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COP17 closer to agreement. The European Union said an agreement on the way forward was within reach at the COP17 International Climate talks in Durban. This would come provided there was further movement on negotiations from the big emitters. Friday is the last day of discussions and EU Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard says time is running out to get a mandate together for a future legally binding deal. (Radio 702 online - 09-Dec-2011 - 12:29)[South Africa] <http://www.ewn.co.za/Story.aspx?Id=78932>

The EU hard at work on a future climate change roadmap. The European Union (EU) says the realization of a concrete deal on climate change at Durban's COP17 depends on a small number of countries that was only hours to go before the COP17 ends still won't commit to a legally binding deal. EU Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard told journalists that the EU has been hard at work negotiating the need for a future roadmap. This will bind all large economies from both the developed and developing countries to target to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Hedegaard says she is encouraged by the progress. (SAfm News - 09-Dec-2011 - 12:00)[South Africa]

A group for Africa at the United Nations COP17 summit in Durban says countries that are still under G77 have not separated. The outgoing chairman of this group Tosi Panopano says it's very good that Brazil and South Africa are agreeing that there should be an agreement that will force all countries so that the standard of air pollution can drop. He says it's important to know the needs of each country especially the developing ones like China don't have an option. (uKhozi FM - 09-Dec-2011 - 13:00)[South Africa]

Do or die for COP17. It is "do or die" day for negotiators at the COP17 climate change conference in Durban, Africa Group chair Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu said on Friday. The head of the 54-nation bloc, which includes South Africa, told journalists the pace of negotiations to stop the world slipping into a situation where global temperatures rise more than two degrees Celsius was "not the best". Scientists warn that if greenhouse gas emissions continue as they are, the world faces catastrophic consequences in the form of extreme weather, soaring temperatures, and rising sea levels. Politicians and senior officials at the international high-level talks reportedly haggled into the early hours of Friday morning. So far, they have failed to strike a deal on either an extension to the Kyoto Protocol, or the formal establishment of the Green Climate Fund, two items on the Africa Group's bottom line for the conference. A senior United Nations Framework Convention on

Climate Change (UNFCCC) official, who declined to be named, told Sapa at noon on Friday that the talks might go on well into Saturday. Mpanu-Mpanu said his group wished to see the Durban conference become a "milestone" in the climate change process. Striking an optimistic tone, he said the Africa Group believed it was "more than possible" for the conference to deliver concrete results. Asked whether it had been "hard enough" on countries that were hanging back, he said: "If you are too rigid, you become irrelevant. They leave you on the side of the road." (SAPA - 09-Dec-2011 - 13:10)[South Africa]

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Concrete deal on climate change at COP17 depends on a small number of countries. The European Union says the realizations of the concrete deal on climate change at COP17 depends on a small number of countries that will only get hours before the conference ends. All eyes are on the EU as they try to find a solution to the Euro Zone debt crisis. (09-Dec-2011 - 12:21)[South Africa]

The European Union says it is only a few countries that are holding the agreement hostage. Minister Nkoane-Mashabane said that it is encouraging to see that the European Union and other countries are on board and that it is only a matter of time. Interview: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Vice President, Global Policy. (09-Dec-2011 - 12:06)[South Africa]

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