

Higher profile for climate change in new SDGs

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NEW YORK: Following months of lobbying by poor island states and NGOs, action on climate change is to be a stand-alone goal among the 17 newly agreed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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The SDGs, a successor to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which expire at the end of 2015, are to be formally adopted at the 69th session of the UN General Assembly on 24 September.

SDG Number 13 reads: "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts." The goal notes that the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.

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