

COP17: Can a deferred deal save it?

Writing in *Mail & Guardian*, Fiona Macleod says that pessimistic commentators reckon that the earliest a new global deal on reducing carbon emissions is likely to come into force is 2020 - which is eight years after the Kyoto Protocol comes to an end.



Macloed says there is "growing evidence that the standoff between rich and poor nations over signing up to a second Kyoto commitment period will not be resolved at next week's COP17 conference in Durban, and parties are discussing fall-back positions."

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