

Appendix A

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Principal Areas of Focus

Through Department of State (DOS) annual funding, the United States is the world's leading financial contributor to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)—the principal international organization for the assessment of scientific, technical, and socioeconomic information relevant to the understanding of climate change, its potential impacts, and options for adaptation and mitigation. Recent DOS contributions to these organizations provide substantial support for global climate observation and assessment activities in developing countries. DOS also works with other agencies in promoting international cooperation in a range of bilateral and multilateral climate change initiatives, including: the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate, the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum, the Group on Earth Observations, the Methane-to-Markets Partnership, the International Partnership for a Hydrogen Economy, and the Generation IV International Forum.

Program Highlights for FY 2009

During FY 2009, DOS will continue to support the activities of the UNFCCC and the IPCC, and will advance the bilateral and multilateral partnerships for global climate science, technology, and observation that were undertaken in the FY 2006-2008 time frame.