

**Question for written answer E-015230/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: New information emerging from World Bank climate change report

The recently published World Bank report¹ warns that, unless action is taken to mitigate the effects of climate change, as many as one hundred million more people in the world may find themselves in extreme poverty by 2030.

The report, which was released only a few days before the Paris Conference, calls for 'smart growth' policies. It indicates that the impact of climate change will be particularly severe in Africa, where it may cause an increase in food prices as high as 12% by 2030, a 'crippling blow' to those areas where food consumption of the poorest households amounts to over 60% of total spending. The incidence of diarrheal diseases is also likely to increase by 10% over the next 15 years.

In view of this:

Is the Commission aware of the new facts emerging from the World Bank climate change report?

Based on this new information, what new initiatives it will take to encourage swift and supportive development aid, taking into account the problem of climate change and the findings of the Paris Conference?

¹ <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2015/11/08/rapid-climate-informed-development-needed-to-keep-climate-change-from-pushing-more-than-100-million-people-into-poverty-by-2030>