PM calls for global action to deal with climate change

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Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday called for a coordinated global action to deal with the challenge of climate change and stressed the proper enforcement of regulatory standards to prevent green damage. He said the country has set a broad objective to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 20 per cent between 2005 and 2020.

He was addressing the 11th edition of the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on Thursday.

Leaders from various countries including Afghan President Hamid Karzai, President of the Dominican Republic Leonel Fernandez Reyna and President of Seychelles James Alix Michel are participating in the summit based on the theme of “Tapping Local Initiatives and Tackling Global Inertia.”

President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai, in his address pointed out that time has come for the much discussed regional energy projects to become a reality. He emphasised on more effective collaboration to tap renewable sources of energy, which the region has in abundance.

According to Leonel Fernandez, the world of the future should not be one of irresponsible development at the cost of fossil fuels, uncontrolled logging and other predatory actions, but sustainable progress through the use of renewable resources.”