President Obama and other world leaders will gather in Copenhagen next week to discuss climate change. Though this is a global issue, it's also a profoundly local one. For this reason, the Op-Ed editors asked writers from four different continents to report on the climate changes they've experienced close to home. Here are their dispatches.

**Denmark in the Wind**

By HANNE-VIBEKE HOLST
In Copenhagen, the once moderate-to-fresh winds are now more often storms.

**South Africa’s Fire Kingdom**

By ZAKES MDA
In Cape Town, a rise in unpredictable and more ferocious fires are destroying the ecosystem.

**The Penguins of Brazil**

By EDGARD TELLES RIBEIRO
In Rio de Janeiro, shifting ocean currents and water temperatures have changed bird migration patterns.

**In Japan, Concerns Blossom**

By YOKO TAWADA
In Tokyo, it no longer snows in winter.