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Copenhagen Climate Summit Will Have A Bigger Carbon Footprint Than The Entire Nation Of Morocco

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More specifically, the 11 day summit will emit more carbon than Morocco does in a year.

When an estimated 16,500 delegates, activists and reporters descend upon Copenhagen Monday for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, a lot of hot air will follow.

The U.N. estimates the 12-day conference will create 40,584 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, roughly the same amount as the carbon emissions of Morocco in 2006.

Those greenhouse gas emissions are comprised of two parts: international travel and local emissions from hotels and transportation venues. Organizers will also reportedly lay 900 kilometers of computer cable and 50,000 square miles of carpet, along with more than 200,000 meals to be served and 200,000 cups of coffee.

The conference will leave an enormous carbon footprint, says Patrick Michaels, senior fellow for environmental studies at the Cato (NYSE:CATO) Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington.

oeIt will be huge, Michaels said of the environmental toll. oeWhere is video conferencing when we need it? An equally important question is what will be accomplished here?

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