

# First Minister announces climate change funding

During a visit to the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik, Iceland today First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has announced a funding package of £1 million to help developing countries tackle climate change.



The aim is to help them measure climate change better and track the impact, thus helping to improve the assessment of any progress across the world following the Paris Agreement.

Ms Sturgeon said: “Scotland may not geographically be part of the Arctic Circle, but like every delegate here today we are committed to acting on climate change and limiting global temperature increases to below 1.5 degrees.

“We know the most damaging effects of climate change are in developing nations and fall disproportionately on the very young, the very old and the very poor.

“That’s why Scotland was the first national government in the world to establish a Climate Justice Fund, which now supports 11 projects in some of the world’s poorest communities in four sub-Saharan African countries.

“Following the Paris Agreement on climate change, countries can’t just stand back and wait – we all have to deliver. The funding I am announcing today will help developing countries better measure and track climate change, leading to a greater global understanding of how effective we are in limiting its effects.

“This is also a clear signal that we’ll do everything we can to remain an open, outward looking country that works to

strengthen our partnerships around the world.”