

Climate Change IRRs – Lens Overviews

We are all working to answer the question:

What role should _____ play in the global effort to slow climate change and its effects?

The following questions must be answered in each Individual Research Report:

Political	Economic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is the leader of your country, and what is their stance on climate change? How urgent is the issue for them? Has your country already committed to reducing fossil fuel emissions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, by how much (what percent each year)? When will they begin reducing their emissions? If not, why not? What international treaties, if any, has your country signed as a commitment to reducing climate change? What was your country's stance on the Paris Climate Accord? How else has your country been involved in international efforts to slow climate change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do your country's economic resources come from? How much of your country's GDP is dependent on natural resources? Which ones? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Especially note if your country has resources from forests! How will climate change affect the industries and jobs in your country? How much foreign aid has your country given to the United Nations or other countries in the past? Is your country a donor or a recipient of aid? If they are a donor, how much do they give?
Social & Cultural	Environmental
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geographically, where does your country's population live (i.e., by a river, ocean, mountain, etc.)? How might climate change affect migration patterns within your country? What is the poverty rate in your country? How might this be impacted by climate change? How might climate change impact different populations (women, children, etc.) differently within your country? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What environmental concerns (i.e., overfishing, mining, rising sea levels, etc.) does your country already deal with? What environmental concerns will be exacerbated or compounded by climate change? What role, if any, does deforestation play in your country? Have there been any efforts towards afforestation?