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[Nigeria may face hard times by 2014](#)

ThisDay, 6 July 2009

Abuja: The House of Representatives has warned that the Nigerian economy which largely depend on crude oil exports may witness a major shrink in five years time unless the Federal Government aggressively pursue a policy of diversification of its source of revenue...

['Green' revolution under way in rural China](#)

CNN, 6 July 2009

Lijiang: In the northwest of China's mountainous Yunnan province, among the world's most biodiverse areas, a green revolution is under way among rural residents. In Meiquan Village near Lashi Lake, Zhang Chengui says he has been able to maximize profits by spending more time growing crops since installing a biogas digester-greenhouse, solar water heater, energy-efficient stove and rain-collecting cistern...

[Sugarcane research aims to harvest green energy](#)

UQ, 6 July 2009

Brisbane: Scientists based at the University of Queensland are working towards one of sustainable energy's holy grails – harvesting the untapped potential of sugar cane. Aided by new technologies and an international research network, the Australian team aim to have the first sugarcane genome sequence ready by the middle of next year...

[Can cloud-making ships, giant algae "stomachs" and the lessons of the Serengeti save us?](#)

The Guardian, 6 July 2009

London: The mosaic floors of Manchester's imposing town hall are decorated with bees that represent the city's once unrivalled industrial might. But its history as the world's first manufacturing powerhouse also makes it arguably the cradle of global warming, so it is fitting that Alfred Waterhouse's neo-gothic masterpiece is hosting a search for the most innovative solutions to the problem of climate change...

["It's wrong to burn food of the poor to drive cars of the rich"](#)

Inter Press Service, 7 July 2009

United Nations: The world needs to overcome "the bizarre irony that rural areas, where food is grown, is home to cruel poverty and hunger," says Ismail Serageldin, former chair of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Serageldin, director of Egypt's prestigious Bibliotheca Alexandrina...

[Climate change to be key focus in UK aid strategy](#)

24Dash.com, 7 July 2009

London: Tackling climate change and an increased focus on war-torn regions will be key planks of a new strategy for the UK's international aid budget, MPs were told today...

[Oxfam: Climate change threatens crop yields](#)

Oxfam, 7 July 2009

London: An excerpt from the Oxfam report "Suffering the Science: Climate Change, People and Poverty": As a consequence of climate change, there has already been significant change in the types of crop that people grow, because in the tropics it takes only 1°C of average temperature change to begin to alter the suitability of some key crops...

[Eyeing the wealth of the Guinea Savannah](#)

Irin, 7 July 2009

Johannesburg: In the 1980s a group of farmers in the West African country of Burkina Faso decided to fight back against years of drought by resuscitating their barren rock-hard land to grow more food than only what they needed to survive...

Tropical zone expands

News24, 7 July 2009

Melbourne: Climate change is rapidly expanding the size of the world's tropical zone, threatening to bring disease and drought to heavily populated areas, an Australian study has found...

Devastation in Zambia as climate change brings early flooding

The Guardian, 7 July 2009

The ceremony is called Kuomboka, meaning "moving out of the water". Every year the king of the Lozi people journeys from the flooded plains to higher ground. Thousands gather to dance, feast and watch the royal barge rowed by dozens of oarsmen beneath a giant replica elephant. The Kuomboka is traditionally the cue for local people to follow the king in escaping the rising waters, but the reality of climate change is catching up with this colourful ritual...

El Nino to drive up carbon emissions

IOL, 8 July 2009

Singapore: Across the globe an emerging El Nino weather pattern threatens to cause droughts and floods and trigger a spike in planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions from burning forests. El Nino is a warming of tropical Pacific waters that affects wind circulation patterns. Its effects on the global climate vary from one event to the next...

India's budget lacks environmental roadmap, say green groups

Business Green, 8 July 2009

New Delhi: India has reduced customs duty on biodiesel and a key component for wind turbine manufacturers in its latest budget, but environmentalists say more needs to be done to attract green investments and support conservation efforts...

Kenya set to tap power from renewable energy

Daily Nation, 8 July 2009

Nairobi: Kenya is fast-tracking its plan to boost renewable energy as hydro power increasingly becomes unreliable due to erratic rains. Several such power projects are scheduled to kick off next month. The initiative is being coordinated by the office of the Prime Minister. The envisaged 20-year plan to boost the country's power by 2,000 megawatts has been turned to a three-year "crash programme"...

G5 Declaration

ISRIA, 9 July 2009

L'Aquila: We, the leaders of the Group of Five (Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa), having gathered here in L'Aquila, Italy on July 8, 2009 have decided to issue the following Political Declaration...

What the G8 leaders say on Africa

allAfrica.com, 9 July 2009

L'Aquila: Leaders of the world's eight major industrialized countries meeting in L'Aquila, Italy, have devoted about one-third of their declaration to African issues. The verbatim text of the relevant section follows...

African states and poor farmers

Daily Trust, 9 July 2009

Abuja: In the last few days, small-scale farmers in Nigeria and other parts of the continent attempted to set the agenda, or better still, influence the agenda of heads of state and government who met in Sirte...

Floods: Breaking the cycle

Inter Press Service, 9 July 2009

Luanda: The fourth largest river in Africa, the mighty Zambezi, is a lifeblood to 32 million people, from land-locked Zambia to Mozambique on the Indian Ocean. But its blessing is also its curse. Climate change is blamed for an increase in rainfall and flooding along the river's 2,574 kilometre course...

Climate change fuels conflicts in Karamoja

The Monitor, 10 July 2009

Kampala: The Karimojong blame the spell of calamities like drought and disease to the "angry gods". Little do they know that their area is suffering the consequences of a larger problem, climate change. On the rough and bumpy ride from Sironko District to Moroto town in Karamoja sub-region, the road is full of signs of life...

Project to 'grow carbon sinks'

BBC, 10 July 2009

Accra: Ambitious plans to grow 24 million trees to soak up carbon dioxide and restore the rainforest have got underway in Ghana. The first million seedlings are being planted in a pilot scheme in an area that has been heavily logged in recent years...

[Make climate change highest priority - PACJA](#)

Ghana Web, 10 July 2009

Accra: The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), based in Nairobi, has urged President Barak Obama of the United States to make climate change his highest priority to ensure fair and effective climate deal...

[UNEP report says environment investment to spur economic growth](#)

Vanguard, 10 July 2009

Lagos: A newly published report by the UN environmental agency underscores how environmental investments can get the global and national economies back to sustainable work. The report launched in Nairobi on Monday said one third of the around 2.5 trillion dollars (N385 trillion) worth of planned stimulus packages should be invested on 'greening' the world economy to assist in powering the global economy out of recession and onto a Green, 21st century path...

[Climate change: concluding report of the Heiligendamm Process](#)

Russian Presidency, 10 July 2009

At the German Summit in Heiligendamm 2007, the Heads of State and Government of the G8 and the G5 started a new partnership – the Heiligendamm Dialogue Process (HDP) – in order to discuss crucial challenges of the world economy...

[Aussie carbon institute wins global backing](#)

The Australian, 10 July 2009

L'Aquila: Australia's new global institute designed to clean up coal has won substantial backing from world leaders in their united attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The project has been backed by 22 developed and developing countries for its ability to play a key role in reducing the world's reliance on coal to drive electricity...

[Buses may aid climate battle in poor cities](#)

New York Times, 10 July 2009

Bogota: Like most thoroughfares in booming cities of the developing world, Bogotá's Seventh Avenue resembles a noisy, exhaust-coated parking lot - a gluey tangle of cars and the rickety, smoke-puffing private minibuses that have long provided transportation for the masses. But a few blocks away, sleek red vehicles full of commuters speed down the four center lanes of Avenida de las Américas...

Climate commitments made at Durban summit

Engineering News, 10 July 2009

Johannesburg: The eThekweni municipality, local and national businesses and the United Nations signed a partnership declaration at the climate change summit in Durban, last week, committing themselves to adapting their practices to reduce carbon emissions...

G8 must do more on clean energy - IEA

Business Report, 10 July 2009

London: Four times more cash needs to be invested in efficiency and clean energy than pledged so far, the International Energy Agency said on Thursday, but welcomed the Group of Eight's calls for action...

Reminder: 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...

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