

Delegation: Haiti

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Committee: Climate Change

Topic: Effect on Human Health

Climate Change occurs when greenhouse gases build up in the atmosphere because of human activity. Greenhouse gases make it so the sun's heat is more easily retained inside of the atmosphere. Not only does the temperature rise, but weather tends to be more extreme and sea levels are predicted to rise 40cm² in the next century (UNFCCC Conference of the Parties: 22nd Session, 2016). This rise in temperature and change in change in weather can be dangerous to all nations, especially weak ones, like us. (The Guardian). This change has been affecting us in many aspects of life: economically, socially and politically.

Haiti has faced many hardships brought upon us by Climate Change. One difficulty affecting us most directly is extreme weather. In the dry season we are faced with severe drought. Without rainfall, which feeds 92% of our agriculture, our plants can not thrive. On the other hand, during the wet season, we receive so much rainfall that it is eroding and degrading our soil, pushing it into the oceans. Along with changes in salinity and temperatures, the soil being pushed into the ocean is expected to reduce the amount of fish we are able to use as food. Because two of our main food sources will not be available to use in great amounts, we will have to rely on imports much more heavily and many of our peoples will face malnutrition and starvation. Cholera has been a deadly disease in Haiti since around 2010, and now with climate change it is expected to get worse. This is because the extreme weather that Haiti has been experiencing helps bacteria to grow. Lack of rainfall can cause bacteria to grow quickly and in dangerous levels while lots of rain can cause it to spread quickly, throughout our people (Live Science).

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Topic: Past Actions

Because a solution regarding this topic can be costly and we are currently very weak financially, we have not been able to stimulate enough money or interest in this topic to think of a solution or an idea to solve it. Haiti has also not been able to address this topic because of the many disputes that have occurred throughout our government. Although weak, non powerful countries are taking the largest deficits from climate change, most of us are not the countries contributing to the issue greatly. According to the Carbon Dioxide Analysis Center, larger, more powerful countries are responsible for many of these problems. China and the United States, are the countries leading the world for producing the most Carbon Dioxide. The UN has taken many steps towards reducing Climate Change. In 2011 the UN discussed this topic at the Climate Change conference. They made an agreement that they will work more to come up with possible solutions. Since then they have been researching past mistakes and trying to find ways to be more cautious.

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Topic: Possible Solutions and Bloc Positions

Larger countries, who are currently more financially stable have been searching for many years to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases put into the air and instead use more clean, renewable resources. They are researching past mistakes and trying to find ways to be more cautious.

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