

Russia warms to climate agreement

Despite depending on its oil and gas wealth, Russia comes to Copenhagen prepared to cut a deal. With one of the world's least efficient economies, Russia could save half its energy use with infrastructure improvements



President Dmitry Medvedev plans cuts of 20% on 1990 emissions



Siberia
Vast forests act as "carbon sink" – absorbing CO₂ – for which Russia wants valuable carbon credits

▶ **World average**

CO₂ emissions per person

11.1 tonnes

▼ 752 tonnes

▲ 4.4 tonnes

Per \$million GDP

4,482.0 tonnes

ENERGY-RELATED EMISSIONS

Billion tonnes CO₂

Other 1990 2.2bn tonnes
Residential (14.7t per capita)

Transport

Industry

Power

Post-Soviet industrial decline

Share of world emissions

5%

Share of population: 2%

2007: 1.6bn tonnes

Cumulative emissions since 1890 – 135bn tonnes

1990

1995

2000

2005

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