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WWF welcomes the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate

Today's announcement of a new Global Commission that will investigate how combating climate change can be consistent with development, prosperity and inclusive growth, is welcome.

The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), to be released on Friday, is likely to underscore the fact that global warming will continue to accelerate alarmingly without immediate and specific action.

In this context, the [Global Commission on the Economy and Climate](#) plans to undertake a landmark study – called the [New Climate Economy](#) – that is needed, even necessary.

The Global Commission is an independent initiative established by a group of seven countries: Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Korea, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom, chaired by former President of Mexico Felipe Calderón.

The report is due to be issued in September 2014, when UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon convenes global leaders for a climate Leadership Summit in New York and the IPCC prepares to release its final report in October.

“Climate change is an enormous and growing risk to people and to the natural world on which we all depend. Bringing together the imperatives of development, a renewable energy transition and natural values is a critical task. We look forward to supporting the Commission's efforts, particularly as it works to include important natural and social values such as equity that will be essential to a successful outcome.”

Notes to editors:

1. IPCC WG1 [website](#)
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WWF is one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organisations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

The Global Climate & Energy Initiative (GCEI) is WWF's global programme addressing climate change, promoting renewable and sustainable energy, scaling up green finance, engaging the private sector and working nationally and internationally on implementing low carbon, climate resilient development.

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