

CLIMATE WEEK 2016 IS UNDERWAY; THE DRIVE FOR RATIFICATIONS

World leaders have gathered in New York for [Climate Week](#). The UN conference finishes on September 26th, so further announcements are likely. This is the first major climate conference since the [Paris Agreement](#) late last year. Pressure is high to gather more ratifications of this climate change treaty. Latest [countries](#) to

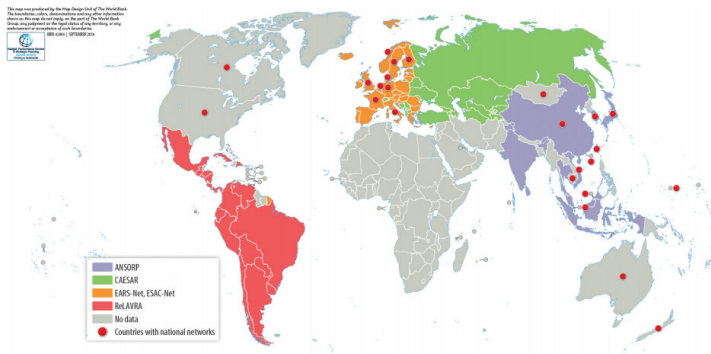
sign up include Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. At least 55 countries accounting for 55% of greenhouse emissions are needed. At the time of publication, the former has been met, but not the latter. You can keep an eye on the status of ratification [here](#).

@SICMGMT TWEET OF THE WEEK

 Investment threats in a changing climate ft.com/content/32806d via @FT

INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Surveillance Networks



Source: [World Health Organization, 2014](#)

EXXON TO BE SCRUTINIZED BY SEC

The SEC has announced it is to investigate [Exxon Mobil's accounts](#), focusing on its valuation of oil reserves. Although Exxon remains adamant that its 'financial reporting meets all legal and accounting standards', [an adverse ruling](#) for the company would likely have far-reaching consequences for both oil & gas companies as well as some mining

enterprises. The SEC action follows on from an investigation by the [New York attorney general](#) who questioned whether the oil company had misled investors. Some feel that oil companies have considerable leeway in how to value reserves under present accounting rules.

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THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

1,249

companies now use an internal carbon price or plan to use one soon, according to [CDP](#)

375

members of the US National Academy of Science warn of the dangers of the US withdrawing from the Paris climate change agreement

68

percent of female directors and 56 percent of male directors believe directors should have term limits

26

October 2016 is the deadline for written submissions to the UK's newly launched Corporate Governance inquiry

21

US states have sued the Federal Government over new overtime regulations, arguing it threatens States' budgets

20

US federal agencies have been ordered to consider climate change in their planning

10

doses of antibiotics are dispensed for every person in the world annually

8.2

billion Euros of claims have been registered by 1,400 complaints in the German courts against Volkswagen

THE WORLD TAKES ON DRUG RESISTANT SUPERBUGS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Last Wednesday, [world leaders](#) agreed to adopt a coordinated approach to address the cause of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across human health, agriculture and animal health. The next step is to develop national action plans on AMR which will reveal the extent of the problem and

to stop the misuse of antibiotics. Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO stated, 'We are running out of time'. Planning and actions is to involve [WHO](#), [FAO](#), [OIE](#) and the [World Bank](#).

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DID YOU SEE...?

EU moves from climate leader to laggard. The EU championed emission cuts in Paris but now has to wait for all 28 member states to ratify. [READ MORE](#)

TERM OF THE WEEK

[Parexit](#) - the withdrawal from the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

IS AIR POLLUTION LINKED TO DIABETES? A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS SO

It has been well researched that type 2 diabetes is linked to lifestyle factors. Apparently, long-term exposure to air [pollution](#) may also play a role.

The study, conducted in southern Germany analyzed associations between air pollution

concentrations and biomarkers related to insulin resistance for around 3,000 participants. The researchers found a strong effect in people who are already [pre-diabetic](#) because of high blood sugar level.

WHAT WE'RE READING



[Drug-resistant infections - a threat to our economic future](#)

World Bank, September 2016

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A recent study by Abbott Laboratories and the University of Illinois showed that one-third of patients who arrive at a hospital in the US suffer from malnutrition. A further one-third become malnourished during their stay

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