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## **UN Frustrated No One Wants To Pay For Another Lavish Global Warming Summit**

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The United Nations is set to hold its next global warming summit in Morocco later this year — that is, if they can get countries to cough up millions of dollars.

The EU is withholding \$13 million from the U.N.'s next climate meeting, which is expected to cost more than \$23 million for the venue alone. The European Union has said it's withholding funds for the Morocco summit because of the country's claims on Western Sahara.

<u>Climate Home reported</u> Morocco "hoped external donors would be able to offer a large chunk of funding. Canada and the US are also understood to have made offers of support." They were already worried Morocco "was unprepared to host a meeting deemed critical to boosting climate action," according to Climate Home.

The financial snafu comes after nearly 200 countries met in Paris last December to hash out a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol. Countries <u>agreed to make voluntary cuts to carbon dioxide emissions</u> and give more money to poor countries to use green energy and adapt to global warming.

So, why doesn't Morocco put up the cash itself? U.N. climate summits are a costly affair, and can take millions of dollars to put on.

Environmental economist Richard Tol estimates <u>U.N. global warming summits cost \$100 million every year</u> — all borne by taxpayers from different countries. None of these talks have produced any real results in terms of tackling global warming, according to Tol.

"As a taxpayer I think you should be dismayed," Tol told those gathered at the libertarian Cato Institute last year.