

Letter to the Editor

**Missing half the issue: Canada must support developing countries in Copenhagen**

There are two fundamental issues up for negotiation in Copenhagen: the scale of emission reductions and the provision of financing to help poorer countries adapt to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and reduce their own emissions. The first has clearly been at the forefront of the news and with good reason. It is imperative that wealthy countries like Canada adopt ambitious targets to reduce global emissions 25-40 percent below the 1990 level by 2020.

Missing from the analysis is the other lynchpin issue – that financial support for developing countries, to adapt to a changing climate and to “green” their economies, is key to progress on a binding agreement to address climate change. Canada is among the top 10 polluters in the world and it is our pollution that is destroying the lives and livelihoods of the world’s most vulnerable people. We must clean up our act at home *and* support developing countries. This is a question of justice and deserves our equal attention.

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