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### United Nations Climate Summit - A Call for Leadership

On 22 September, President Barack Obama will for the first time rise to the podium at United Nations headquarters in New York. That his inaugural address to the world body will focus on climate change is both symbolic and instructive. Climate change is now widely recognized as one of the most fundamental challenges ever to confront humanity. It must be tackled head on if we are to secure long-term global prosperity, and ensure the livelihoods of the billions that will bear the brunt if global warming is allowed to spiral out of control.

President Obama will join over 100 other Heads of State in New York, responding to the clarion call of a U.N. Secretary-General fixated on breathing fresh life into international negotiations. Many believe that the talks are moving too slowly to produce an agreement worth inking in Copenhagen this December. Ban Ki-moon's 22 September Climate Summit is an historic opportunity to get the talks back on track, and U.S. leadership is vital to this effort.

*Please click [here](#) to read the complete brief by ID's climate change expert, Dean Bialek.*

Press related to ID's climate change project:

- The Financial Times recently interviewed Independent Diplomat's Dean Bialek for the article "Ban Ki-moon: 'Seal the deal' battlecry to secure legacy". For full article click [here](#).
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