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### [Applications for civil society observers on the CIFs due July 15](#)

*World Bank*

Applications for civil society observers on the World Bank's Climate Investment Fund (CIF) Trust Fund Committees are due to RESOLVE by July 15. These groups decide how funds for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects will be allocated...

### [UNDP, partners launch report on climate index insurance](#)

*UNDP*, 29 June 2009

Geneva: Climate has always presented a challenge to farmers, herders, fishermen and others whose livelihoods are closely linked to their environment, particularly those in poor areas of the world. A type of insurance, called index insurance, now offers significant opportunities as a climate-risk management tool in developing countries...

### [WTO/UNEP report explains the connections between trade and climate change](#)

*WTO*, 29 June 2009

United Nations: The WTO/UNEP report on "Trade and Climate Change" examines the intersections between trade and climate change from four perspectives: the science of climate change; economics; multilateral efforts to tackle climate change; and national climate change policies and their effect on trade...

[Rising sea could swallow Mombasa in 20 years](#)

*Daily Nation*, 29 June 2009

Nairobi: Mombasa is known all over the world as a city of sun-kissed beaches and luxurious hotels packed with tourists having the time of their lives. But in just 20 years, this world-renowned tourist haven may become an island of misery in which vast stretches of land are submerged in sea...

[WB approves \\$3.5m climate change fund for Liberia](#)

*afrol News*, 29 June 2009

The World Bank has approved US\$3.5 million for Liberia for its Coastal Defense programme which will target three cities including Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia and two other major cities in the country, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) communiqué has said...

[Rajendra Pachauri: Where's the world's plan of action against climate change?](#)

*The Guardian*, 29 June 2009

London: Today, international action on climate change is urgent and essential. Indeed, there can no longer be any debate about the need to act, because the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), of which I am chairman, has established climate change as an unequivocal reality beyond scientific doubt...

[MSU links carbon markets, tree-planting to fight poverty, protect the earth](#)

*Michigan State University*, 29 June 2009

East Lansing: Michigan State University scientists are combining sustainable forest production with emerging carbon markets in a unique effort to help some of the world's poorest people grow trees that will boost their standards of living and slow climate change...

[Namibia: Climate change policy underway](#)

*New Era*, 29 June 2009

Windhoek: Efforts are underway to develop Namibia's National Climate Change Policy Strategy and an accompanying action plan. Representatives of various Government ministries, research organisations, consulting companies, local authorities, Office of the Prime Minister and non government organisations met in Windhoek to give their input on the proposed national climate change document...

[Minister advocates rain water harvesting policy](#)

*Modern Ghana*, 30 June 2009

Accra: Minister of Water Resources, Works and Housing, Mr Albert Adongo has called for a policy on rain water harvesting to make water available during dry seasons. Speaking after the opening of a five-day international workshop on Climate Change Adaptation for Water Basin Management...

[Climate change information for the poor](#)

*Irin*, 30 June 2009

Johannesburg: Under-resourced media are failing rural people in developing countries, who are most vulnerable to climate change and in greater need of information to protect themselves from more intense cyclones and longer droughts, according to a new study...

[Paul Krugman: Betraying the planet](#)

*New York Times*, 30 June 2009

New York: So the House passed the Waxman-Markey climate-change bill. In political terms, it was a remarkable achievement. But 212 representatives voted no. A handful of these no votes came from representatives who considered the bill too weak, but most rejected the bill because they rejected the whole notion that we have to do something about greenhouse gases...

[Uganda: Environmentalists point to worrying pace of deforestation](#)

*Irin*, 30 June 2009

Kampala: Uganda has lost nearly a third of its forests in the last two decades and could lose most of its tree cover in about 40 years unless measures are quickly taken to reverse the situation, environmentalists have said. "Climate change does not happen in isolation..."

[Scientists asks Nigeria to evolve alternative to oil](#)

*Daily Independent*, 1 July 2009

London: Scientists are, once again, saying that Nigeria and other oil producing countries must evolve alternatives to fossil fuel as predominant source of energy as a way of reducing its impact on the climate...

[Stakeholders call for more collaboration on climate change](#)

*Ghana News Agency*, 1 July 2009

Accra: Stakeholders on climate change have called for effective collaboration between entrepreneurs, knowledge institutions and government agencies for a common platform to address issues on climate change...

[African leaders urged to speak with one voice](#)

*Cameroon Tribune*, 1 July 2009

Yaounde: The Pan African Parliamentarians' Network on Climate Change has urged the continent's leaders to adopt a common position during the Copenhagen conference. African Parliamentarians want the continent's leaders to increase the number of negotiators, adopt a common position and speak with once voice in order to obtain a fair deal during the UN conference on climate change...

[UNEP: Countries representing four fifths of the global economy back green growth](#)

*ISRIA*, 1 July 2009

Paris: Achim Steiner, the head of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), today welcomed the 'Green Growth' Declaration by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) saying it underlined the way environment was rapidly being brought into the centre of economic discourse and policy-making...

[India negotiating emission targets and not UN's Framework Convention](#)

*Press Information Bureau*, 1 July 2009

New Delhi: India is not negotiating or re-negotiating United Nation's Framework of Convention, but is negotiating emission targets. Briefing the media about India's approach to climate change, Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Shri Jairam Ramesh said India has no role in building green house gases (GHGs)...

[UN chief tells Africa to capitalize on new climate change talks](#)

*Afrique en ligne*, 2 July 2009

Sirte: African countries must capitalize on the ongoing discussions on a new climate change agreement to negotiate for new funding commitments to fight climate change, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said in a message to the opening session of the African Union (AU) Summit...

[SA looks like G8 member for the wrong reason](#)

*Business Report*, 2 July 2009

Johannesburg: Two figures stand out for South Africa in the scorecard released yesterday measuring the performance of the Group of Eight (G8) and the Group of Five (G5) - the major developed economies and the biggest emerging economies, respectively - on the path to creating a low-carbon global economy...

[WWF urges G8 summit to take action on climate change](#)

*Engineering News*, 2 July 2009

Johannesburg: As the Group of Eight (G8) countries prepare for the G8 summit in Italy next week, the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) has urged leaders to put meaningful climate change action at the top of the agenda, and issued the top industrialised nations with their 'climate change scorecards'...

[Africa must invest more in agricultural research](#)

*Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique*, 2 July 2009

Sirte: African Agriculture Ministers have called on governments to increase financial resources for scientific research in order to optimise agricultural production. The recommendation was made during a meeting of the African Union (AU) Executive Council...

[Climate declaration to get global boost](#)

*Wall Street Journal*, 3 July 2009

Washington: The U.S., European Union and 12 of the world's largest nations plan to embrace "an aspirational goal" of reducing emissions of global-warming gases by 50% by 2050, according to a draft declaration by world leaders set for release next week in Italy...

[Brazil wants CO2 cuts based on historic emissions](#)

*The Guardian*, 3 July 2009

Brasilia: Brazil wants historic emissions to be the basis for greenhouse gas pollution targets, slated for discussion during December climate talks in Copenhagen, Brazil's top climate negotiator said in an interview...

[West African sub-region vulnerable to climate change - Boamah](#)

*Ghana News Agency*, 3 July 2009

Accra: Dr Edward Omane Boamah, Deputy Minister of Environment, Science and Technology said on Thursday that the West African Sub-Region would be the most affected region by climate change, as long as it remained one of the poorest in the world...

[El Niño an early warning for food security](#)

*Irin*, 3 July 2009

Johannesburg: Rising sea surface temperatures across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean herald El Niño, which could disrupt the rains in major cereal producing regions, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has warned...

**RB launches national policy on environment**

*Times of Zambia*, 3 July 2009

Lusaka: President Rupiah Banda yesterday launched the National Policy on Environment (NPE) and called on Zambians to embrace and implement strategies of the policy, which include issues of climate change. Mr Banda also said that the Government had embarked on an awareness campaign on environmental issues targeting policy makers and vulnerable communities in rural areas...

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