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# Experts to Discuss Varied Costs of Climate Change, Quantify Climate Impacts and Damages Attributed to Top Fossil Fuel Producers

BONN (November 14, 2017)—Today, experts from the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) will discuss recent extreme weather events—both in the U.S. and abroad—intensifying due to climate change, as well as what affected communities are experiencing and how to limit harm from future disasters to people and the economy.

Additionally, UCS will discuss their new, <u>first-of-its-kind study recently published in *Climatic Change*</u>, which finds that top fossil fuel producers such as ExxonMobil and Chevron—are responsible for as much as half of the global surface temperature increase and roughly 30 percent of global sea level rise. The study examined attribution during two time periods—before and after 1980, when investor-owned fossil fuel companies were aware of the threat posed by their products.

## WHO

- Alden Meyer, director of strategy and policy, UCS
- Rachel Cleetus, lead economist and climate policy manager, UCS
- <u>Kathy Egland</u>, chair of the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee for the NAACP National Board of Directors
- <u>Saleemul Huq</u>, director, ICCCAD at Independent University in Bangladesh
- Peter Frumhoff, chief climate scientist and director of science and policy, UCS

### WHEN

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 14:30 CET

### WHERE

Press Conference Room 2 in Bula 3 Zone at the COP23 venue in Bonn, Germany. Please note this event is only open to Bula Zone badge holders.

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