

# Climate: Bolivia Calls World Conference of Social Movements

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CHUQUISACA, Bolivia, December 20 — Bolivian President Evo Morales announced today that a world conference of social movements is to take place in Bolivia, as a response to the failure of the 15<sup>th</sup> Summit on Climate Change, recently held in Copenhagen.

“The problems of climate change are directly linked to the irrational development of industry,” said the president at the celebrations for the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Culpina municipality, in the region of Chuquisaca.

Morales said that he has requested technical and scientific arguments to support a large-scale international mobilization to defend the environment, especially water.

The meeting will take place on April 22, which is the International Day of Mother Earth.

“It will be a great meeting where we’ll be able to come up with solutions for the problem of climate change,” the leader said.

He regretted that the summit held in Copenhagen had concluded without reaching any important agreement. However, he noted that the event was an opportunity to break the hegemony of industrialized countries attending the gathering.

“If we don’t make important decisions now, our children and the generations to come will be faced with serious problems,” warned the president.

He pointed out that the Bolivian world conference of social movements will be aimed at finding options for guaranteeing food for the peoples, in view of the famine that is affecting different parts of the world.

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