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Editor's choice

[The imperative of re-designing Africa's development trajectory](#)

African Development Bank

Addis Ababa: Ethiopian Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi, officially opened the 2009 African Economic Conference in Addis Ababa, where he tasked African economists and policy-makers to consider redesigning the continent's development trajectory for sustainable growth and development...

[Africa needs \\$5bn to tackle water-related climate change concerns](#)

Engineering News

Johannesburg: The African Development Bank has drafted a business plan for climate change in Africa, with an implementation cost of about \$5-billion. AfDB chief water resources engineer Dr Heshman Candil said that the AfDB would finance about 30% to 40% of the needed funds, but would require collaboration with other co-financing partners and governments...

[African civil society statement on Barcelona climate change talks](#)

Public Agenda

Accra: We, the African civil society under the Platform of Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, condemn deliberate efforts by developed countries to kill the Kyoto Protocol, and effectively killing the hopes for climate justice. The signals towards Copenhagen are a worrying repeat of the past...

Avoiding dangerous climate change - why financing for technology transfer matters

Global Economic Governance Programme

The Global Economic Governance Programme at the University of Oxford has published a new [paper](#): With the countdown to the crucial climate change summit in Copenhagen now well underway, prospects for a breakthrough appear limited. Behind the increasingly intensive negotiating activity, familiar divisions continue to hamper progress...

Mogae: Harness technology to mitigate against climate change

Mmegi, 9 November 2009

Gaborone: The objective of this workshop is to share knowledge, and facilitate business and partnership opportunities. We hope that you will go away with enhanced appreciation of the problems associated with greenhouse gas emissions, information on the opportunities for carbon market finance, and successful contacts for long lasting partnerships between your organisations and Botswana...

NGOs call on Saudi Government to act on climate change negotiations

Ghana News Agency, 9 November 2009

Accra: A coalition of non-governmental organisations working to ensure that a global deal on climate change is reached, has petitioned oil rich Saudi Arabia to proactively to facilitate the process...

Prof Maathai chides Kenya on climate change

Capital FM, 9 November 2009

Nairobi: Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai has expressed doubt on the government's seriousness to tackle climate change. Professor Maathai said Kenya was not doing enough at the local level to try and ease climate change that was affecting millions of people. She said the government had failed in providing leadership to conserve the environment with issues like soil erosion remaining a major challenge...

Feeling the heat: child survival in a changing climate

Save the Children, 9 November 2009

London: Save the Children has published a [report](#) on children and climate change. Foreward by Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Cooperation, Denmark: Climate change presents many risks and threats to children from especially poor families...

India not ready for carbon emission targets: Prime Minister

Hindustan Times, 9 November 2009

New Delhi: With just a month to go before the UN summit on climate change, India made it clear to the EU that it was not ready to quantify its carbon emission targets, but would explore that possibility. "We have not reached that stage. We will explore that possibility," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told reporters...

Prepare a coffin for the global treaty

Financial Express, 9 November 2009

New Delhi: In a recent study of GHG emissions by selected cities this year, Barcelona proudly did the best with the lowest per capita emissions. Its population density is high, but electricity requirements low thanks to the climate gods' goodwill. Even so, power consumption has been steadily climbing since Spain ratified the Kyoto protocol...

'Temperature rise guaranteed, thanks to brown clouds'

Inter Press Service, 10 November 2009

New Delhi: Regardless of success at the upcoming climate talks at Copenhagen, there will still be a 2.5 degree rise in temperatures. Dr Veerabhadra Ramanathan, director of the Centre for Atmospheric Sciences of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at the University of California-Berkeley, has predicted that an "incredibly complex blanket" of greenhouse gases called the 'Atmospheric Brown Cloud' will ensure such a temperature rise...

South Africa has compelling reasons to cut hothouse emissions

Business Day, 10 November 2009

Johannesburg: South Africa has no detailed climate change policy, as the government acknowledges. It is too late to develop one before next month's Copenhagen conference. This is disappointing, given that SA is a Group of 20 economy and the world's 13th-biggest CO₂ emitter, but not fatal as long as detailed, informed policy measures are in the pipeline...

SA delays release of draft climate policy to March

Engineering News, 11 November 2009

Johannesburg: South Africa's draft zero climate change policy, which was due to be released by the Department of Environmental Affairs by the end of September, has been postponed, as the department deployed the majority of its resources into supporting negotiating standpoints related to international climate change negotiations...

[A deal on 'climate change' is long overdue - Kamanzi](#)

The New Times, 11 November 2009

Kigali: Ahead of the Copenhagen conference, The New Times' Edwin Musoni interviewed Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Stanislas Kamanzi on Rwanda's position on this subject...

[Carlos Seré: No simple solution to livestock and climate change](#)

SciDev.Net, 11 November 2009

Nairobi: For many people the terms 'greenhouse gas' and 'climate change' conjure up images of smokestacks billowing noxious clouds, gridlocked traffic, the cracked bottom of a dried-up lake bed, or a polar bear clinging to a melting ice floe. Rarely do you see images of farmers ploughing fields, planting seeds or feeding animals...

[The Copenhagen conference on food security](#)

Earth Policy Institute, 11 November 2009

Washington: For the 193 national delegations gathering in Copenhagen for the UN Climate Change Conference in December, the reasons for concern about climate change vary widely. For delegations from low-lying island countries, the principal concern is rising sea level. For countries in southern Europe, climate change means less rainfall and more drought...

[High Level Task Force on the global food security crisis: progress report](#)

ReliefWeb, 11 November 2009

New York: The spike in food prices of last year (2008) underscored what experts have been telling us for many years: the world's food systems are in crisis. The High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis and its members have supported - over the last 8 months - national authorities as they respond to food and nutrition insecurity...

[UN body says millions of farmers will be 'hard hit'](#)

adnkronos.com, 11 November 2009

Rome: Two billion smallholder farmers around the world will be the worst affected by climate change, the United Nations' International Fund for Agricultural Development says. The head of IFAD's technical advisory division, Rodney Cooke, outlined the agency's concerns at a media conference in Rome...

[Donor Platform: Agriculture and climate change - issues for Barcelona](#)

Donor Platform, 11 November 2009

Issue Paper 7, released in the run-up to Barcelona, summarised key points relating to agriculture and climate change after the UNFCCC Bangkok meetings in September and October. The [report](#) also revisits the wider reasons for including agriculture in post-2012 agreements, highlights recent research and indicates what further knowledge is needed if agriculture is to be part of these agreements...

[IEA calls for global push to end energy poverty](#)

The Guardian, 11 November 2009

London: Rich countries are being urged to sign up to a Make Poverty History-style pledge at the climate change summit at Copenhagen next month to bring electricity to the 1.5 billion people in the world without it...

[Nigeria: Gas flaring ends December, says Minister](#)

Vanguard, 12 November 2009

Abuja: In its determination to deliver to Nigerians 6,000 megawatts in December, and to reduce green house emissions, the Federal Government has vowed to end all gas flaring in the country by end of this year. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs said all oil companies had been notified...

[The future of oil](#)

The Guardian, 12 November 2009

London: The race for the world's remaining oil reserves could get very nasty. Recently, Nigerian militants announced their determination to oppose the efforts of a major Chinese energy group to secure six billion barrels of crude reserves, comparing the potential new investors to "locusts"...

[Nigeria: Federal Environment Ministry partners ETB on climate change](#)

Vanguard, 12 November 2009

Lagos: The Ministry of Environment and Equitorial Trust Bank (ETB) have formed a strategic alliance to facilitate Nigeria's efforts towards accessing international funds for the mitigation of global climate change. Minister of Environment, Mr. John Odey, announced this at the first-ever conference on carbon credit opportunities in Nigeria...

[Kenya readies for Copenhagen talks](#)

Capital FM, 12 November 2009

Nairobi: With only twenty four days ahead of the much anticipated environmental meeting in Copenhagen set to come up with ways of mitigating climate change, Prime Minister Raila Odinga has warned that the effects of climatic variations are a threat to national security...

[Zambia keen on predictable global adaptation fund](#)

Times of Zambia, 12 November 2009

Lusaka: Zambia will advocate for the establishment of a predictable Global Adaptation Fund to help least developed countries address the impact of climate change...

[Maputo mayor calls for action on climate change](#)

Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique, 12 November 2009

Maputo: Mayor David Simango says the city needs urban planning that includes measures to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Addressing the opening session of a meeting of a consultative group to implement the initiative "Cities and Climate Change", Simango said that climate change poses serious challenges to Maputo...

[Climate change tops agenda for China's African assistance - Min](#)

Nasdaq, 12 November 2009

Sharm El Sheikh: China's commerce minister says climate change would be on the top of its agenda as it launches a new aid package to Africa. "As a developing country, China actually put environmental protection and energy conservation on top of the agenda when it comes to its assistance to Africa..."

[India's food dilemma: high prices or shortages](#)

Reuters, 13 November 2009

New Delhi: For a man who will inherit vast tracts of fertile farmland in Punjab, India's grain bowl, Jaswinder Singh made what seemed to him a logical career move -- he took a job with a telecoms company in New Delhi. "I can't go back to the village after an M.B.A. Delhi has more money, better quality of life..."

[Africa in the global carbon trade](#)

Inter Press Service, 13 November 2009

Cape Town: Carbon trading, as promoted by the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism has become a key global strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Based on what some experts call "free market environmentalism", Kyoto signatories, who have agreed to a specific emission limits, can purchase carbon credits in exchange for additional greenhouse gas emissions...

[Africa told 'stop playing the victim'](#)

Inter Press Service, 13 November 2009

Cape Town: Critics of carbon trading, a strategy meant to combat global warming, say the buying and selling of carbon credits is being exploited. "CDM was never meant to be a cash cow, but meant for developed countries to reduce their emissions...

[Seychelles struggles to adapt to climate change in a losing battle](#)

Xinhua, 13 November 2009

United Nations: This season Jacques Matombehad to burn 14,300 U.S. dollars worth of pumpkin that he spent months growing on his farm in Seychelles. There was no other way to stop the disease spreading to his crop. "It was out of control," he said, standing in a field of crispy pumpkin plants...

[Reflections from Barcelona](#)

World Resources Institute, 13 November 2009

Last week's climate talks brought into relief the complex mix of politics and policies that countries are grappling with heading into COP-15 next month. The stakes were high at the recently concluded Barcelona talks...

[WWF: Climate change damaging Yangtze](#)

UPI, 13 November 2009

Beijing: Climate change is damaging the Yangtze River basin, scientists say. The Yangtze River Basin Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Report released Tuesday by the World Wildlife Fund said temperatures in the basin, a lifeline for one-third of China's population, have been rising since the 1990s...

Africa faces climate data shortage

SciDev.Net, 13 November 2009

Johannesburg: Africa must increase its collection and analysis of data about climate change's impact on water supplies, a meeting has heard. The continent needs information about water resources at local, national, regional and transboundary levels, said scientists at the 2nd Africa Water Week, organised by the African Ministerial Council on Water...

Senegal fights for 'Green Wall'

AFP, 13 November 2009

Labgar: There is little to show for it apart from small acacia shrubs, but Senegal's leader believes in a Great Green Wall that will stem desertification across Africa from coast to coast. The project, launched in 2005, was meant to concern nations from Senegal on the Atlantic Ocean to Djibouti on the Red Sea...

EU-ECOWAS communique: Climate change, environment and energy security

ReliefWeb, 13 November 2009


Abuja: The [Parties](#) reiterated that climate change is one of the most demanding challenges of our time requiring an urgent and extraordinary global response and that the increase in global temperature should not exceed 2°C. To this end the Parties expressed their determination to step up the pace of negotiations in order to reach a positive and ambitious outcome, including a shared vision, mitigation, adaptation, technology development and transfer, and financial resources...

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