

## GLOBAL MAP OF CLIMATE CHANGE 2005

Maplecroft launches interactive Global map of climate change to coincide with the G8 Summit

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*'The global fight against climate change is a vast undertaking that will require sustained global citizenship and vision for decades to come. The international community should take pride in what it has done thus far to respond to this challenge. But only if these efforts are truly re-energized will we place our societies on more secure footing, and avert the calamities that the world's best science tells us lie ahead if we continue on our present course.'* Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations (2004)

To coincide with the G8 Summit being held on the 6-8th of July, Maplecroft has created an interactive '**Global map of climate change 2005**'. This web-based map is an innovative awareness-raising and management tool for business. It forms part of the Maplecroft '*Global maps*' series – a vast resource of data and analysis covering 20 sustainable development issues, including HIV/AIDS, human rights, corruption, hunger, poverty, displacement, political risk, conflict risk, child rights, water and digital inclusion. The '*Global maps*' series includes both hard copy and interactive web-based maps.

### Features of the map of climate change include:

- **Risk analysis** – a unique climate change index is derived that captures both the relative intensity of country carbon dioxide emissions and international commitments made by governments to reduce emissions. Countries are shaded to identify the relative risk they pose to ongoing global warming.
- **In depth analysis of climate change** – providing detailed insight into the sources and manifestations of climate change and those who are most vulnerable to it.
- **Spotlights on engagement** – extended set of case studies that profile how business is working both independently and in partnership with government, non-governmental agencies and local communities around the world to reduce the climate change impacts of its operations and offset CO2 emissions.
- **Ongoing dialogue forum** – business, academic, NGO and civil society stakeholders interested in commenting, adding case studies or suggesting amendments are welcome to join our new Climate Change Community. The community will be hosted as an email forum and will present discussions and invite opinions of topical climate change issues. Subscription is gratis and available at <http://climate-change.maplecroft.net>

This project has been informed by data from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Human Development Report 2004.

Partners are being sought for the development of a hard copy map of climate change – please contact us.

### Notes for editors:

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- The '*Global maps*' series is a unique awareness-raising and management tool, providing a framework for monitoring and analysing a wide range of complex issues that impact on society and the goals of business. It includes both hard copy and interactive web-based maps. Hard-copy maps of anti-corruption and transparency, HIV/AIDS, human rights risk and water can be purchased at <http://amazon.maplecroft.net>