

Climate Politics and the Copenhagen Accord

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How did we get to Copenhagen?

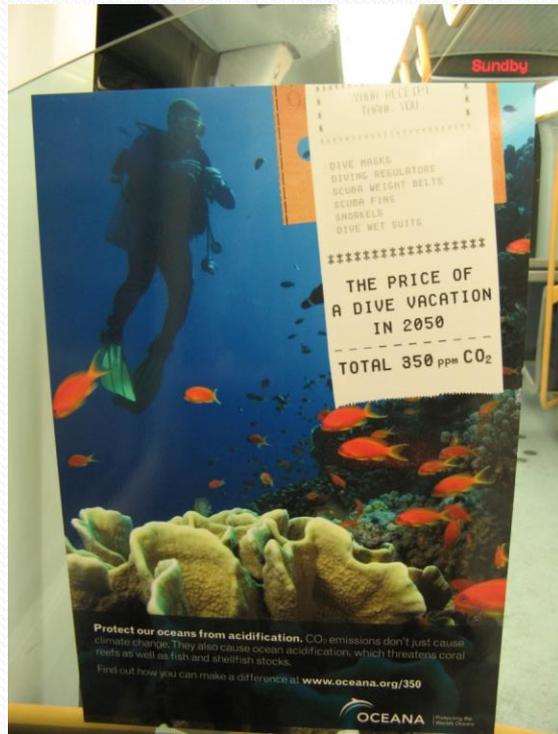
- 1992 Rio Earth Summit
 - UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- March 1994
 - UNFCCC enters into force
- 1995 Conference of the Parties 1 (COP1)
 - Berlin Mandate
- 1997 COP3
 - Kyoto Protocol
- 2000-1 COP6 (Germany) and COP7 (Morocco)
 - U.S. declined to participate
 - Marrakesh Accords

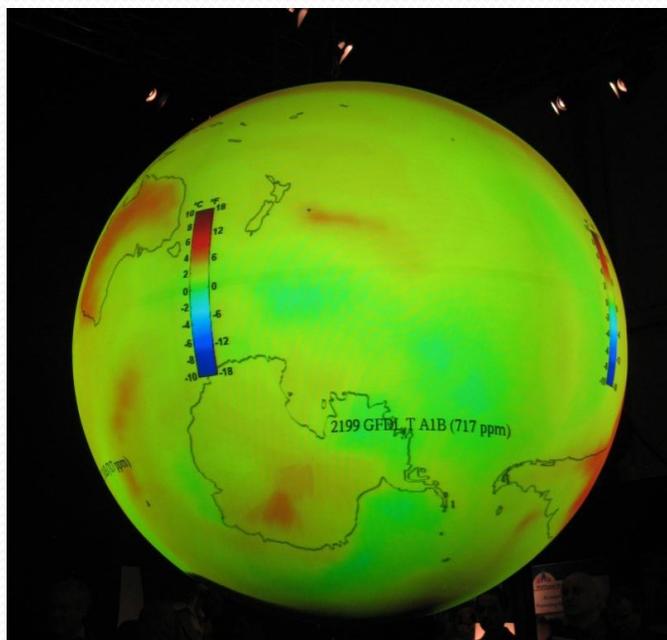
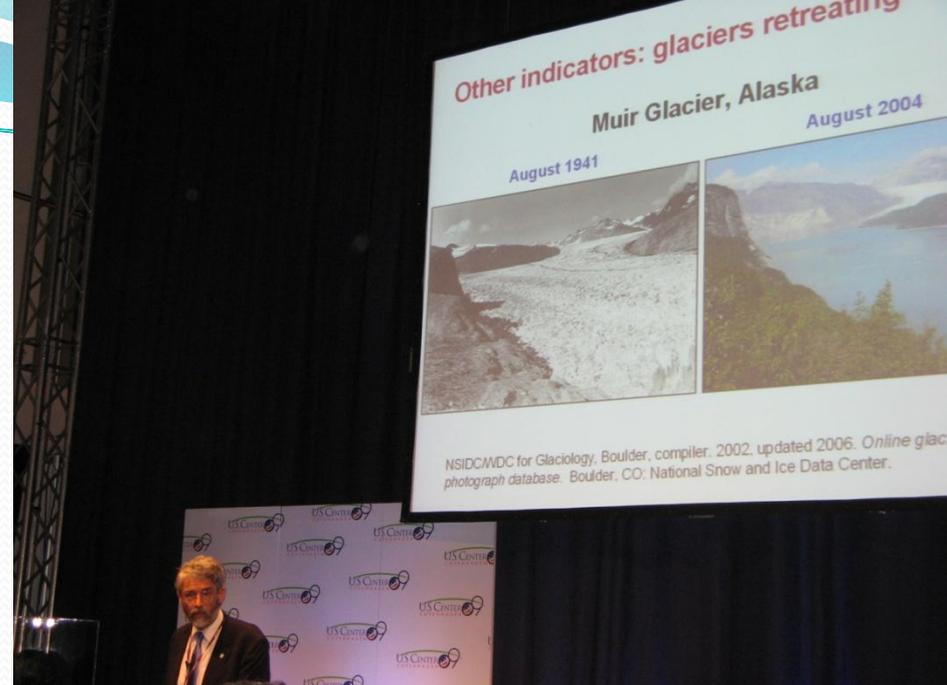
The road to Copenhagen

- 16 February 2005
 - Kyoto Protocol went into effect
- 2007 COP13
 - Bali Road Map
 - Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action
- 2008 COP14 Poland
 - Widely seen as a failure to make progress
- 2009 COP15
 - Copenhagen Accord

COP15 in Copenhagen

- Bella Center plus pavilions
- 40,000+ registered participants
 - 21,000 civil society
 - CSU delegation – Michele Betsill, Diana Wall, Stephen Ogle, Bryan Wilson, Tim Reeser, V. “Chandra” Chandrasekar, Eleanor Milne, Linse Anderson
 - 4,500 – 5,000 press
 - Party delegates & UN system participants
- Klimaforum, International Emissions Trading Association, Hopenhagen, side events galore...





NOAA's Science on a Sphere

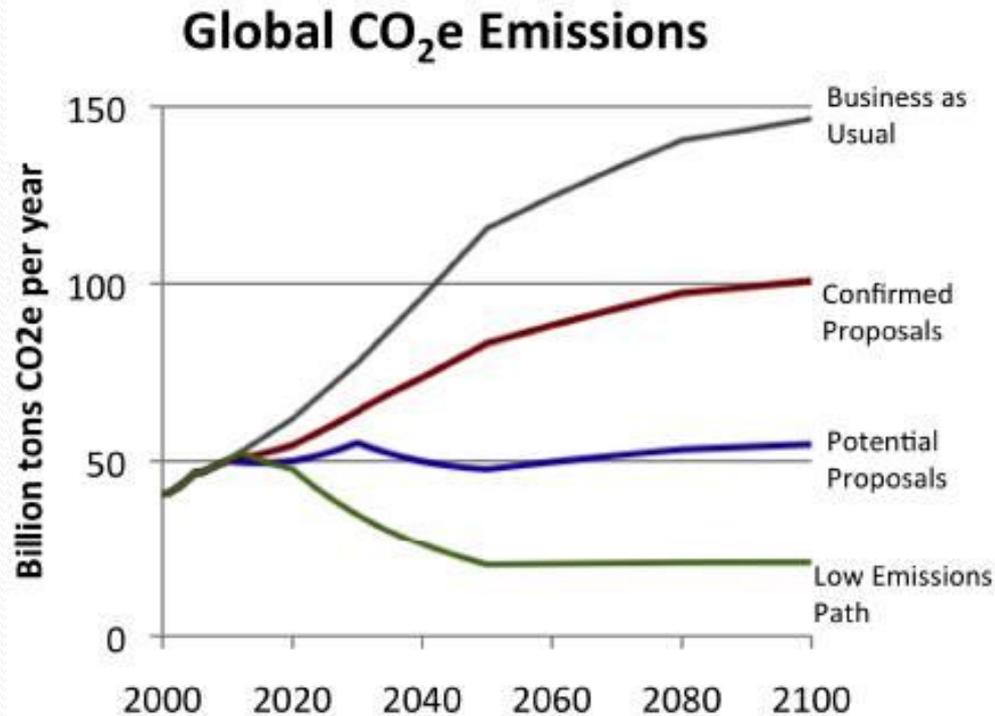
U.S. Talks

- Dr. Holdren, Office of Science and Technology Policy
 - All data indicates human causation
 - U.S. proposal consistent with 450ppm stabilization
- Senator Kerry
 - Science demands action
 - Need transparency, emissions targets, and financing
- EPA's Assistant Administrator McCarthy
 - “we are making decisions based on science and the rule of law”
- Leif Hawkstead, EPA
 - Mandatory GHG reporting rule
- Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
 - Carbon offset market
 - U.S. Dairy Industry MOU



The Copenhagen Accord

- U.S., Brazil, India, South Africa and China
 - ~ 22 of 193 countries represented
- Conference of the Parties “took note” but did not “adopt” the Accord



What's in the Accord?

- Twelve paragraphs
- “enhance our long-term cooperative action to combat climate change”
- Emissions peak “as soon as possible”
- Recognizes scientific evidence for 2°C
- 31 January 2010
 - Annex I submit emissions targets for 2020
 - Non-Annex I submit mitigation actions
- Adaptation and Mitigation Funding
 - USD 30 billion for 2010 – 2012, USD 100 billion by 2020
 - Copenhagen Green Climate Fund
- Technology Mechanism
- Assess implementation of Accord by 2015

What's *not* in the Accord?

- Two years worth of negotiating text
- Legally-binding emissions reduction commitments
 - Voluntary pledges are insufficient to meet 2°C stabilization
 - Baseline year for reductions is not specified
- A date for the peak of global emissions
- Sources and distribution of financing

Implications

- Environmental policy and democracy – U.N. consensus rules
- U.N. organizational skills
- COP16 in Mexico City, November 2010
- U.S. climate bill

Thank You – Questions?

