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“Frankly, we are running out of time”

A TIME OF CONSEQUENCES – A TIME FOR ACTION

Since the Copenhagen Climate Conference in 2009, there are many who consider the climate negotiation process to have achieved very little. Certainly, given that CO2 emissions continue to increase, it is not an unfair conclusion. For those outside the negotiations, it is easy to be bored stiff by the language of communique and to despair at the ineffectual promises of politicians.

Yet, since 2009, climate legislation has made its way onto the statute books around the world. Barack Obama has broken the US log-jam on climate policy and the Chinese leadership have spoken of peaking emissions. Consensus on the need for action is not the same as taking action, meanwhile the temperature is rising!