving tender document	Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-01), Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, Room # 1902, Building # 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.				
	-Opening tender document	Do.				
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
22	Eligibility of tenderer	This invitation for tenders is open to eligible tenderers/dealer/agent/supplier; Purchase receipt of tender document (original); Up-to-date trade license (2014-2015); In case of limited company, the certificate of incorporation; Income tax certificate for the fiscal year 2013-2014 with TIN number; Bank solvency certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document; VAT registration certificate (up-to-date); Experience certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document; Catalogue & drawing (if applicable) to be submitted by the bidder.				
23	Brief description of goods	Procurement Regarding Photocopier, Desktop, Printer and Scanner				
24	Brief description of related services	As per bid document.				
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	BD Tk. 1000/= (one thousand taka only) Cash.				
Sl. No.	Lot No.	Item No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in days/weeks/months
26	01	I	Desktop Computer	Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism	10,000/-	Within 42 days from the date of contract signing
		II	Printer			
		III	Scanner			
27	Name of the official inviting tender					
28	Designation of the official inviting tender					
29	Address of the official inviting tender					
30	Contact details of official inviting tender					
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.					
Md. Monzorul Haque Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-01) Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism						

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