

**Title of Session:** Environment - Climate change...what does it mean?

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**Maggi:** Welcome to the environment room

**Maggi:** new thing have been added

**BJB2:** Welcome to this month's Environment discussion

**CorinneW:** thank you

**PriscilaT:** thanks

**BJB2:** the topic is Climate Change - what does it mean

**Maggi:** Browse at leisure

**BJB2:** as usual, let's start with brief introductions, please

**Maggi:** I am a freelance teacher living in Germany and teach in company English

**Maggi:** This is my passion

**PriscilaT:** Nice

**BJB2:** Maggi is the leader of this group...and a passionate environmentalist!

**Maggi:** This room is I mean

**CorinneW:** Priscila, you will have to be in room view to browse in case you didn't realise that

**PriscilaT:** oh ok

**CorinneW:** I am a teacher of Business English and am intrigued about the weird weather and what might be making it doing odd stuff

**BJB2** hands the virtual floor over to Maggi

**Maggi:** First I'll ask if there are any questions because I really know my stuff here

**CorinneW:** I am in Germany, but British, forgot to mention that

**Maggi** . o O ( does that really matter? )

**CorinneW:** yeah, is it a coincidence that the US has so many earthquakes?

**CorinneW:** perhaps not, but people are otherwise fascinated how good my English is

**Maggi:** the people who had a tsunami had one again

**BJB2:** was there a recent tsunami?

**CorinneW:** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsunami>

**Maggi:** same place again

**CorinneW:** Was just reading about tsunami and discovered that there was one close to where I was born >>>>On January 30 1607 the Bristol Channel floods resulted in the drowning of an estimated 2,000 or more people, with houses and villages swept away, farmland inundated and livestock destroyed, wrecking the local economy along the coasts of the Bristol Channel, UK. Some churches have plaques up to 8ft above sea level to show how high the waters rose.

**Maggi:** While more of them are going to happen now

**Maggi:** The weather change... climate change... the earth is getting warmer

**PriscilaT:** yes

**Maggi:** Well eventually Germany is supposed to be tropical

**BJB2:** the tsunami in France was interesting

**CorinneW:** cripes

**PriscilaT:** wow

**Maggi:** Yes and that means then the places where we go on holiday like Spain and Italy

**CorinneW** waits for Bj to expand on France

**Maggi:** Will be coming here as they'll be all burnt out

**CorinneW:** burnt out, how exactly should we envisage that?

**MaureenB** joined the room.

**CorinneW:** Hi Maureen

**PriscilaT:** does this have to do with global warming?

**PriscilaT:** hi M.

**BJB2:** same place you read about the other tsunami...blame it on building an airport

**MaureenB** waves

**Maggi:** They're going to get very hot and nothing is going to grow there

**BJB2:** hi, Maureen. Welcome

**CorinneW:** right

**CorinneW:** why there and not here first

**CorinneW:** here meaning Germany

**CorinneW:** are the greatest offenders going to be hit first or is nature not that discriminating

**Maggi:** Now unfortunately the poor people are going to get hit first

**Maggi:** Hi Maureen

**CorinneW:** the poor ones that can't afford to create climate change

**Maggi:** Exactly

**Maggi:** We all have to change our lifestyles

**Maggi:** Stop consuming

**Maggi:** Did you see a book a Frenchman wrote about the rich are killing the planet?

**CorinneW:** less flights I hear, no wonder they are in for the 'short haul'

**CorinneW:** no, do you have an author for us?

**Maggi:** While Airbus has a new plane that holds 853 passengers

**Maggi:** I do it in the featured links actually

**CorinneW:** which will probably never be finished thank goodness

**CorinneW:** ok, thanks

**Maggi:** Well several just flew to America

**CorinneW:** got it

**CorinneW:** oh

**Maggi:** At the bottom of his site which is in French, is an interview with Al Gore

**Maggi:** Did anyone see his testimony in front of Congress?

**Maggi:** There are also some good interviews under the links from the new TV station online

**Maggi:** The real news

**Maggi:** Paid for not by corporations but people like you and me

**Maggi:** Under links are several interviews that are on there

**Maggi:** George Monbeiot

**Maggi:** I think most people are still looking and reading

**MaureenB** waves goodbye need to cook dinner for my mom

**Maggi:** There certainly is a lot in the room to look at

**DavidWe:** I'm here for 10 minutes - just wanted to join in briefly

**DavidWe** waves to Maureen

**MaureenB** waves goodbye to David

**Maggi:** Any questions in particular?

**Maggi:** Remember you have 4% of the worlds population but create 25% of its pollution

**DavidWe** regrets his contribution to global warming

**DavidWe** would gladly change into a t-shirt and shorts

**Maggi:** While you're here you can at least look at the pictures under want to lose these?

**Maggi:** Folder

**PriscilaT:** ok

**Maggi:** A good article to read is for some who think it's worth waiting before you pay how much it's going to cost if you wait

**Maggi:** Geared to the US

**Maggi:** Doesn't look pretty because most of Florida is going underwater

**PriscilaT:** ok

**Maggi:** As well as a good part of Manhattan

**Maggi:** The coastal regions will all be hit pretty hard

**Maggi:** Do not buy land near the ocean anywhere

**PriscilaT:** ok

**Maggi:** Go further north

**Maggi:** Southern regions will dry out

**PriscilaT:** wow

**Maggi:** The last mini ice age in Europe supposedly led to a drought that brought the Aztecs down

**PriscilaT:** yeah

**DavidWe** hugs Maggi

**Maggi:** (one place affects the weather in another)

**PriscilaT:** yes

**Maggi:** Just like the pollution in China is causing problems with the weather in Asia

**Maggi:** And a lot of it has made it to the US

**Maggi:** Soot in the air

**Maggi:** West Coast and East Coast

**Maggi:** Europe and Australia too

**PriscilaT:** so it affects almost everywhere

**Maggi:** Yes it does

**PriscilaT:** wow

**Maggi:** What really upsets people who lived downriver from where that pollution is being poured in

**Maggi:** With no care taken for the people who live downriver

**PriscilaT:** oh no

**Maggi:** The major rivers in the world are polluted

**Maggi:** The ocean is dying

**Maggi:** We are at the top of the chain and when things below us start dying off and we are in trouble

**PriscilaT:** we should be worried

**Maggi:** If you have any questions please ask

**Maggi:** Hi Sarah

**Maggi:** Welcome to environment

**Maggi:** If you have any questions please ask

**Maggi:** There is a lot in the room here to see

**Maggi:** Is there anything in particular it you would like to know?

**BJB2:** Priscila, have you joined this group?

**BJB2:** joining a group adds the group room to your favorite places menu and allows you to post messages to the discussion board

**PriscilaT:** yes

**BJB2:** great!

**BJB2:** **Maggi**, thanks for hosting this discussion. The next Environment discussion will be on April 14

**Maggi:** ok

**PriscilaT:** yes

**PriscilaT:** thank you

**Maggi:** very welcome

**Maggi:** And thank you for coming

**BJB2** hugs **Maggi** goodnight...sweet dreams

**Maggi:** And you can stay here as long as you like and look around

**BJB2** . o O ( or come back any time! )

**Maggi** hugs BJ

**PriscilaT:** thanks once again