

## URGENT CLIMATE ACTION



Mitigating climate change and adapting to the phenomenon are the most urgent challenges humanity faces. Unless they are met, all other problems will only get worse. Ahead of the climate summit in Bonn in November, we asked experts to assess matters.

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