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The climate negotiations

Results and future perspectives

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Outline

Background:

Development

Evaluation

Explanation and key actors

Future Perspectives

The road to Copenhagen

Cop 15: End game or modest start?

The long and winding road ahead



The development: a Snap-shot

First there was only science -1950-70s

Agenda setting and politics – the 1980s

Polarization – the US against all

1992 climate agreement – no ‘hard’ obligations

Kyoto Protocol 1997: innovative or easy way out?

Ratification and negotiations take time:

The protocol enters into force 2005

2005-2009: ‘mouse-steps’ or real progress?



Brief evaluation

‘Score’ assigned depend upon measuring rod

Knowledge and learning – good progress

Rules and regulations – not too bad!

Behavioral change – modest

Problem solving – a sad story..

Overall – modest effectiveness – but a long term problem..



Explanation and actors

The nature of the problem: Very 'malign'

Problem-solving capacity: A function of power and leadership

The US: Laggard most of the time

The EU unfulfilled leadership ambitions?

The G-77/South – justice and legitimacy but no action?

Norway: Leader or laggard?

Future perspectives:

The road to Copenhagen:

Real negotiations since Bali 2007

The financial crisis and absence of the EU and the US
hit Poznan 2008 - small progress

The US 2008 election- a watershed event?

The EU: 'talk the talk or walk the walk'?

G-77 and China: 'certain winds of change'

Progress during 2009 negotiations?



Future perspectives

COP 15 – end game or modest start?

My expectations is modest start

Some kind of framework agreement – more time is needed

Obama learned from Clinton: modest promises

The EU will continue pushing

The real key is the developing countries – that is NOT one uniform block

No ratified agreement prior to 2012 – soft law needed



Future perspectives

The long and winding road ahead...

Long term perspective: The North must take the lead
but the key lies in the South

Emissions will continue to increase even if the North
take drastic action

The 2 degrees goal will be very hard to achieve

The UN vs non-UN tracks

The role of the opinion and disasters

Technology: the key solution?



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