

Climate Action Week – September 20 to 25 – is Big Test for Obama, United States

In three weeks, President Obama and other global leaders gather in New York and Pittsburgh to set out steps that cool the planet and heat up the economy. The world expects them to reach agreement on action that solves climate change, fosters the clean energy transition, and leads to a new climate agreement in Copenhagen in December.

In the 20-plus years that scientists and diplomats have considered the consequences of a warming planet, arguably no single week has been more significant. Obama was elected by a large margin in part on his assurance that he would take steps that both cool the planet and heat up a vast new clean energy economy here and across the globe. The nation expects him to deliver. It will not be easy.

The president's work comes as the Senate considers climate and energy legislation, and against a backdrop of heightened resistance from the political right and doubts from his own supporters about the president's resolve.

Thousands of Americans will be in New York and in Pittsburgh to demonstrate their support for the transition to a clean energy economy and taking strong action to reduce global warming pollution. In a week of big tests – for the president, the economy, and our environment – the thousands demonstrating in support of climate action understand what success means – unprecedented levels of safety, security, opportunity and prosperity for Americans and for the people of other nations.

Visit USCAN's new [Climate Action Week](#) page to get up to speed on what's happening in New York and Pittsburgh in September. The page offers a robust calendar, helpful links and important documents.

Don't Miss Events

Climate Week (New York City)

- Sept 20: [Tck, Tck, Tck Human Clock Massive Public Art Mobilization](#) (Oxfam)
 - Thousands of people form a giant human clock representing the urgency of climate change. The clock kicks off a global day of action. To be held in Central Park.
- Sept 21: [Climate Week Opening Ceremony](#) (The Climate Group)
 - Tony Blair, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and an array of global business leaders and policy makers officially launch Climate Week NYC. Tentatively to be held in Bryant Park.
- Sept 21: [Jobs, Justice, Climate: A Rally for Labor and Environmental Movements](#) (Cornell University, Realizing Rights)
 - Hundreds of labor and environmental activists are joined by high-level speakers to urge world leaders to take decisive actions on global warming, jobs, and social justice. Held at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.
- Sept 22: **Climate Action Week Town Hall** (USCAN)
 - High-level climate policy experts and government representatives discuss policies to curb global warming. Location TBD.

- Sept 22: [UN High-level Meeting on Climate Change](#) (United Nations)
 - UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon convenes world leaders on the eve of the UN General Assembly to discuss climate change. Held at the United Nations headquarters.

G-20 Summit (Pittsburgh)

- Sept 23: [Major Climate Rally](#) (Alliance for Climate Protection, Blue Green Alliance, Union of Steel Workers)
 - Al Gore and popular musicians join thousands of people for a climate change rally. Held in Point State Park.
- Sept 23: **Cool the Planet – Heat Up the Economy: An Evening of Music, Comedy & Politics** (USCAN)
 - A VIP reception for G20 delegates and diplomats joined by Obama administration officials and CEOs of environmental, labor and youth organizations. Held at the Andy Warhol Museum.
- Sept 24: **Climate Community Media Briefing** (USCAN)
 - A panel of leading climate policy experts explain the significance of the G20 summit on the road to Copenhagen. Tentatively held at the Andy Warhol Museum.
- Sept 25: [G-20 Summit Plenary](#)
 - President Obama and world leaders expected to craft an agreement on steps to finance actions critical for a new climate agreement in Copenhagen in December. Held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.
- Sept 26: [Avaaz.org Action Factory Climate Rally](#) (Avaaz.org)
 - Avaaz.org leads a rally on climate and environmental justice at Point State Park. Participants march to the City County Building.

USCAN will keep you informed and up to date on events you will want to cover in New York and Pittsburgh. If you want to know more or have questions please call:

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