

Africa struggling to acquire technology to mitigate climate change

Accra, Ghana (PANA) - Developing countries are struggling to get technology that is required to address climate change, an African member of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) disclosed here.

William Agyemang-Bonsu from Ghana, disclosed at the ongoing Climate Change Talks that this was happening despite the Kyoto Protocol which says that the extent to which the developed countries can take action in not only mitigation but also adaptation, will depend on the extent to which developed countries transfer technology to developing countries.

"If technologies are not coming in, this reduces our effort, even if we are making efforts in trying to reduce emission, we will not be able to achieve this because we do not have appropriate technologies.

"The argument and resistance is that technology is not there to take but if you want it, go for it, go and buy it, it is on the market and it is not in the hands of governments, it is with the private sector," Agyemang-Bonsu told PANA.

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