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**A Comprehensive Analysis of the Perils of Climate Change
in Africa and Suggestions on How to Ameliorate Them:
An Application of the Law of Change**

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Abstract

An Internet search of the words “climate change Africa” with the Google search engine yielded 23,900,000 results in 0.37 seconds. This is a clear indication that the issue is receiving a great deal of attention. Yet, a random examination of these entries reveals that these books, articles and reports focus on either one or a few aspects of the issue and, thus, not comprehensive. This paper seeks to provide a comprehensive analysis of the problem. Employing the *law of change* as its theoretical postulate, the paper critically investigates the perils of climate change in Africa and offers suggestions on how they can be ameliorated. The data for this paper came from my field notes during visits to many countries across the African continent; a series of works on the environment in the developing world by Anders Forsse, Hans Blix, Calestous Juma, Sven Bergström, Varis Bokalders, Anders Rapp, Lasse Berg, Rolf Edberg, Lara Sundgren, and Marianne Enge sponsored by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA); and an extensive literature search on the topic in libraries and on the Internet. The substantive findings after the data analysis suggest that the climate change situation in Africa is perilous but that it could be ameliorated, if African and developed nations are to act very quickly and forthrightly. They also suggest that the consequences in Africa will find their way to the developed countries in many forms.