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CLIMATE JUSTICE: THE NEXT MOVEMENT

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I. Introduction: Relating Environmental Justice to Global Climate Change

- A. Environmental Justice's Central Lesson: *Distribution, Distribution, Distribution*
- B. The Significance of Distributional Analysis Applied to Global Climate Change
 - 1. Distribution is the Key and Scientific Uncertainty a Red Herring
 - 2. Distributional Mismatches in the Context of Global Climate Change
 - 3. Environmental Justice Distributional Overlay
- C. Purpose of Talk: Three Fold
 - 1. Describe the Sources and Extent of the Existing Environmental Justice Distributional Mismatch
 - 2. Describe the Corresponding Hurdles for Lawmaking
 - 3. Comment on Potential Pathways for Breaking the Current Logjam

II. Sources and Extent of the Distributional Environmental Justice Mismatch

- A. The Causes of Global Climate Change: Greenhouse Gases and The Wealthy and Powerful
 - 1. By Nation
 - 2. Per Capita Analysis
 - 3. GDP Analysis
 - 4. Projected Changes Over Time (Indian & China)
- B. The Impacts of Global Climate Change: The Poor and the Vulnerable
 - 1. Global Location: Temperature vs. Impact
 - 2. Impacts
 - a. Water
 - b. Agriculture
 - c. Wildlife
 - d. Infectious Diseases
 - e. Weather
 - 3. (In)Adaptability
 - a. Lack of Shelter
 - b. Lack of Health Care
 - c. Lack of Alternative Economies

- d. Lack of Institutional Resources
- e. Lack of Technology
- 4. Extreme Victims
 - a. Low-Lying Islands
 - b. Isolated Indigenous Communities

III. The Corresponding Environmental Justice Challenges of Lawmaking

- A. The Cost of Further Delay
- B. The Challenge of Persuading the Wealthy and Powerful (and the Wannabes)
 - 1. When Immediate Costs Considerable
 - 2. When Benefits of those Costs Enjoyed by Others
 - 3. When Control Costs Might Decrease in the Future
 - 4. When Other Nations Might Negate Your Reductions by Increasing Their Emissions
- C. The Challenge of Equity in Distributing the Costs and Benefits
 - 1. Varying Meanings of Equity
 - 2. Two Examples
 - a) Principles of Equality
 - b) Principles of Sovereignty
 - 3. The Carbon Tax Alternative
- D. The Challenge of Developing an Institutional Framework
 - 1. The Existing Framework for International Environmental Law
 - 2. The Inupiat Petition Example

IV. Breaking the Distributional Logjam

- A. A New Approach to Environmental Justice: Thinking and Acting Locally **and** Globally
- B. The True Lesson of 911 and the Iraq War
- C. The New Congress and Pending Legislation
 - 1. S. 280 (McCain Lieberman)
 - 2. S. 309 (Boxer Sanders)
 - 3. Bingaman Draft Discussion Bill