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The APF held in Addis Ababa on 3 September 2009 a special session dedicated to climate change, focusing on Africa's concerns and expectations in the current UN negotiations on this matter. The meeting was addressed by H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and by distinguished ministers from APF member countries...

[Climate change experts meet in Kigali](#)

The New Times, 2 September 2009

Kigali: Following a recent government decision to join the rest of Africa in sending a united message on global warming, experts on climate change from several African countries are in Kigali to discuss the state of the global climate. The four-day meeting will collectively highlight the need for a common African stand to be presented at the December international conference on climate change in Denmark...

[Money will not end Africa's famine](#)

Business Daily Africa, 2 September 2009

Nairobi: There was a time in Africa when elders would "talk" to the drought and negotiate their way into receiving rainfall. With their unique understanding of causation, elders would either sacrifice a black sheep or ask a virgin girl to bathe in a lake in order to draw the attention of the rain gods...

[Ghana: Government urged to empower traditional authorities to protect resources](#)

Peace FM, 2 September 2009

Tamale: Civil society organisations (CSOs) on climate change, at the end of a two-day public forum on climate change in Tamale, issued a communiqué calling on government to empower traditional authorities to enable them to protect natural resources in their areas...

[Ed Miliband warns of 'climate change poverty'](#)

The Telegraph, 2 September 2009

Chaluhara: Millions will be condemned to poverty and homelessness if world leaders fail to reach an ambitious deal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the climate change summit in Copenhagen later this year, Britain's Climate Change Secretary, Ed Miliband, warned yesterday. He was speaking with the International Development Secretary, Douglas Alexander, in Bangladesh...

[The Montreal Protocol and ozone layer protection](#)

Daily Triumph, 2 September 2009

Lagos: Imagine living in a house with a gaping hole in the middle of the roof! There is no doubt that you will be restless and uncomfortable until you have found a solution to the problem. That was how Rajendra Shende, the Head of the Ozone Action Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), painted the picture of the "Ozone Hole"...

[UN reports on developing nations' energy needs](#)

New York Times, 2 September 2009

United Nations: It will cost between \$500 billion and \$600 billion every year for the next 10 years to allow developing nations to grow using renewable energy resources, instead of relying on dirty fuels that worsen global warming, according to a United Nations report...

[Carbon emissions per person, by country](#)

The Guardian, 3 September 2009

London: Looking at a country's total carbon emissions doesn't tell the full story of a country's contribution to global warming. China, for example, is the world "leader" in total emissions (6018m metric tonnes of carbon dioxide) since it overtook the US (5903) in 2007. But all that really tells you is that China is a fast-developing country with a lot of people...

[India says per-capita emissions to stay below world average](#)

Bloomberg, 3 September 2009

New Delhi: India's per-capita emissions will stay below the global average, according to studies, placing the South Asian nation in a stronger position at the Copenhagen climate change talks in December, the government said. "Even two decades from now, India's per-capita greenhouse gas emissions will be well below the global average of 25 years earlier," Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said in New Delhi today, announcing the results of five studies on the country's production of gases blamed for climate change...

[Brazilian organizations unite to fight climate change](#)

Reuters, 3 September 2009

Sao Paulo: Fourteen major Brazilian organizations representing the agribusiness, planted forests and bioenergy sectors have announced the creation of the Brazilian Climate Alliance, with the goal of contributing with solid proposals for the negotiations related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change...

[Climate change and food security: IBSA 6th ministerial communiqué](#)

Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 3 September 2009

The Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India, H.E. Mr. S. M. Krishna, the Minister of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, H.E. Ambassador Celso Amorim, and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa, H.E. Ms. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, met in Brasilia on 31 August and 1 September 2009 for the VI IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission...

[Climate change and AIDS activists urged to join forces](#)

PlusNews, 3 September 2009

Johannesburg: The people of sub-Saharan Africa, already bearing the brunt of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, are also likely to be worst hit by the effects of climate change, but until now AIDS and climate change experts and activists have largely remained in separate camps. Now, change might be on the way...

[SA wants technology diffusion to developing countries at centre of Copenhagen deals](#)

Engineering News, 4 September 2009

Johannesburg: Predictable financial flows, technology transfer and capacity building for developing countries are the imperatives sought by South African Department of Water and Environmental Affairs negotiators as they prepare for the global climate change negotiations...

[Clean energy from manure](#)

Inter Press Service, 4 September 2009

Buenos Aires: With its enormous potential for biogas production, Argentina is gearing up for this clean energy alternative - which has already seen good results on ranches that transform manure into energy...

['Climate change is here, it is a reality'](#)

The Guardian, 4 September 2009

Nairobi: We met Isaac and Abdi, Alima and Muslima last week in the bone-dry, stony land close to the Ethiopia-Kenya border. They were with five nomad families who have watched all their animals die of starvation this year in a deep drought, and who have now decided their days of herding cattle are over...

[Parliament's role in climate change](#)

IPS, 4 September 2009

Maputo: From Cape Town to Cairo, Nairobi to Accra, the climate change story is not reverberating on the streets. It is a story echoing in international conference rooms of five star hotels and in the boardrooms of elite non-governmental organisations. The few bureaucrats who understand the issues don't usually come out of their boardrooms to debate the subject...

['Industrialized nations are facing CO2 insolvency'](#)

Spiegel Online, 5 September 2009

In a SPIEGEL ONLINE interview, Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, the German government's climate protection adviser, argues that drastic measures must be taken in order to prevent a catastrophe. He is proposing the creation of a CO2 budget for every person on the planet, regardless whether they live in Berlin or Beijing...

[Ethiopia's Meles says Africa may 'walk out' over climate talks](#)

Bloomberg, 5 September 2009

Addis Ababa: Africa won't "rubber stamp" any climate-change agreement by industrialized powers at global talks in Copenhagen this December that does not meet the continent's needs, Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said. "We will use our numbers to delegitimize any agreement that is not consistent with our minimal position," Meles said today at a meeting of the African Partnership Forum on Climate Change in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa...

[Nigeria seeks global bailout for Africa](#)

ThisDay, 5 September 2009

Abuja: Nigeria has called on development partners to come to the aid of African countries as they grapple with the effort to manage the devastating impact of climate change. President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua made the call in Geneva yesterday...

[South Africa starts coming to grips with economic impacts of climate change](#)

Engineering News, 5 September 2009

Johannesburg: South Africa's Department of Water and Environmental Affairs has recognised that climate change is a major threat to economic growth, sustainable development and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and will release the country's draft 'zero' climate change policy for comment this month...

[New UN pact aims to boost sharing of climate-related data to fight hunger](#)

UN News Centre, 5 September 2009

New York: In a bid to step up the fight against global hunger, two United Nations agencies have agreed to greater sharing of information on weather patterns and other climate-related data that can help predict the location of the next emergency food shortage...

[Climate change tool helps identify vulnerable farmers](#)

Irin, 5 September 2009

Johannesburg: The production of maize, South Africa's staple food, could drop by as much as 30 percent in another two decades as climate change brings more intense droughts, but little is known about how this will affect farmers. Now, an analytical tool based on a study, Mapping South African Farming Sector Vulnerability to Climate Change and Variability, has been developed to help policy-planners identify the communities most vulnerable to climate change and help them prepare for radically different farming conditions...

[Developing countries' great need: reliable climate micro-solutions](#)

Geneva Lunch, 6 September 2009

Geneva: Small is increasingly seen as beautiful by climate experts, who say that making more information available about climate change at a local level is a key to helping the world adapt...

[World Climate Conference-3 establishes global framework for climate services](#)

WMO/ReliefWeb, 6 September 2009

Geneva: World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3), which brought together more than 2 000 climate scientists, sectoral experts and decision-makers today established a Global Framework for Climate Services “to strengthen production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services...

[Editorial comment: Wrong approach to climate talks](#)

Daily Nation, 6 September 2009

Nairobi: A few days ago Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi announced that Africa will walk out of global climate talks in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December unless its US\$300bn climate compensation plan is made a key agenda at the meeting...

[Changing climate patterns a challenge to agriculture](#)

Zimbabwe Telegraph, 6 September 2009

Victoria Falls: The changing climate patterns are imposing challenges to agriculture in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) region and are the biggest threats facing mankind, a Cabinet Minister said on Thursday...

[Climate change: combating the enemy within](#)

ThisDay, 6 September 2009

Lagos: Observers believe Nigeria's development is climate constrained. From rapidly expanding desert in the North to recurrent floods, erosion and ocean surge in the South, climatic change represents a clear and present danger. Despite mounting evidence, responses from government and civil society in Nigeria remain inadequate...

[Minister encourages tree-planting... to check desertification](#)

Modern Ghana, 6 September 2009

Accra: The Northern Regional Minister, Stephen Sumani Nayina, has directed all metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies in the region to adopt tree planting as one of their major developmental agenda, to forestall the ever growing desertification threatening the future of the area...

Moving forward on climate adaptation in South Africa

World Resources Institute, 6 September 2009

South Africa's winter season is turning out to be one of the stormiest and wettest on record. The recent floods in Cape Town were reminiscent of the severe storms that thrashed the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal almost exactly a year ago, resulting in nearly US\$500 million in damages. South Africa is Africa's strongest economy, yet it remains highly vulnerable to extreme climate events—a susceptibility that will likely worsen as the earth warms...

Getting REDDy for Copenhagen

Inter Press Service, 6 September 2009

Nairobi: “African farmers will play a major part in the solution of climate change mitigation,” predicts Dennis Garrity, head of the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF). “Deforestation contributes to 20 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. Counting the loss of trees on agricultural land this number increases to 34 percent,” says Global Coordinator of the Alternatives to Slash and Burn Partnership, Peter Minang...

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