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The theme for Earth Day 2013 is *The Face of Climate Change*.

U.S. INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Obama Administration on Climate Change **White House.**

Under President Obama's leadership, the United States has engaged the international community to promote sustainable economic growth and to meet the climate change challenge through a number of important venues, including international climate negotiations, climate and clean air coalition.

Climate Change on Kerry Agenda in China, Japan **IIP Digital. April 16, 2013.**

The United States and its Asia-Pacific partners are moving forward on "an accelerated basis," Secretary of State John Kerry said, to send a "significant message" to other countries about the importance of action on energy efficiency and climate change. A new bilateral dialogue on climate change has emerged from the Kerry-Kishida talks. Kerry said it will focus on "three pillars": drafting post-2020 climate agreements (which will be successors to the expiring Kyoto Protocol), enhancing low-emission development, and building societies resilient to climate change.

Japan-U.S. Fact Sheet on Climate Change Cooperation

IIP Digital. April 14, 2013

The United States and Japan share the view that anthropogenic climate change represents a threat to the security and economic development of all nations. On the occasion of their meeting today in Tokyo, Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida expressed serious concern about anthropogenic climate change and its worsening impacts.

China-U.S. Joint Statement on Climate Change

IIP Digital. April 13, 2013

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China recognize that the increasing dangers presented by climate change measured against the inadequacy of the global response requires a more focused and urgent initiative. The two sides have been engaged in constructive discussions through various channels over several years bilaterally and multilaterally, including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change process and the Major Economies Forum.

U.S. Shapes Climate Change Response Plans

IIP Digital. Mar 29, 2013

The Obama administration aims to minimize the impact of climate change on natural resources where possible and to maximize opportunities where the effects of climate change might be beneficial.

New Evidence on Earth and Within It Affirms Climate Change

IIP Digital. March 12, 2013

Two research projects releasing data in early March provide new evidence that the Earth is warmer than it used to be. One group used satellite data to track the spread of plant life into higher latitudes than cold temperatures ever allowed in the past. Another group has examined ice and sediment cores gathered around the globe to calculate an unbroken record of temperatures over the past 11,300 years.

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology's (PCAST) Climate Report

White House. March 22, 2013.

PCAST released a letter to the President describing key components the advisory group believes should be central to the Administration's strategy for addressing climate change, including a dual focus on mitigation—reducing the pace and magnitude of climate-related changes, and adaptation—minimizing the unavoidable damage that can be expected to result from climate change.

PROTECTING PLANET EARTH

Earth Day Network

Earth Day, April 22, is the annual U.S. celebration of the environment and a time for Americans to assess the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. Environmental awareness is part of the country's consciousness. The idea of protecting the environment was once the province of a few conservationists, but has now moved from the extreme to the mainstream of American thought.

[The White House Foundation for Energy and Environment](#)

This White House website, under the Energy & Environment issue, offers ways to protect the planet's air, water, and other natural resources for future generations.



[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)

This Earth Day EPA is reaching out to people of every age, race, and economic status to "own" the environment, to make environmental protection one of their top priorities.

E-PUBLICATIONS

[Climate Action Goes Local](#)



This issue of *eJournal USA* examines what it means to think globally about climate change — and to act locally. "Climate Action Goes Local" shows how communities and nongovernmental groups worldwide are initiating programs that counter climate change, and why leadership from local officials and buy-in from local populations and businesses are necessary for such programs to be effective.

[Growing Up Green](#)



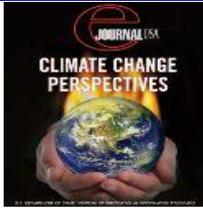
This issue of *eJournal USA* explores how young people are leading the way to a cleaner, greener, more sustainable future. From launching their own environmental organizations to developing alternative energy resources, today's youth have what it takes to make the world a better place.

[Climate Change Partnerships](#)



This issue of *eJournal USA* explains one proven and one proposed partnership structure relevant to today's climate issues. The tested model focuses on influencing individual behavior and business practices to achieve long-term gain, the other on cultivating a creative environment within which partners can develop marketable products of immediate benefit. Six case studies illustrate the models in action.

[Climate Change Perspectives](#)



This *eJournal USA* offers perspectives of experts and activists in several key countries on effective policies to curb greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate global warming and adapt to irreversible changes, and features an introduction by U.S. special envoy Todd Stern.

[Rachel Carson: Pen Against Poison](#)

Rachel Carson was a quiet woman who stirred extraordinary controversy that persists decades after her death. Her 1962 book *Silent Spring* brought worldwide attention to the harm to human health and the environment wrought by mishandling of a powerful pesticide, fomenting the environmental movement. In the 100th anniversary year of Carson's birth, this publication examines how occasionally in history a book with a powerful idea can bring about peaceful but dramatic change in a democratic society.

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