

Polluting countries talk climate control in Rome

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(AP) -- Climate change talks among some of the world's most polluting nations are continuing for a second day in Rome.

The meeting is part of periodic negotiations of the Major Economies Forum, a group created last year by the United States to prod along the slow-moving U.N. negotiations on a [global climate change](#) agreement by bringing together leaders of 17 key countries in a private, relaxed setting.

This time the talks have been expanded to include five more countries, including Bangladesh and Ethiopia, who could be severely affected by droughts and floods brought on by [global warming](#).

On the agenda of the talks are funding methods and ways to ensure countries respect their voluntary pollution-reduction pledges.

The closed-doors talks finish later Thursday.

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