Climate Experts

Environmental Defense Fund (edf.org), a leading international nonprofit organization, creates transformational solutions to the most serious environmental problems. EDF links science, economics, law and innovative private-sector partnerships. Our climate team has engaged in U.N. climate talks since the 1992 Rio summit, providing groundbreaking economic and legal analysis and recommendations to policymakers. Our expertise on market-based measures to address climate change has made EDF a key player in the development of carbon markets around the world. At COP 25, our experts are closely following the carbon markets negotiations around the Article 6 chapter of the Paris Agreement rulebook. EDF experts are also engaging in discussions around energy, oceans and fisheries climate strategies that could be incorporated into countries’ Paris Agreement pledges.

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