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Low carbon carpet set for Copenhagen

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Delegates at the United Nations global conference on climate change will be walking on an eco-friendly carpet made using a low-carbon source.

The 20,000 sq m surface at the Bella Centre in Copenhagen is an ingeo fibre carpet, sourced from plants rather than oil and thus using up very little carbon.

Known as Eco2punch, it is manufactured by French firm Sommer Needlepunch, with the ingeo fibres supplied by NatureWorks LLC.

NatureWorks noted that the production of the carpet from this material required 50 per cent less

energy and had a 60 per cent lower carbon footprint than a floor covering made from fossil fuels.

It said that when this reduction was applied to a carpet of this size, it was the equivalent of saving 69,000 driving miles.

The Copenhagen summit will not be the only major event this year to feature an eco-friendly carpet.

In October, the Tokyo Film Festival's eco-friendly theme led to it swapping the traditional red carpet for the stars to walk for one that was both green in colour and construction, being made from recycled plastic bottles.