

CELAC and EU Call for Global Agreement to Curb Climate Change



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Brussels, June 11 (RHC) -- European, Latin American and Caribbean countries have vowed to help secure a global deal in Paris to curb climate change.

In Brussels, leaders from the 28 EU countries and 33 Latin American and Caribbean nations in the CELAC bloc also pledged to work together to "achieve a legally binding global climate agreement that is needed to keep global warming below two degrees Celsius or 1.5 degrees Celsius", when they join a global summit in Paris in November.

The lower figure was apparently put in by the Caribbean island nations that fear rising sea levels blamed on global warming.

According to AFP, negotiations coalesce around the goal of limiting global warming to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

That is a figure scientists say offers a good chance of avoiding catastrophic damage to Earth's climate system and a future darkened by ever-worsening drought, flood, storms and rising seas. In a bid to deepen investment and trade links with the region, European Commission head Jean-Claude Juncker

said Brussels announced during the recently concluded CELAC-EU summit a total of more than 800 million euros (\$900 million) in support for the 33 nations.

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