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## **Renner to represent Alberta at global climate change talks**

*Edmonton...* Environment Minister Rob Renner will travel to Cancun, Mexico to represent Alberta's interests and priorities for a global greenhouse gas reduction framework at the United Nation's 16th annual climate change conference (COP16) from December 6 to 10.

"The world must find solutions to the challenge of meeting a growing global energy demand, retaining economic growth and reducing emissions," said Renner. "While climate change is the focus in Cancun, others will want to hear about the environmental performance of our oil sands. I will take this opportunity to talk about Alberta's successes, challenges and the importance of our energy resource to all Canadians. We have a record to be proud of and an important story to tell."

As a part of the Canadian delegation at COP16, Alberta will continue to put forward priorities for an international agreement that is fair, achievable and transparent. From the province's perspective, an agreement must include all emitters and have the right focus on technology development and deployment, while creating confidence that the world can reduce emissions and have strong economies.

Renner will also meet with other jurisdictions to discuss Alberta's:

- \$2-billion investment in carbon capture and storage;
- experience operating North America's only emission reduction program;
- mandatory targets for all large emitters;
- regulated offset market;
- price on carbon; and
- clean energy technology fund, which has already collected \$187 million.

The estimated cost for Renner and his Executive Assistant to attend for five days is \$4,500.

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## Minister Renner's travel itinerary: December 6-10

### December 6

- Travel from Alberta to Cancun, Mexico

### December 7

- Speak at Global Carbon Capture & Storage Institute panel
- Participate in the United Nation's COP16 as part of the Canadian delegation
- Bilateral meetings

### December 8

- Speak at Green Solutions panel sponsored by the Mexican government
- Participate in the United Nation's COP16 as part of the Canadian delegation

### December 9

- Participate in the United Nation's COP16 as part of the Canadian delegation

### December 10

- Participate in the United Nation's COP16 as part of the Canadian delegation
- Travel from Cancun to Alberta

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