

**Message from Jeff Sachs**

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A new report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states unequivocally that climate change is caused by human industrial activity, and this is "absolutely going to spur a public policy change," says Jeff Sachs in this e-newsletter video. The Earth Institute's research and policy activities around climate — such as hosting the Global Roundtable on Climate Change — are playing a crucial role in informing policymakers and the public about what's at stake with this global issue.

**Join the Climate Change Discussion**

Add you thoughts to the climate blog [RealClimate.org](#) where scientists are discussing the much-anticipated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 4th Assessment Summary for Policy Makers.

**Climate Information Can Be Used to Improve Lives of Most Vulnerable, Says New Publication**

In Africa, millions rely directly on rainfed agriculture for their livelihoods; climate-sensitive diseases are a major public health problem; and climate-related disasters regularly threaten development gains. Yet climate information often fails to reach them. The partners behind the publication [Climate Risk Management in Africa](#):

**Experts In the News****Even Before Its Release, World Climate Report Is Criticized as Too Optimistic**

*The New York Times, February 2, 2007*

**Africa Must Prepare for Climate Change, Experts Say**

*Reuters, January 30, 2007*

**Jeffrey D. Sachs Awarded a Padma Bhushan, One of India's Highest Honors**

*The Times of India, January 26, 2007*

**The \$10 Solution by Jeffrey D. Sachs**

*TIME Magazine, January 4, 2007*

**2006 Warmest Year on Record For Contiguous U.S.**

*Los Angeles Times, January 10, 2007*

**Congress Begins Tackling Climate Issues**

*The Washington Post, January 30, 2007*

**World Falling Behind on 2015 Education Goal, Study Says**

*Reuters, January 17, 2007*

**Accessing Aid in Rwanda -- Interview with Josh Ruxin**

*The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC, January 16, 2007*

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**Special Events at the Earth Institute**

Wed., February 7, 6-8 pm, Faculty House

**Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change**

Thurs., February 8, 4-6pm, Lerner Hall

**Earth Institute Seminar on Sustainable Development: Responses to Disasters**

Fri., February 16, 10am-3pm, Low Library

**All Ivy Environmental and Sustainable Development Career Fair**

Thurs., February 22, 6-7:30pm, Davis Auditorium

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**Sachs Visits Uganda With UK's Shadow Chancellor as Tories Pledge \$1bn/year to Wipe Out Malaria**

According to an article in the Guardian (UK), the Conservatives in the United Kingdom's government will unveil plans to spend \$1bn a year on malaria treatment until the disease is eradicated worldwide. George Osborne, the UK's shadow chancellor, delivered the pledge at the end of his three-day visit to Uganda with Jeffrey D. Sachs, director of the Earth Institute and leading development economist. [more](#)

**Tackling a Health Challenge Hidden in Plain Sight**

More than 1.5 million people die each year from health complications caused by indoor air pollution emitted from open fires and poorly ventilated stoves. Eleanne van Vliet, a doctoral student at Columbia, hopes to be part of a viable solution to the widespread problem. [more](#)

[Learning from Practice](#) would like to see this change. [more](#)



### Dedicated Geographer Takes Helm of Center for International Earth Science Information Network

The Earth Institute at Columbia University is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert S. Chen as Director of the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN). [more](#)



### Changes in Tropical Ocean Temperatures Precede Bigger Climate Changes, Says Expert

For decades, scientists have looked to the North Atlantic for clues to understanding the Earth's climate. Now Peter deMenocal at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory is leading the attention toward the tropics in an effort to untangle the question of why the Earth's climate seems to have made a drastic change in the way it works and what has triggered sudden shifts between cold and warm periods. [more](#)

### Childcare, Public Health and the Moral Obligation to Care for the Powerless

Thurs., March 22, 4-6pm, Lerner Hall, Room 555, 5th Floor

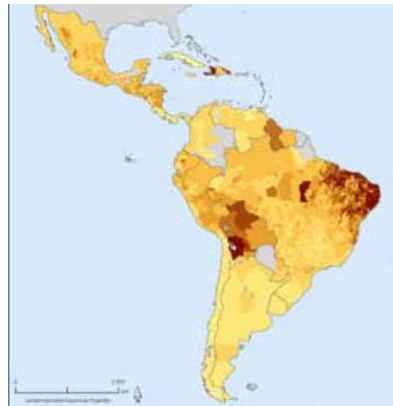
### Earth Institute Seminar on Sustainable Development: Update on "Is Sustainable Development Feasible?"

Wed., April 25, 6-8pm, Low Rotunda

### Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed. Speaker: Jared Diamond

Thurs., May 3, 10am-noon, Lerner Auditorium

### Earth Institute Seminars on Sustainable Development: Millennium Villages



### Mapping Poverty for Better Development Planning

Although Latin America has generally low infant mortality rates (which is a widely-used measure of poverty), this map shows the incidences are unevenly distributed throughout the region, exposing the relationship between patterns of human well-being and broader geographic constraints. [more](#)



### Q&A with Akong Charles Ndika, M.A. in Climate and Society Alumnus

A former energy and policy journalist from Cameroon talks about the impacts of climate on development and poverty alleviation, and how the M.A. program in Climate and Society at Columbia University became the best academic experience in his life. [more](#)

### Recent Awards Announcements

#### Wally Broecker Awarded 2006 Crafoord Prize in Geosciences

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Crafoord Prize in Geosciences for 2006 to Wallace S. Broecker, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, "for his innovative and pioneering research on the operation of the global carbon cycle within the ocean-atmosphere-biosphere system, and its interaction with climate." [more](#)

#### Suzanne Carbotte Named First Heezen Scientist

Suzanne Carbotte, a geophysicist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory has been named to the Bruce C. Heezen Senior Research Scientist. She is the first to hold the position, which was endowed by Heezen's mother, Esther C. Dauch, after she died in 2003 at the age of 102. [more](#)

#### Jeffrey D. Sachs Awarded a Padma Bhushan, One of India's Highest Honors

The Padma Bhushan is an Indian civilian decoration established on January 2, 1954 by the President of India. It is awarded to recognize distinguished service of a high order to the nation, in any field. [more](#)

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