

Under Secretary Clinton, The State Department Appointed The First Special Envoy For Climate Change. [State Department, [1/26/09](#)]

Secretary Clinton: “I Believe That American Leadership Is Essential To Meeting The Challenges Of The 21st Century...And Chief Among Those Is The Complex, Urgent, And Global Threat Of Climate Change.” “As should be evident by now, the President and I believe that American leadership is essential to meeting the challenges of the 21st century. And chief among those is the complex, urgent, and global threat of climate change. From rapidly rising temperatures to melting arctic icecaps, from lower crop yields to dying forests, from unforgiving hurricanes to unrelenting droughts, we have no shortage of evidence that our world is facing a climate crisis.” [State Department, [1/26/09](#)]

Secretary Clinton: “The Urgency Of The Global Climate Crisis Must Not Be Underestimated, Nor Should The Science Behind It Or The Facts On The Ground Be Ignored Or Dismissed.” “So the urgency of the global climate crisis must not be underestimated, nor should the science behind it or the facts on the ground be ignored or dismissed. The time for realism and action is now. And President Obama and I recognize that the solutions to this crisis are both domestic and global, that all nations bear responsibility and all nations must work together to find solutions. Under President Obama, America will take the lead in addressing this challenge, both by making commitments of our own and engaging other nations to do the same.” [State Department, [1/26/09](#)]

Under Secretary Clinton, The State Department Established A Bureau Of Energy Resources. “We know energy can be a source of healthy competition, with countries racing to develop new technologies and renewables. But it can also be a source of conflict, fueling corruption and instability. And how the world uses energy is a key factor as to whether we will finally address the threat of climate change. So we have created at the State Department a new Bureau of Energy Resources, and made this issue a priority in our diplomacy.” [State Department, [11/17/12](#)]

Secretary Clinton: “Today, I Propose We Add Two New Areas To Help Advance The UN Framework Convention On Climate Change...Sustainable Forestry And Land Use, And Adaptation To Assist Developing Countries That Have Been And Are Being Hardest Hit By Climate Change.” “A year ago, President Obama proposed this partnership as a forum for sharing ideas and devising solutions. And through consultation with many of the countries here today, we identified five critical areas of engagement: energy efficiency, renewable energy, cleaner fossil fuels, energy poverty, and infrastructure. And today, I propose we add two new areas to help advance the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and to be prepared for the next conference in Cancun. Those are: sustainable forestry and land use, and adaptation to assist developing countries that have been and are being hardest hit by climate change.” [State Department, [4/15/10](#)]