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UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen: Human health also hinges on its success UMID Special Issue: Climate Change and Health

Climate changes have both a direct as well as indirect impact on the health of all humans, which is just one more reason why the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen must be a success. "Heat waves, storms, floods, altered occurrence of allergens, new pathogens, or even a change in natural UV radiation are all a result of climate change that can give rise to health concerns in us humans", said Jochen Flasbarth, President of the Federal Environment Agency, upon publication of the **Climate Change and Health (*Klimawandel und Gesundheit*) Special Issue of the Environment and Health Information Service (UMID) magazine.**

The new UMID issue, which the Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR), Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS), and Robert Koch Institute (RKI) publish jointly in the framework of the Action Programme Environment and Health (APUG), features articles on the spread of non-native allergenic plants and associated health risks, on solar UV radiation as a result of climate change, and on the potential spread of vector-borne diseases.

The latest edition of UMID also has information about the German Meteorological Service's heat health warning system, the allergy Internet portal of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV), and services provided by the Competence Centre on Climate Impacts and Adaptation (KomPass) at UBA. The special edition of the publication also provides an overview of the work done by select German federal institutions in the area of climate change and health.

The UMID Special Issue on climate change and health (German title: *Klimawandel und Gesundheit*) is available for download on the Internet at:

<http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/umid/archiv/umid0309.pdf>

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