

Human Development Report 2007/2008



Fighting climate change:
Human solidarity in a divided world



The front cover design conveys the idea of a planet under threat. There is now compelling scientific evidence that human-induced climate change is pushing the world towards ecological disaster, with potentially irreversible impacts on human development. For millions of the world's poorest people climate change is not a future scenario—it is already undermining their efforts to escape poverty and reinforcing their vulnerability. Future generations are also at risk: they will have to live with the potentially catastrophic consequences of continuing on a business-as-usual course. The case for a serious and urgent response is rooted in a commitment to social justice, human rights and human solidarity across countries and generations. Our future is not pre-determined. The battle against climate change can be won, but only if people across the world demand action and governments develop collective solutions to a shared threat.

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