

# Obama vows US 'will do more' to battle climate change

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"Our generation must move towards a global compact to confront a [changing climate](#) before it is too late, that is our job, that is our task," Obama said in a speech in Berlin.

Speaking on a blistering hot day at Brandenburg Gate, Obama said that "peace with justice means refusing to condemn our children to a harsher, less hospitable planet".

He said Germany, which is fast building up solar, wind and other renewable energies, and Europe, had led in efforts to battle a warming planet, melting ice caps and rising seas.

He said the United States had also doubled renewable energies, boosted fuel efficiency in cars and brought down [carbon emissions](#), but added: "We know we have to do more and we will do more."

With a view to developing giants such as China and India, he added: "With a global middle class consuming more energy every day, this must now be an effort of all nations, not just some.

"For the grim alternative affects all nations. More [severe storms](#), more famine and floods, new waves of refugees, coastlines that vanish, oceans that rise."

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