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*The Gazette*, 20 July 2009

Vancouver: As Canada assumes its G8 presidency, following Italy, it has the opportunity to move beyond the false dichotomy of choosing to either protect the environment or ensure economic development. If the G8 countries do not make the global climate a priority, they neglect the long-term economic stewardship their people also elected them to ensure...

[Adopt African views on forestry](#)

*Business Daily*, 20 July 2009

Nairobi: In the run-up to this year's global climate negotiations in Copenhagen, the international community is fiercely debating proposals for mitigating climate change, including strategies for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD). African forests - which cover 635 million hectares and account for 16 per cent of the world's forests - are attracting increasing attention...

[Turning the tide on farm productivity in Africa - an agroforestry solution](#)

*Science Alert*, 20 July 2009

Lusaka: A recent visit to share the successes of an agroforestry programme in Malawi with conservation agriculture practices in Zambia has scientists excited about a system of maize production that could transform the lives of millions of farmers...

[Clinton, India's Ramesh clash on climate change](#)

*Washington Post*, 20 July 2009

Gurgaon: The stage was set for a demonstration of how India and the United States could work together to reduce the impact of climate change: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton touring an environmentally-friendly “green” office building on the outskirts of the sprawling capital of New Delhi...

[World Bank pledges support to Nigerian climate investors](#)

*Guardian Newspaper*, 21 July 2009

Laos: Against declining investments in the light of the global economic depression, the World Bank is urging Nigeria's organised private sector to go green and tap into a new chain of opportunities available in the carbon market and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)...

[SA falling behind on 'going green'](#)

*Business Day*, 21 July 2009

Johannesburg: Many South African companies are losing sight of their carbon footprint reduction programmes in the midst of the market turmoil. South African companies are asking themselves whether it is better to start developing a carbon management strategy now or to wait and see what transpires with impending climate change regulations, analysts say...

[Clinton: Indian Agricultural Research Institute comments](#)

*US Department of State*, 21 July 2009

New Delhi: Here at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, some of India's top scientists are working to solve one of the most difficult challenges we face as a global community: the problem of chronic hunger and malnutrition, which affect nearly a billion people in the world...

[Remote sensing coming of age](#)

*Irin*, 21 July 2009

Cape Town: The use of remote sensing and satellite imaging looks set to become more widespread in South Africa as sustainable agriculture and natural resource management become more urgent in the face of climate change...

[New parliamentary forum to fight climate change](#)

*The New Vision*, 21 July 2009

Kampala: The snow caps on Mt. Rwenzori are melting, crops are failing due to erratic rain and much of Uganda is experiencing food shortage. Although Uganda may not have contributed to climate change as much as other countries, it will be hit just as hard, if not harder, by the effects of climate change...

[UN panel to study impact of climate change on poor countries](#)

*The Guardian*, 22 July 2009

London: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will use its next assessment due in 2014 to look at how the impact of global warming is falling unequally on the poorest developing countries. Two hundred key members of the IPCC met in Venice last week to begin scoping out its fifth assessment...

[OECD: Integrating climate change adaptation into development co-operation](#)

*OECD*, 22 July 2009

Paris: [from the executive summary] The national level is critical for mainstreaming climate change adaptation. At this level, strategic decisions are taken which create the enabling environment for public- and private-sector actors as well as communities and households. It is also at this level that medium- to long-term development and poverty reduction strategies and objectives are established, through national visions, national development plans and strategies...

[Nigeria's \\$750 million climate change loss](#)

*234Next*, 23 July 2009

Lagos: Nigeria loses about \$750 million annually to the depletion of its 350 000 hectares of forest land by direct human activities and climate change, the Minister of Environment, John Odey said on Tuesday in Abuja. Mr. Odey, who spoke during a session with the House Committee on Climate Change, also said that the Sahara Desert in Nigeria is moving southward at a rate of 600 meters annually...

[Disaster-risk reduction made simple](#)

*Irin*, 23 July 2009

Dakar: Partnerships between aid agencies and climate experts are finally paying off by helping NGOs' disaster prevention and response, but specialists question why it took so long...

[ECOSOC - global challenges and trends on delivery of humanitarian assistance](#)

*ReliefWeb*, 23 July 2009

New York: The Economic and Social Council held a panel discussion addressing the impact of current global challenges and trends on the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance...

[Playing with fire](#)

*Inter Press Service*, 23 July 2009

Durban: Nigeria's gas flare-out date has once again been extended - this time to 2011. The decision follows 25 years of political procrastination by the federal government and illegal behaviour on the part of major oil multinationals engaged in flaring associated gas (AG), the byproduct of oil production in the Niger Delta...

[India and China give US a clean energy lesson](#)

*The National*, 24 July 2009

Abu Dhabi: Top US officials have been travelling to China and India to urge those countries to do more to curb carbon emissions. But they may be preaching to the converted. Last weekend, Hillary Clinton, the US secretary of state, called on the two most populous Asian nations to sign on to a "global framework" to fight climate change during her first official visit to India since taking the office...

[Climate insurance: what kind of deal can be made in Copenhagen?](#)

*The Guardian*, 24 July 2009

London: As even the staunchest advocates will tell you, climate insurance is by no means a magic bullet. But clearly the tools of modern finance could certainly help make poor nations prepare for and respond to all manner of natural disasters big and small...

[Loggers invade water catchment area as settlers' eviction looms](#)

*Business Daily*, 24 July 2009

Nairobi: Hundreds of new settlers are trooping into the controversial Mau Forest every day in a last attempt to cut down trees for timber and firewood as government evictions loom...

### Climate change to worsen poverty amongst Ugandans

*UG Pulse.com*, 24 July 2009

Kampala: Climate change is likely to worsen the poverty levels amongst Ugandans if the country does not come out to counter this problem. According to a report from the Population Secretariat on Population and Development, climatic scientists have warned that developing countries like Uganda shall have the highest spells of climate change because their adaptation measures and early warning mechanisms on climate change are inadequate...

### Central African parliamentarians reflect on climate change road map

*Cameroon Tribune*, 24 July 2009

Yaounde: Members of the Central African Parliamentary Network for the Sustainable Management of the Forest Ecosystems (REPAR), are meeting in Yaounde to come up with a road map on the use and conservation of the Congo Basin forest and rendering the forest central in fighting against climate change...

### Nigeria: Senate passes climate change bill

*Leadership Nigeria*, 24 July 2009

Abuja: The Senate yesterday passed the bill seeking to enact a law establishing a commission to manage the effects of global warming and other related ecological problems in the country. The bill which was sponsored by Senator Grace Folashade Bent [PDP, Adamawa South], was passed after senators considered it for several hours, clause by clause, in a committee of the whole Senate...

### The need to check deforestation in West Africa

*BusinessDay*, 24 July 2009

Lagos: Achieving long-term development in West Africa requires much more than just exploiting the region's natural resources. Sustainable development would entail integrating livelihood, climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives with agriculture. In many parts of West Africa, tropical forests are disappearing at a much faster rate than many of governments and their agencies are willing to admit...

### IPCC to help prepare for short-term climate extremes

*Irin*, 24 July 2009

Johannesburg: In a significant move, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an international body of climate change experts, is set to produce a "how to" manual for policy-makers and disaster officials on managing the risks of extreme weather events and bolstering resilience, to promote adaptation to global warming...

[Kenya unveils 20-year tree planting programme](#)

*Afrique en ligne*, 24 July 2009

Nairobi: Kenya's Environment and Mineral Resources Minister, John Michuki, on Wednesday unveiled a US\$ 20 billion, 20-year country-wide tree planting programme in a move meant to mitigate the effects of climate change and enhance environmental conservation efforts...

[Denmark, UK commission study on climate change in Eastern Africa](#)

*Afrique en ligne*, 24 July 2009

Nairobi: The Danish government, in collaboration with the United Kingdom, has commissioned a study on the economic impacts of climate change in three East African countries - Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi - to detail the potential economic impacts of climate change in the region, a senior Danish official announced here Wednesday...

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