

## UN climate conference under way

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On Monday NCR reported [Pope Benedict XVI's remarks on climate change](#) [1], on the eve of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Durban, South Africa.

The international conference will gather 194 parties to discuss and plan responses to climate change across the globe. The conference, known also as the Conference of the Parties 17 (COP 17), is the seventeenth annual meeting of UN parties dedicated to addressing climate change.

The conference runs through Dec. 9.

In 1997 COP 3 adopted the Kyoto Protocol, requiring industrialized countries to meet set emission limitations and reduction commitments. The Protocol expires in 2012, placing added importance on Durban to recommit global dedication to the climate cause.

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