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PARIS: Scientists Hold Alternative Conference, Challenge UN Agenda (Video)

While President Obama and other world leaders joined tens of thousands of climate activists, politicians, and bureaucrats in Paris to promote a global regime to tax and regulate global CO₂ (and all human activity), a group of distinguished scientists held an alternative conference elsewhere in the city to challenge the devastating policies at the UN's COP-21 gabfest.



The “counter conference,” which was sponsored by the Chicago-based Heartland Institute, was headlined as [“Bringing Climate Realism to Paris at COP-21.”](#)

A main attraction of the event was its “Day of Examining the Data” on December 7, which featured presentations by, among others:

S. Fred Singer, Ph.D., professor emeritus, atmospheric and space physicist, author and editor of numerous scientific books and peer-reviewed articles, recipient of numerous scientific awards, president of the Science and Environmental Policy Project, and founder of the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC).

“Climate is constantly changing; it has been warming and cooling for millions of years because of natural influences,” Singer said. “There is no reason to believe that these natural factors have suddenly stopped working — today or in the future. Therefore, the burden of proof is for climate alarmists to show convincing evidence that the rise of CO₂ will produce catastrophes. In my view, they have not done this — probably because they cannot.”

Willie Soon, Ph.D., an astrophysicist and geoscientist based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is author of *The Maunder Minimum and the Variable Sun-Earth Connection*, as well as many articles published in peer-reviewed journals on the sun's influence on climate. (See TNA interviews with him [here](#) and [here](#).)

“After a quarter of a century of dedication to the scientific research on how the sun can affect the Earth's climate, I am forced to conclude the United Nations' summary of the latest science is either extremely weak or purposefully misleading filled with only half-truths,” Soon told the Paris conferees. “I challenge all COP-21 participants and even Greenpeace to come hear us out and embrace the full truth and to stop the sad demonization of CO₂, the ultimate gas of life.”

Robert M. Carter, Ph.D., a paleogeologist and marine geologist, is emeritus fellow of the Institute of Public Affairs in Australia, former professor and head of the School of Earth Sciences at James Cook University in Australia, and author of *Climate Change: The Counter Consensus*.

“In its first report in 1991, the IPCC concluded the observed twentieth century increase in global temperature could be largely due to natural variability. They were right then and the statement remains true today,” Carter said. “But despite the absence of direct evidence for dangerous human-caused warming, damaging natural climatic events will always be with us. The only sensible policy response is to prepare for and adapt to all hazardous climatic events, of whatever causation, as and when they



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occur.”

Christopher Essex, Ph.D., a professor of applied mathematics at the University of Western Ontario and a former director of its program in theoretical physics, is coauthor, with Ross McKittrick, of *Taken by Storm*.

“The world’s most baffling debate is over climate,” Essex said. “The debate’s boundaries exclude its own subject matter (the functions and differential equations of physics and chemistry). Within accepted boundaries, the key debating strategy for a certain side is to maintain throughout the debate that the debate is over, while simultaneously arguing its opponents do not exist, and that those nonexistent opponents are bad.”

The New American’s Alex Newman attended the Heartland conference in Paris and, along with TNA videographer David Lewis, interviewed these and other scientists and policy experts who contest the global-warming hysteria that poses as “science.” In this video interview below, Alex gives highlights of the Heartland Climate Realism summit.

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