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## Copenhagen: 'A deal without agriculture, is no deal'

Saturday's alert brings you a series of articles on what might be termed "The African Voice" on climate change. Most of them were published in African media sources this week. The ACP-EU resolution on climate change, immediately below, provides a context to this edition.

### [ACP-EU parliamentary assembly: climate change resolution](#)

*ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly*

Luanda: The 18th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly met in Luanda from the 30 November to 3 December 2009. The Assembly adopted various [resolutions](#), including one on climate change. The core of the resolution follows...

### [Machel, Maathai, Robinson: Africa's stake in the climate change debate](#)

*Project Syndicate*

Maputo: Across Africa, there are growing concerns, which the three of us share, that the continent is being marginalized in the major debates leading up to the COP15 climate-change summit in Copenhagen this month. While the main focus has been on the impact of climate-change mitigation on industrialized countries, the urgent adaptation needs of the world's poorest countries, in the face of possible catastrophe, have largely been ignored, at least in terms of concrete measures...

[Gettu: Africa has central role to play over climate change](#)

*allAfrica.com*

New York: Over the past year the countries of Africa have intensified their efforts to build a coalition on climate change. Across the continent, governments and communities have been working to ensure that their concerns and expectations are heard at the Copenhagen climate negotiations later this month...

[Severino: Rendezvous with Africa on climate](#)

*Project Syndicate*

Paris: After a long series of preparatory meetings, the Copenhagen summit on climate change is finally upon us. With the Kyoto Protocol on carbon emissions expiring in 2012, the delegates who will gather in Copenhagen have been given the task of concluding a new international agreement. The world's countries are engaging in one of the most complex and consequential exercises in collective action that has ever had to be managed in the history of international relations...

[Tanzania: Africa to speak with one voice in climate change](#)

*The Citizen*

Dar es Salaam: African countries will forge a united front to press for a 40 per cent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by developed economies during the forthcoming Copenhagen climate conference. Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Environment) Batilda Burian said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that poor countries would also call for renewed commitments on funding to mitigate the negative effects of global warming in the developing world...

[Nigeria inaugurates committee on climate change](#)

*African Press Agency*

Abuja: Nigeria on Tuesday inaugurated a 25 member multi-stakeholder committee for the production of national climate change strategy and action plan as part of the measures to finding solution to the negative impact of climate change. The Minister of Environment, John Odey, who inaugurated the forum in Abuja said the strategy and action plan would provide a coherent process for the country to respond to the immediate needs in regard to adaptation to climate change...

[African climate policy centre receives \\$8.5 million from Sweden](#)

*afrol News*

Addis Ababa: Sweden has signed an agreement with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), committing 60 million Swedish Kronor (about \$8.5 million) in support of ECA's African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC), established in the framework of the Climate Information for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa Programme)...

### [New report calculates climate change toll on Africa](#)

*Christian Post*

An African partner of anti-poverty group Christian Aid released a [report](#) that calculates for the first time the “unavoidable cost” of climate change in Africa - both in relation to finances and to people. And according to the report, even if dramatic international action held the global temperature rise at 1.5 degrees Celsius, climate change will cost Africa at least \$26.35 billion a year and leave millions more in the continent suffering from hunger, diseases, floods and water shortages...

### [India, China, Brazil, South Africa ready climate draft](#)

*The Hindu*

Beijing: Four of the world's major developing countries on Saturday agreed on a substantive draft declaration listing their “non-negotiable” demands ahead of next month's climate summit in Copenhagen. The 10-page draft, which has been signed by China, India, Brazil and South Africa, is being conceived as a counter to the text that will be released by western countries next week as a possible basis for negotiations, when talks begin on December 7...

### [India's 2020 target: Reduce emission by 20-25%](#)

*The Times of India*

New Delhi: Four days ahead of the Copenhagen climate summit, India on Thursday announced it will reduce its emission intensity by 20-25% by 2020 from the 2005 level. Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh, in an eloquent exposition of the country's stand which he said was worked out in concert with some developing countries including China, said India was reducing the emission intensity -- the level of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP -- in its own interest...

### [Stand up against climate change](#)

*Women24*

Cape Town: As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen approaches, the world's eyes and ears are tuning in once again to phrases like global warming, renewable energy, and greenhouse gas. In light of the mounting evidence that climate change is rapidly impinging on people's quality of life, particularly among Southern nations, organisations and governments across the globe are stepping up their efforts to mitigate the impact...

### [Egypt eyes solar power exports, costs too high now](#)

*Reuters*

Cairo: Egypt, which plans to start its first solar power unit in 2010, said on Tuesday it wanted to expand solar power production for export but that costs of the technology would need to fall first to make it feasible. The North African country, a gas and oil producer, aims to generate 20 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020...

### Decision on solar plant will depend on funds, says Peters

#### *Business Day*

Cape Town: A final decision on the building of a R6,5bn concentration solar plant would depend on the availability of funds, Energy Minister Dipuo Peters said yesterday. The government expects to use more solar-generated electricity to reduce carbon emissions, but its energy programme -- including the start of nuclear plants -- has had to be scaled back due to the recession and the pressure on resources...

### Tsitsikamma wind project to get green energy going

#### *Business Report*


Johannesburg: The R1bn Tsitsikamma wind farm project launched yesterday moved South Africa another step closer to increasing its production of cleaner and renewable energy. By 2013 the wind farm will produce 40 megawatts of electricity, which will be sold to Eskom. It is the first community-owned project of its kind in the country...

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