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[World Bank warns 2C rise will cripple development efforts](#)

The Guardian

London: The World Bank issued its clearest warning to date that development efforts in poorer nations will be derailed without a huge increase in funding for climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts. The Bank's annual [World Development Report](#) warns that even if the G8 group of industrialised nations achieves its target of limiting global warming to two degrees above pre-industrial levels, the increase in global average temperatures will still result in shrinking levels of GDP for many African and Asian countries...

[Climate change a stumbling block to Africa's economies](#)

Daily Nation

Nairobi: African countries have in recent years recorded considerable economic gains. Sub-Saharan African economies are projected to grow by 3.7 per cent in 2010 compared with 1.3 per cent for industrialised countries and 2.5 per cent for developing countries, excluding India and China...

[Reflections on Green Paper on national strategic planning](#)

Engineering News

Johannesburg: National strategic planning holds huge promise. It could unite many parts of South Africa in moving towards a common national vision of development. Much depends on how it will be implemented. But, in this case, the plan comes straight from the top, driven by the Presidency. Clear goals will be central and should be shared publicly - as should be the measuring of progress against targets. From a climate change point of view, these should include goals for emissions....

[Sweden: The cities' role is important for action on climate change](#)

ISRIA, 14 September 2009

Today is the first day of the high-level conference on sustainable urban development. Elisabet Falemo, State Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment, will take part in the conference: "I would say the most important thing is to highlight the importance of cities and construction for the climate issue and to strengthen the EU discussion on how cities can become more sustainable and more climate-smart..."

[Northumbria University gather climate evidence](#)

Journal Live, 14 September 2009

Newcastle: Scientists from Northumbria University are gathering the findings from six years of analysing the effects of climate change in fourteen developing countries [including Ghana, Senegal and Tanzania]. Their research identifies possible causes and potential solutions to environmental change in some of the world's most beautiful but fragile places...

[Soil carbon in Africa: potentials and pitfalls](#)

Ecosystem Marketplace, 14 September 2009

Most of the 9,000 members of the Komothai Smallholder Farmers Cooperative earn their livelihood farming just over a half-hectare of land. That's about the size of a soccer field, and it's usually split evenly between a coffee-growing part and a subsistence farming part. Modern farming methods have ratcheted up production of food products around the world - but often at the expense of tomorrow's fertile fields...

[SA not 'compromising anything' at climate change negotiations - Sonjica](#)

Engineering News, 15 September 2009

Johannesburg: Five weeks of "tough" climate change negotiations awaited South Africa's negotiators before the global climate change talks in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December, and Environmental Affairs Minister Buyelwa Sonjica remained adamant that South Africa's "responsibilities are different, because our capabilities are different"...

[EU-SA climate change perspectives](#)

South African Government Information, 15 September 2009

Kleinmond: We are deeply concerned by the global challenge of climate change, which demands urgent and cooperative action to preserve the planet. We recognise that Africa is particularly vulnerable to climate impacts. We are determined to step up the pace of negotiations in order to reach agreement in Copenhagen in December 2009, in accordance with UNFCCC principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities...

[Ethiopia seeks climate change answers from public](#)

AFP, 15 September 2009

Addis Ababa: Ethiopia will conduct a nationwide canvass of opinion to enable people to submit their ideas on how to tackle climate change, state media reported on Tuesday. The Ethiopian News Agency said the Horn of Africa country's population would be consulted over two months and the results of the forum would help shape Africa's position during key talks in Copenhagen in December...

[Climate change policy to cost government Sh80bn yearly](#)

Business Daily Africa, 16 September 2009

Nairobi: The government, already strained by numerous emergency programmes, has another daunting task of looking for extra billions to fund an ambitious national climate change policy aimed at averting the current weather-related problems. The Environment and Wildlife ministries are working on the finer details of a national climate change response strategy and investment framework programme...

[Oxfam: Rich countries must not raid aid for climate debt](#)

Scoop, 16 September 2009

Auckland: A new Oxfam report warns that 4.5 million children could die unless world leaders deliver additional funds to help poor countries fight the growing impact of climate change, rather than diverting aid from existing commitments. The warning comes as [NZ Premier] John Key prepares to join President Obama and other world leaders at the UN General Assembly for a climate summit next week in New York...

[EU backs Africa's demand for bailout](#)

ThisDay, 16 September 2009

Abuja: European Union (EU) has said it will support Africa's campaign for global assistance in an effort to combat the negative consequences of climate change. Apart from working towards developing an effective mitigation and adaptation strategies, the EU said it is putting pressure on its member countries to agree on the provision of funds to support technology and capacity build-up in the continent...

[Doctors tell politicians to fight climate change](#)

Associated Press, 16 September 2009

London: A weak response to climate change could be catastrophic for international health, leading doctors said in two British medical journals Wednesday...

[West Africa group adopts common position on climate change](#)

AFP, 17 September 2009

Lome: West African experts and officials have adopted a common position on the effects of climate change and human rights ahead of the global UN conference in Copenhagen. Participants at a two-meeting in Lome came up with a declaration on the challenges related to climate change in west Africa, approved by ministers responsible for environment and human rights in the Economic Community of West African States...

[“Lusaka Declaration” says time crucial for addressing climate change](#)

China View, 17 September 2009

Lusaka: Time is crucial for taking effective international actions towards climate change, leaders attending a high level meeting of the eastern and southern Africa-Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) region and the European Commission (EC) said on Tuesday. In their [“Lusaka Declaration”](#) participants urged quick action toward climate change and food and energy crises in the region...

[Africa climate change threatens life and health of Maasai women](#)

Women News Network, 17 September 2009

Kajiado: The Maasai are struggling with frequent water shortages which are threatening their way of life. But one women's group is taking action: Day in and day out from the months of March through to June, grey and white clouds float across the blue skies above Kajiado, southern Kenya...

[Lights, camera, action: the media's role in the climate change debate](#)

Institute of Development Studies, 17 September 2009

Climate change is rising up the media agenda, both in developed and developing countries but especially in the developing countries which are already experiencing the impacts. But to what extent are broadcasters contributing to public awareness and action on climate change? And should this be their role?...

[NGOs question World Bank's roadmap](#)

Inter Press Service, 17 September 2009

Washington: The World Bank's 2010 World Development Report (WDR) calls on the developed world to lead global efforts to cut carbon emissions, but some civil society groups remain highly sceptical of the bank's role in brokering climate finance...

[Oxfam America: The new marketplace for adaptation](#)

Reuters, 17 September 2009

Washington: Building preparedness for climate change can create incentives for new and expanded economic activity, help create jobs, and reinforce efforts to reduce emissions - all while saving lives, according to a new briefing paper released by international humanitarian organization Oxfam America today...

[Agriculture part of the solution to problem of climate change say EU Presidency and Commission](#)

eGov monitor, 17 September 2009

Brussels: EU agriculture ministers discussed the impact of climate change on agriculture and the role that agriculture can play in curbing climate change: "Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world - it affects people, the environment and the economy as a whole..."

[Tackling climate change could earn Africa \\$1.5 billion](#)

eEconomista, 18 September 2009

London: Using Africa's vast agricultural resources to help tackle climate change could earn the continent \$1.5 billion a year, a World Bank head said on Tuesday. The region should also tap its underexploited renewable resources, particularly hydropower, to meet increasing energy demand and boost both growth and development...

[Kenya: Plea to donors over El Niño](#)

Irin, 18 September 2009

Nairobi: Kenya has appealed for help to combat drought and food shortages as humanitarian actors fine-tune disaster reduction preparedness ahead of El Niño-related rains, expected across the country between September and December...

[Ocean surfaces have warmest summer on record, US report finds](#)

The Guardian, 18 September 2009

London: The world's ocean surfaces had their warmest summer temperatures on record, the US national climatic data centre said today. Climate change has been steadily raising the earth's average temperature in recent decades, but climatologists expected additional warming this year and next due to the influence of El Niño...

Public wants governments to act on climate change

The Seoul Times, 18 September 2009

London: Over sixty percent of people around the world believe combating climate change will be good for the economy. And even if the economy is harmed, a similar number of people believe governments should act anyway to address climate change. These are among the findings of a poll by international polling firm GlobeScan, which surveyed 20,000 people from 19 countries in Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, North America and Latin America...

Mali: 'We'll have to copy like China'

Inter Press Service, 18 September 2009

Bamako: Cars and motorcycles are stuck because of the heavy rains that have drenched Mali's capital for the past few days. It is late afternoon and the water, mud and damaged fruit from nearby stalls make the journey for those heading home to celebrate Ramadan even more treacherous. These sudden floods are a direct consequence of climate change...

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