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OP-ED CONTRIBUTORS

Before the Climate Conference, a Weather Report

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President Obama and other world leaders will gather in Copenhagen next week to discuss climate change. Though this is a global issue, it's also a profoundly local one. For this reason, the Op-Ed editors asked writers from four different continents to report on the climate changes they've experienced close to home. Here are their dispatches.

Denmark in the Wind

By HANNE-VIBEKE HOLST

In Copenhagen, the once moderate-to-fresh winds are now more often storms.



South Africa's Fire Kingdom

By ZAKES MDA

In Cape Town, a rise in unpredictable and more ferocious fires are destroying the ecosystem.



The Penguins of Brazil

By EDGARD TELLES RIBEIRO

In Rio de Janeiro, shifting ocean currents and water temperatures have changed bird migration patterns.



In Japan, Concerns Blossom

By YOKO TAWADA

In Tokyo, it no longer snows in winter.



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