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by Sebastian Smith and Rosa Collin

In the court of papal reform, the pope’s message is mixed. During his visit to the United States, Pope Francis has been praised for his calls for climate action and for addressing the issue of immigration. However, he has also been criticized for his support of the death penalty and his recent comments on same-sex marriage. Despite these mixed signals, many see Pope Francis as a leader who is willing to take a stand on important issues and who is committed to making a difference.

by Megan Rowling

Writers and climate change negotiators from the world gathered in Lima last week to negotiate on the global climate deal. In many ways, they were dissatisfied as a proposed ban on coal power and an effort to phase out deforestation were not on the agenda. However, they were encouraged by the discussion to continue working towards a new global climate deal.

by Diego Werneck

Deeply unpopular with most Brazilians, the unelected Temer would find himself as a president in waiting, even if the executive authority to accede to the Paris Agreement comes from a government formed after new elections. Temer’s “eventual government will be in a better position to take up its role,” said the International Institute for Environment and Development’s Abeysinghe. Amid all the uncertainties, he expects that countries will be ready to put into practice the climate action they have committed to – even if it is not in the same scale as they had expected.

by Sulleiro

The ministers and officials representing the group of 48 least developed countries (LDCs) met in Lima to discuss the new climate deal. They decided to support the agreement as “an opportunity to move forward” and work towards a global climate deal that would benefit all countries.

by Nina Winzen

Nina Winzen, 27, is chatting and cooking with her new neighbor. “My new neighbor” – she has a new friend named Ehab. “I have everything.”

by YASMIN AL-AMRI

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