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Letter of recommendation for the World Wide Views on Global Warming Initiative

UNDP warmly welcomes the World Wide Views on Global Warming initiative.

World Wide Views will solicit the views of citizens all over the world and enable them to participate in what could be one of the most important global endeavors of this Century: The fight against climate change and the need for the world's policy makers to come together in Copenhagen later this year and agree on the action to be taken.

UNDP works for real improvements in people's lives and in the choices and opportunities open to them. UNDP is already deeply engaged in assisting developing countries in reducing the risk that climate change poses to their development process. But much more needs to be done to permit attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

Evidence is mounting that climate change undermines development efforts by reinforcing drought, land degradation, degradation of water supplies, and biodiversity loss. These are all developments that threaten the poor who depend disproportionately on the natural environment for their livelihoods.

To speed up the much needed decisions regarding climate change mitigation, adaptation, financing, and technology transfer policy makers all over the world need to hear from citizens. And citizens, businesses and non-governmental organizations need to engage in identifying and implementing the right solutions.

World Wide Views on Global Warming can help bring that change about. I hope that citizens will engage and that policy makers, negotiators, organizations and institutions will pay attention to the messages that the initiative will bring about.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Veerle Vandeweerd', is written over a horizontal line.

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