

# Key points of the landmark Paris climate agreement

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LE BOURGET, France — U.N. climate talks reached a milestone Saturday when more than 190 countries adopted the first accord asking all countries to join the fight against global warming.

Here are some of the key elements of the deal:

## Long-term goal

The long-term objective of the agreement is to make sure global warming stays “well below” 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit and to “pursue efforts” to limit the temperature rise to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures have already increased by about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times. To achieve that goal, governments pledged to stop the rise in heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions “as soon as possible.” By some point after 2050, the agreement says, man-made emissions should be reduced to a level that forests and oceans can absorb.

## Emissions targets

In order to reach the long-term goal, countries agreed to set national targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions every five years. More than 180 countries have already submitted targets for the first cycle beginning in 2020. Only developed countries are expected to slash their emissions in absolute terms; developing nations are “encouraged” to do so as their capabilities evolve over time. Until then, they are expected only to rein in the growth of emissions as their economies develop.

## Reviewing targets

The initial targets won't be enough to put the world on a path to meet the long-term temperature goal. So the agreement asks governments to review their targets in the next four years and see if they can “update” them. That doesn't require governments to deepen their cuts. But the hope is that it will be possible for them to do so if renewable energy sources become more affordable and effective.



An activist hold a poster during a demonstration near the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, Saturday, during the COP21, the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

## Transparency

There is no penalty for countries that miss their emissions targets. But the agreement has transparency rules to help encourage countries to actually do what they say they will do. That was one of the most diffi-

cult pieces to agree on, with China asking for softer requirements for developing countries. The agreement says all countries must report on their emissions and their efforts to reduce them. But it allows for some “flexibility” for developing countries that “need it.”

## Money

The agreement says wealthy countries should continue to offer financial support to help poor countries reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change. It also encourages other countries to pitch in on a voluntary basis. That paves the way for emerging economies such as China to contribute, even though it doesn't require them to do so. Actual dollar amounts were kept out of the agreement itself, but wealthy nations had previously pledged to provide \$100 billion annually in climate finance by 2020.

## Loss and damage

In a victory for small island nations threatened by rising seas, the agreement includes a section recognizing “loss and damage” associated with climate-related disasters. The U.S. long objected to addressing the issue in the agreement, worried that it would lead to claims of compensation for damage caused by extreme weather events. In the end, the issue was included, but a footnote specifically stated that loss and damage does not involve liability or compensation.

## Obama vows to hit IS harder

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday vowed to accelerate the U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State in both Syria and Iraq, implicitly acknowledging that progress has been too slow as the extremist group expands its reach with deadly attacks beyond the Middle East.

Speaking at the Pentagon after meeting with his National Security Council, Obama revealed that a group of American special operations commandos has begun working with local fighters in Syria to “tighten the squeeze” on Raqqa, the extremists' nominal capital. He cited this as an example of aggressive new action, in addition to an intensified bombing of the oil infrastructure in Syria that provides much of the Islamic State's revenue.

The administration announced in late October that Obama had approved sending up to 50 special operations troops to Syria on the first open-ended mission by U.S. ground forces in Syria. Until now, U.S. officials had refused to say whether the American commandos had begun their mission.

Obama said his strategy is

moving ahead with “a great sense of urgency,” an assertion that critics say belies the slow pace of progress in Iraq and Syria. Drawing an implied contrast with military prescriptions offered by Republican presidential candidates, including Ted Cruz's call to “carpet bomb them into oblivion,” Obama said, “We have to be smart, targeting ISIL surgically, with precision” airstrikes while local forces do the ground combat.

## Oldest Oregon death row inmate dies of natural causes

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities say Oregon's oldest death row inmate has died of natural causes, two months after the governor denied him clemency.

The Oregon Department of Corrections says 67-year-old Mark Allen Pinnell died Monday morning at the Two Rivers Correctional Institution infirmary in Umatilla.

Gov. Kate Brown denied clemency for Pinnell in October after his lawyers asked he be allowed to spend his final days in hospice instead of prison. Pinnell had severe chronic pulmonary disease.

Pinnell was one of the first

to seek clemency after former Gov. John Kitzhaber declared a moratorium on executions in 2011.

Pinnell's was sentenced to death in 1988 after he and co-defendant Donald Cornell robbed and killed 65-year-old John Wallace Ruffner in 1985.

## Bergdahl to face desertion charge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who was held captive by the Taliban for five years and freed in exchange for five detainees in Guantanamo Bay, will face charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy in a general court-martial, the Army announced on Monday.

If convicted, Bergdahl could get life in prison on the misbehavior charge and up to five years for desertion. He also could be dishonorably discharged, reduced in rank and made to forfeit all pay.

Bergdahl, 29, of Hailey, Idaho, walked off his post in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province on June 30, 2009. He was released in the prisoner swap in late May 2014 that touched off a firestorm of criticism, with some in Congress accusing President Barack Obama of jeopardizing the safety of a

nation for a deserter.

A date for an arraignment hearing at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will be announced later.

## Canadian in helicopter drug-smuggling ring pleads guilty

SEATTLE (AP) — A Canadian man has pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge for his involvement in a ring that used low-flying helicopters to smuggle cocaine and marijuana across the U.S. border in 2008 and 2009.

After fighting extradition for years, Sean William Doak pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Seattle on Monday.

Prosecutors say the conspiracy was headed by Colin Hugh Martin, who has yet to be brought to the U.S. The group used helicopters leased through a front company to fly hundreds of pounds of marijuana at a time into remote forest clearings in Washington state. The pilots would meet drivers bringing shipments of cocaine up from the Los Angeles area, and fly that back into British Columbia.

One pilot, Sam Lindsay-Brown, committed suicide in the Spokane County Jail after he flew into a setup.

## Oregon's childhood poverty rates remain flat statewide

PORTLAND (AP) — New census figures show that childhood poverty rates have improved for Portland and other parts of Oregon, but they were essentially flat statewide.

The Oregonian reports that the U.S. Census Bureau reported Wednesday that statewide poverty rates among school-aged children declined from 18.8 percent in 2013 to 18.7 percent in 2014. In 2007, the rate was 14.7 percent.

Child poverty rates improve in Portland, the greater Eugene area and around Salem for the first time since the recession. But poverty rates when up in some places, including Beaverton, Hillsboro and North Clackamas.

The yearly reports are used to determine how much extra funding each Oregon school district receives to help educate low-income students.

## Corrections

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**AccuWeather.com Forecast**

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy with a bit of snow	A little rain in the afternoon	Milder with a bit of rain	Cloudy with a little rain

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
40° 33° 40° 28° 38° 35° 41° 32° 39° 28°

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
41° 32° 43° 32° 37° 34° 43° 33° 40° 28°

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**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	42°	37°
Normals	39°	26°
Records	64° (2002)	-22° (1919)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date 1.58"  
Normal month to date 0.64"  
Year to date 9.39"  
Last year to date 11.70"  
Normal year to date 12.11"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	40°
Normals	39°	27°
Records	68° (2002)	-7° (1972)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 1.11"  
Normal month to date 0.71"  
Year to date 6.50"  
Last year to date 6.69"  
Normal year to date 9.18"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	7:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:26 a.m.
Moonset today	9:06 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 1	Jan 9

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

Coastal Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today; a shower in spots across the north in the afternoon.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partial sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight. A bit of snow tomorrow.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a stray shower during the afternoon. A shower tonight.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today; an afternoon snow shower in spots in the mountains.

Cascades: Partly sunny today. Mostly cloudy tonight; a little rain across the north.

Northern California: Plenty of sun today; frigid in the interior mountains. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

**REGIONAL CITIES**

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	50	42	c	50	44	c
Baker City	34	20	pc	34	20	sn
Bend	35	24	pc	37	30	c
Brookings	50	38	pc	49	46	c
Burns	28	17	pc	34	22	c
Enterprise	30	20	pc	33	17	sn
Eugene	45	38	pc	48	42	c
Heppner	38	30	s	41	30	sn
Hermiston	41	32	s	43	32	c
John Day	33	28	pc	38	30	sn
Klamath Falls	35	16	s	35	30	c
La Grande	35	26	pc	36	22	sn
Meacham	33	27	pc	34	19	sn
Medford	41	28	pc	45	36	c
Newport	48	42	c	49	44	c
North Bend	52	42	pc	53	48	c
Ontario	41	26	pc	42	28	sn
Pasco	42	30	s	41	29	c
Pendleton	40	33	s	40	28	sn
Portland	43	39	pc	46	39	c
Redmond	37	27	pc	39	28	c
Salem	45	40	pc	48	41	c
Spokane	34	26	pc	33	21	sn
Ukiah	33	26	s	35	25	sn
Vancouver	41	39	pc	45	40	c
Walla Walla	41	33	pc	40	27	sn
Yakima	40	28	pc	41	30	c

**WORLD CITIES**

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	37	24	s	33	16	s
Hong Kong	69	56	pc	62	50	pc
Jerusalem	55	44	s	56	44	c
London	56	54	r	60	54	r
Mexico City	74	42	pc	75	43	pc
Moscow	30	25	sn	29	21	sn
Paris	51	49	r	58	50	c
Rome	58	40	s	57	38	c
Seoul	44	25	c	34	19	s
Sydney	83	68	pc	78	68	t
Tokyo	57	51	pc	62	47	pc

**WINDS**

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	SW 4-8	NNE 3-6
Pendleton	WSW 6-12	NW 4-8

**UV INDEX TODAY**

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.  
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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**NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY**

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**National Summary:** The East will be cooler but still very mild for December today. A storm will spread heavy snow from the Rockies to the northern Plains. Much of the balance of the West will be dry and chilly.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 85° in Opa Locka, Fla. Low -2° in Gunnison, Colo.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	36	19	s	36	17	pc
Atlanta	67	43	s	68	56	pc
Atlanta City	60	44	s	54	46	s
Baltimore	60	39	s	56	42	s
Billings	27	17	sn	27	10	sn
Birmingham	69	44	s	71	53	c
Boise	37	24	pc	39	25	sf
Boston	59	40	pc	48	38	s
Charleston, SC	76	50	s	76	59	pc
Chicago, IL	56	38	c	67	48	pc
Chicago	44	38	pc	53	31	sh
Cleveland	49	39	pc	55	45	pc
Dallas	70	43	pc	58	34	s
Denver	26	15	sn	32	14	pc
Detroit	48	40	c	51	36	sh
El Paso	48	26	c	48	25	s
Fairbanks	8	3	c	9	1	pc
Fargo	34	28	sn	29	18	sn
Honolulu	84	73	s	83	73	s
Houston	78	56	pc	67	43	pc
Indianapolis	49	40	c	55	34	sh
Jacksonville	75	59	sh	77	64	pc
Kansas City	56	33	pc	42	25	pc
Las Vegas	49	32	c	48	32	s
Little Rock	69	50	pc	62	34	pc
Los Angeles	62	42	c	64	44	s
Louisville	58	43	pc	63	41	sh
Memphis	69	50	pc	64	38	c
Miami	84	71	pc	83	73	pc
Millwaukee	42	38	pc	51	30	sh
Minneapolis	37	33	c	40	26	r
Nashville	64	43	pc	66	42	c
New Orleans	74	59	pc	75	57	t
New York City	60	44	pc	53	47	c
Oklahoma City	62	30	s	52	27	s
Omaha	44	32	c	37	26	c
Philadelphia	61	43	s	57	45	s
Phoenix	55	35	s	56	34	s
Portland, ME	55	32	r	44	29	s
Providence	61	38	pc	50	35	s
Raleigh	70	43	s	65	50	s
Rapid City	27	19	sn	31	12	sf
Reno	34					