

# Global Challenges Foundation Risk Survey: The Pulse of International Sentiment

## Global Challenges Foundation Global Risk Survey: Key Data for UN Climate Summit

In anticipation of the UN Climate Summit on September 23 that will unite world leaders from government, finance, business and civil society who are tasked with bringing bold announcements and actions, the Global Challenges Foundation (GCF) will be releasing international data from its quantitative survey of public views on climate change, poverty and armed conflicts. This poll was commissioned by GCF in February 2014 and surveyed nine countries, targeting the respective publics at large (ages over 18) in Brazil, the United States, China, Russia, Poland, Germany, India, South Africa and Sweden. The survey was conducted through online panels, with at least 1,000 interviews conducted in each country.

Among all nine countries surveyed, there is agreement that climate change is a threat to mankind, and a mandate from the international public is upon government bodies to act.

### Do you regard climate change as a severe threat to mankind?

Country	Brazil	USA	China	Russia	Poland	Germany	India	South Africa	Sweden
Yes, definitely	78%	42%	81%	34%	30%	47%	82%	71%	33%
Yes, maybe	17%	36%	17%	40%	46%	35%	16%	23%	46%

### What do you think is the main reason for global warming?

Country	Brazil	USA	China	Russia	Poland	Germany	India	South Africa	Sweden
Human activity primarily in the form of greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation	91%	66%	96%	59%	65%	76%	92%	88%	76%

### Do you think enough is being done politically to counteract climate change in order to eliminate the risk of extreme climate catastrophes?

Country	Brazil	USA	China	Russia	Poland	Germany	India	South Africa	Sweden
No, definitely not	40%	26%	4%	12%	23%	33%	20%	41%	35%
No, probably not	38%	35%	22%	21%	44%	44%	33%	43%	43%

### Do you think mandatory international decisions should be made against climate change?

Country	Brazil	USA	China	Russia	Poland	Germany	India	South Africa	Sweden
Yes, definitely	74%	33%	65%	48%	40%	66%	66%	61%	47%
Yes, maybe	21%	37%	30%	25%	43%	23%	25%	30%	40%

### Do you think we should try to prevent extreme climate catastrophes, which might not occur for several centuries, even if it requires considerable sacrifices from us today?

Country	Brazil	U SA	China	Russia	Poland	Germany	India	South Africa	Sweden
Yes, definitely	63%	39%	63%	31%	30%	33%	68%	68%	46%
Yes, maybe	32%	40%	32%	38%	52%	46%	27%	26%	39%

The full survey data is attached.

