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Shift Brings Deaths Global warming is causing more than 300,000
deaths and about \$125 billion in economic losses each year,

according to a report by theGlobal Humanitarian Forum, an

organization led by Kofi Annan, the former United Nations secretary
general. The report, to be released Friday, sifted data sets and existing

studies of health, disaster, population and economic trends. It found
that human-influenced climate change mainly by exacerbating

flooding and drought was elevating the global death rates from
illnesses including malnutrition, diarrheal disease, malaria and

heat-related ailments. But even before its release, the report drew
criticism from some experts on climate and risk, who questioned its

methods and conclusions.请访问百考试题网站<http://www.100test>

Along with the deaths, the report said that the lives of 325 million

people, primarily in poor countries, were being seriously affected by
climate change. It projected that the number would double by 2030.

Roger A. Pielke Jr., a political scientist at the University of Colorado,
Boulder, who studies disaster trends, said the forum ' s report was

“ a methodological embarrassment ” because there was no way to
distinguish deaths or economic losses related to human-driven

global warming amid the much larger losses resulting from the

growth in populations and economic development in vulnerable regions. Dr. Pielke said that “ climate change is an important problem requiring our utmost attention. ” But the report, he said, “ will harm the cause for action on both climate change and disasters because it is so deeply flawed. ” However, Soren Peter Andreasen, a social scientist at Dalberg Global Development Partners who supervised the writing of the report, defended it, saying that it was clear that the numbers were rough estimates. The report appeared aimed at world leaders, who will meet in Copenhagen in December to negotiate a new international climate treaty. In a press release describing the report, Mr. Annan stressed the need for the negotiations to focus on increasing the flow of money from rich to poor regions to help reduce their vulnerability to climate hazards while still curbing the emissions of the heat-trapping gases linked to global warming. More than 90 percent of the human and economic losses from climate change are occurring in poor countries, according to the report. The next round of preliminary talks leading up to the December negotiations is scheduled to begin Monday in Bonn, Germany. Jeffrey D. Sachs, an economist, was one of 12 experts who vetted the report for the forum. He acknowledged that some of the report ’ s conclusions were oversimplified. Still, he said, he endorsed the report ’ s message. He and others who work in vulnerable regions like Africa, the Middle East and South Asia, he said, are convinced that global warming is already harming communities.

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