

Tony Blair sets out practical solutions to tackle climate change



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Tony Blair today published 'Technology for a Low Carbon Future' which sets out practical solutions to tackle climate change through technology. The report comes just days before President Obama chairs the Major Economies Forum in Italy to discuss progress towards a new global climate agreement at Copenhagen later this year.

[You can download the full report HERE](#)

The report finds that 70% of the reductions needed by 2020 can be achieved by investing in energy efficiency - lighting, vehicles, buildings and motors - and reducing deforestation.

It concludes that the strategy that should be adopted at the MEF and into Copenhagen should be to focus on existing energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, along with efforts to halt deforestation, which can deliver major short-term cuts in emissions, while we invest in next generation technologies - carbon capture and storage, new approaches to nuclear and solar, and emerging biotech based solutions - that will drive down emissions through to the middle of the century.

Launching the report Tony Blair said:

"This report shows how major reductions even by 2020 are achievable if we focus action on certain key technologies, deploy policies that have been

proven to work, and invest now for the development of those future technologies that will take time to mature.

"And these technologies bring economic and social opportunities too. Just as investing in electrification, railways and the internet led to economic growth in the past, investing in clean energy can help reignite the global economy now.

"This report shows that the challenge of combating climate change remains formidable; but it is do-able. This is not mission impossible.

"On the contrary, with the necessary decisions now, there is a credible, practical, realistic as well as radical way to act. We can set the world on a new path to a low carbon future; the Major Economies Forum is able to put in place a framework for a successful global accord in Copenhagen in December."

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More news from The Office of Tony Blair:

- [**We need aid commitments to be delivered. But ultimately the salvation of Africa will come from within.**](#)

Writing in a special pre-G8 edition of Italy's La Stampa newspaper edited by Bob Geldof, Tony Blair argues that helping African countries recover from war is our moral duty, but African leadership holds the key. Speaking of his work in Rwanda and Sierra Leone, he writes: *"This new initiative is a way of renewing my commitment to Africa and showing that through an innovative partnership with African leaders it is possible to achieve remarkable results that will complement traditional aid efforts and unleash the potential of African leaders to drive development."*

- [**Tony Blair awarded Fenner Brockway medal for contribution to UK-India relations**](#)

Tony Blair received the Fenner Brockway medal for his contribution to UK-India relations. He was presented the medal by Peter Mandelson on behalf of the Labour Friends of India UK Parliamentary Group.

- [**Tony Blair discusses his philanthropic work in New York**](#)

At the end of last month Tony Blair took part in The Business of Giving Series at 92Y in New York where he spoke candidly about the various strands of his philanthropic work. This series is hosted by Matthew Bishop, New York Bureau Chief of The Economist and author of Philanthrocapitalism: How the Rich Can Save the World and features leading philanthropists talking about their efforts to try and make the world a better place.

- [Take part in the Great North Run with the Tony Blair Sports Foundation](#)

Once again we have 100 charity entries for this year's Great North Run which will take place on Sunday 20th September. Following our huge success last year and the great time had by our Team 100 Runners, we would like to give you the opportunity to join us this year and help raise funds which will be used to recruit and train more coaches and officials so that more people in the North East get access to playing sport.

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