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POLITICO

Copenhagen: President Barack Obama proclaimed he had “the blood of Africa within me” during his emotional trip to Ghana this summer. But to African climate negotiators in Copenhagen, he's just another US president pushing a preachy, penurious agenda. Obama, who flies into the Danish capital later this week in hopes of sealing some kind of climate change deal, remains extraordinarily popular with millions of Africans, more popular than their own leaders in many countries...

[African frustration erupts at UN climate talks](#)

AFP

Copenhagen: Africa's frustration at the UN climate summit boiled over Monday as delegates walked out of key talks and continental giant Nigeria warned the negotiations were now on red alert. Sources at the marathon talks said Africa led a five-hour boycott of working groups, with the backing of the Group of 77 developing nations, and only returned after securing guarantees that the summit would not sideline talks about the future of the Kyoto Protocol...

'BASIC, Africa ready with joint draft on climate'

Press Trust of India

Copenhagen: Disappointed with some of the stiff conditions in the climate change draft treaty, India in close co-ordination with China and several countries including from Africa, have prepared an integrated document emphasising "equitable access" to atmospheric space for all. The integrated draft of a potential treaty prepared by the BASIC countries (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) has been merged with another text prepared by the Africa group within the G77, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said...

Sudanese ambassador apologises to SA

Pretoria News

Copenhagen: Sudanese ambassador Lumumba Stanislaus Di-Aping has apologised unreservedly for comments allegedly made on behalf of the G77 in an unscheduled meeting with civil society organisations last week in which he was quoted as saying the South Africa delegation was actively disrupting the negotiation process at the climate talks in Denmark...

African parliamentarians bemoan slow progress in climate change negotiations

Xinhua

Lagos: The Pan African Parliamentarians Network on Climate Change (PAPNCC) has bemoaned the lack of progress in negotiations on climate change at the ongoing UN Conference on Climate Change. Awudu Mbaya Cyprian, president of PAPNCC, said that African countries had embraced the cause of climate justice, the News Agency of Nigeria reported...

A Namibian view of Copenhagen

The Guardian

Copenhagen: Journalists worldwide thrive on speculation - and this is particularly true for reporters from southern Africa covering the UN climate change negotiations in Copenhagen. Climate change will hit the region - which has little ability to adapt - hard. Yet South Africa aside, CO2 output is negligible...

Good governance and ethics key to successful climate adaption - Nobel winner

Reuters AlertNet

Copenhagen: Efforts to help developing nations adapt to climate change are doomed to failure unless good governance and ethics are integral elements of financial assistance, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai warned Friday. That goes for both recipient nations and donors countries, Maathai said...

The Environment Nobel goes to -- Anna Tibaijuka

The East African

Nairobi: The Nobel may be the most recognised, coveted and prestigious prize in the world today, but there are other equally prestigious international prizes awarded each year. Top of the list is the Goteborg Award for sustainable development, widely considered equivalent to the Nobel prize for the environment, awarded by the Swedish city of Goteborg and partner companies...

Kumi Naidoo: A fair, ambitious and binding deal

Khaleej Times

As a child I once watched the television broadcast of an anti-apartheid demonstration held in New Zealand, just before a rugby match that violated the international sports boycott against apartheid South Africa. My younger brother and I were confused. "What are the whites doing in that rally?" he asked...

Uganda's Road Map to Copenhagen

Uganda Media Centre

It gives much pleasure to be here today to address the media on the issues of climate change and particularly Uganda's role and participation in the Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen...

Fakir: Green jobs and the miracle deferred

The South African Civil Society Information Service

Cape Town: The mention of green jobs salivates the eager tongues of politicians seeking quick answers for dismal economic prospects. Green jobs have become the new panacea for joblessness and a 'pathway out of poverty'. Statistics dazzle and sometimes flail the timid heart. Countries that have used the recession to kick-start a new industrial opportunity have seized on the idea of the green sector as a strategic choice...

Africa demands free technology transfer

Business Daily

Nairobi: Even as farmers in Africa try to lessen the impact of climate change by growing green fuel crops like Jatropha, the technology required to process these seeds into economically viable products is lacking and debate on how to transfer it from the West is one of the contentious issues at the ongoing Copenhagen climate talks...

Africa needs stronger regional cooperation, Janneh

afrol News

Copenhagen: The uneven distribution of water resources in Africa warrants stronger regional cooperation and effective water governance on the continent, said UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Abdoulie Janneh, in Copenhagen...

Tanzania: Giant coal projects boost national grid

Tanzania Daily News


Dar es Salaam: With climate change hitting hard on Africa, governments should now change their attitudes towards the excessive use of hydro electric power which is now losing momentum as water levels are increasingly going down. Tanzania's interconnected grid system has an installed capacity of 773MW, of which 71 per cent is hydropower and any shortcomings in rainfall usually causes power rationing which has been hurting the country's economy...

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