African experts join UK climate change talks

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APA – London (United Kingdom) African experts are among world delegates attending a two-day conference; which opened in the UK capital London, on Tuesday, with a 3-year initiative aimed at developing legislation to tackle climate change high on the agenda.

The conference, funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), was jointly organized by GLOBE International, an institution which supports legislators and parliaments in tackling major global environmental challenges.

Declaring open the session, Foreign Office Minister for the Middle East and North Africa Alistair Burt said: “We are clear that we need to respond to climate change with a global, comprehensive and legally-binding deal on emissions reductions. Getting there will require effort, consensus and compromise”.

Legislators can contribute to this process by building a constructive political climate for the discussion of climate change and enacting legislation which will act as a framework for domestic and global action for years to come, he added.

Enacting effective national climate legislation is an important step towards getting a new climate deal in 2015, the conference organizers said.

The UK – with its Climate Change Act and the Green Deal which makes it easier for households to make energy-saving improvements – is regarded as a world leader in climate legislation.

The initiative which is being launched this week will support legislators across the world to advance climate change legislation within their own parliaments.