



## **Weekly Headlines in World of Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD))** (25-30-Nov 2015)

Theme	Title	Details	Press Media	Further Details
<b>SPECIAL FOCUS – UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE PARIS 2015</b>	<i>COP21 climate summit opens in Paris amid high security</i>	World leaders launch a whirlwind day of talks in the French capital on Monday aimed at forging an elusive agreement to stave off calamitous global warming.	<i>France24, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.france24.com/en/20151130-climate-talks-cop21-open-paris-high-security">http://www.france24.com/en/20151130-climate-talks-cop21-open-paris-high-security</a>
	<i>COP21: Ban tells world leaders 'a political moment like this may not come again'</i>	30 November 2015 – Speaking at the opening of the United Nations climate change conference (COP21) which seeks to reach a new universal agreement to protect people and planet, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said a political moment like this may not come again.	<i>UN News Centre, 30 November 2015</i> 30 November 2015	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52683#.V1xiqmeFOUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52683#.V1xiqmeFOUk</a>

<i>COP21: on eve of UN climate conference, Ban says 'time for action is now'</i>	29 November 2015 – On the eve of the opening in Paris of the United Nations climate change conference, widely known as COP21, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is urging all countries and all sectors of society to act now to reach a new universal climate agreement.	<i>UN News Centre, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52682#.V1xd1GeFOUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52682#.V1xd1GeFOUk</a>
<i>"The Eyes of the World are on Paris"</i>	Paris, 30 November 2015 -The nations of the world gathered on Monday in Paris to reach a new and universal climate change agreement, in the knowledge that they have already delivered an almost universal set of national responses to meet the long-term climate challenge before the conference even begins.	<i>UNEP, 30 November 2015</i> Paris, 30	<a href="http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26854&amp;ArticleID=35598&amp;l=en">http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26854&amp;ArticleID=35598&amp;l=en</a>
<i>Obama calls Paris climate talks an 'act of defiance' in wake of recent attacks</i>	US president salutes French people for going ahead with crucial climate talks in his address to heads of state on first day of the conference	<i>Guardian (UK), 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/30/obama-calls-paris-climate-talks-an-act-defiance-wake-recent-attacks">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/30/obama-calls-paris-climate-talks-an-act-defiance-wake-recent-attacks</a>
<i>Obama, at Conference, Says U.S. Is Partly to Blame for Climate Change</i>	PARIS — President Obama told world leaders who gathered northeast of Paris on Monday for a climate conference that the United States is at least partly to blame for the life-threatening damage that environmental change has wrought, and he urged world leaders to join him in fixing the problem.	<i>New York Times, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/01/world/europe/obama-climate-conference-cop21.html?_r=0">http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/01/world/europe/obama-climate-conference-cop21.html?_r=0</a>
<i>COP21: Paris conference could be climate turning point, says Obama</i>	US President Barack Obama has said the UN climate conference in Paris could be a "turning point" in global efforts to limit future temperature rises.	<i>BBC News, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-34960051">http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-34960051</a>

<i>COP21 climate change summit: 'Never have the stakes been so high'</i>	(CNN)—World leaders opened pivotal climate talks in Paris on Monday, saying the stakes are too high to end the talks without achieving a binding agreement to help slow the pace of global climate change.	<i>CNN, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/30/europe/france-paris-cop21-climate-change-conference/">http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/30/europe/france-paris-cop21-climate-change-conference/</a>
<i>Mary Robinson optimistic for deal at climate change summit</i>	UN special envoy on climate change Mary Robinson has said she is optimistic an agreement can be reached at the global summit on climate change in Paris.	<i>Irish Times, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/mary-robinson-optimistic-for-deal-at-climate-change-summit-1.2448845">http://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/mary-robinson-optimistic-for-deal-at-climate-change-summit-1.2448845</a>
<i>Paris Deal Would Herald an Important First Step on Climate Change</i>	PARIS — President Obama and more than 100 world leaders will convene with thousands of diplomats on Monday on the outskirts of Paris to open two weeks of intense negotiations aimed at forging an accord that could begin to avert the most devastating effects of global warming and redefine the economy of the 21st century.	<i>New York Times, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/30/us/politics/paris-climate-talks.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/30/us/politics/paris-climate-talks.html</a>
<i>We can tackle climate change by cleaning up our cities</i>	Many cities will showcase their green credentials in Paris. But greenhouse gas targets, and the lives of citizens, rely on making them more efficient	<i>Guardian (UK), 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/nov/30/climate-change-cities-green-paris-greenhouse-gas">http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/nov/30/climate-change-cities-green-paris-greenhouse-gas</a>
<i>COP21 Paris climate talks: a beginner's guide</i>	The UN has been holding annual climate change talks for 20 years but the two-week COP21 meeting that starts in Paris on Monday is a much more significant meeting than most.	<i>Financial Times, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/2/cff1bae6-971e-11e5-95c7-d47aa298f769.html#axzz3sz3t3Sfg">http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/2/cff1bae6-971e-11e5-95c7-d47aa298f769.html#axzz3sz3t3Sfg</a>
<i>COP21 Paris climate talks: World leaders pledge billions</i>	The Paris climate change talks opened with a flurry of pledges worth billions of dollars from dozens of heavily guarded world leaders on Monday.	<i>Financial Times, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/69eaa1f0-9754-11e5-95c7-d47aa298f769.html#slide0">http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/69eaa1f0-9754-11e5-95c7-d47aa298f769.html#slide0</a>

	<i>Politicians at COP21 climate talks should take courage after the Paris attacks</i>	The official sherpas and their political masters preparing for the global climate change talks in Paris which start today, have their already complicated task beset further by concerns over security, following the appalling attacks in Paris on Friday 13th November.	<i>Guardian (UK), 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2015/nov/30/politicians-at-cop-21-talks-should-take-courage-after-the-paris-attacks">http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2015/nov/30/politicians-at-cop-21-talks-should-take-courage-after-the-paris-attacks</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<i>Despite terror, Paris summit could be turning point for climate</i>	As Paris recovers from the terrorist attacks, leaders will gather to negotiate a new global climate treaty. There are still plenty of potential sticking points - but hope remains high for a meaningful result.	<i>Deutsche Welle, 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.dw.com/en/despite-terror-paris-summit-could-be-turning-point-for-climate/a-18873516">http://www.dw.com/en/despite-terror-paris-summit-could-be-turning-point-for-climate/a-18873516</a>
	<i>Christiana Figueres: the woman tasked with saving the world from global warming</i>	The UN climate chief is confident that the Paris summit can make history and produce a landmark deal to limit future carbon emissions – but any success depends on her pivotal role.	<i>Guardian (UK), 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/27/christiana-figueres-the-woman-tasked-with-saving-the-world-from-global-warming">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/nov/27/christiana-figueres-the-woman-tasked-with-saving-the-world-from-global-warming</a>
	<i>Pope Francis warns cost of failure at climate talks 'catastrophic'</i>	NAIROBI, Kenya, Nov. 27 (UPI) -- Pope Francis gave a stern warning Thursday ahead of next week's climate conference in Paris: it would be "catastrophic" if special interests defeat a real plan at cutting fossil fuel emissions.	<i>United Press International (UPI), 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2015/11/27/Pope-Francis-warns-cost-of-failure-at-climate-talks-catastrophic/9731448603729/?spt=sec&amp;or=tn">http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2015/11/27/Pope-Francis-warns-cost-of-failure-at-climate-talks-catastrophic/9731448603729/?spt=sec&amp;or=tn</a>

	<i>“Paris Is Not the End of a Climate Change Process but a Beginning”</i>	SANTIAGO, Nov 27 2015 (IPS) - Chilean President Michelle Bachelet says the climate summit in Paris “is not the end of a process but a beginning,” and that it will produce “an agreement that, although insufficient with respect to the original goal, shows that people believe it is better to move ahead than to stand still.”	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/paris-is-not-the-end-of-a-climate-change-process-but-a-beginning/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/paris-is-not-the-end-of-a-climate-change-process-but-a-beginning/</a>
	<i>Climate change consequences for people in Canada's Arctic deserves more attention, says researcher home.</i>	The polar bear has become somewhat of an international symbol for the consequences of climate change but some researchers say more work needs to be done on how the disappearing sea ice affects people who call the Arctic home.	<i>CBC (Canada), 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/climate-change-inuit-1.3338870">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/climate-change-inuit-1.3338870</a>
	<i>Climate change: Is forest renewal the best way to tackle global warming?</i>	Next week's crucial climate summit in Paris will debate how we can cut carbon emissions before it's too late. But what about the natural weapon at our disposal in the fight against global warming: reforestation?	<i>Independent (UK), 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change-is-forest-renewal-the-best-way-to-tackle-global-warming-a6750596.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change-is-forest-renewal-the-best-way-to-tackle-global-warming-a6750596.html</a>
	<i>“If we take action now, we can address climate change and build a sustainable future” – Janos Pasztor</i>	25 November 2015 – Just days away from the kick-off of the 21st United Nations climate change conference — widely known as COP21 — the UN is reminding its main actors that this conference must be a turning point for climate action.	<i>UN News Centre, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52659#.Vlcny2eFOUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52659#.Vlcny2eFOUk</a>
	<i>Pope Francis Calls for Strong Climate Agreement during Visit to UN Environment Programme Headquarters</i>	Nairobi, 26 November 2015 - His Holiness Pope Francis today called on world leaders to seal a strong agreement at the Paris climate change meeting next month, adding that transforming current development models was a "political and economic obligation", as he visited the global headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi.	<i>UNEP, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26854&amp;ArticleID=35593">http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26854&amp;ArticleID=35593</a>

	<i>Ban tells world why he cares 'so deeply' about climate change</i>	25 November 2015 – Reminding the world that the sooner action is taken to tackle climate change, the greater the benefits for all, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today said that for the nearly nine years, he has been at the head of the Organization, he has travelled the world to the front-lines of climate change, and spoken repeatedly with world leaders, business people and citizens about the need for an urgent global response.	<i>UN News Centre, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52655#.VlcZOGcFOUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52655#.VlcZOGcFOUk</a>
<b>GENDER AND BIODIVERSITY</b>	<i>Deforestation in Colombia up nearly 20 percent last year, but down in the Colombian Amazon</i>	Deforestation in Colombia increased by 16 percent last year according to an annual report prepared by the country's Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM).	<i>Mongabay.com, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2015/11/deforestation-in-colombia-up-nearly-20-percent-last-year-but-down-in-the-colombian-amazon/">http://news.mongabay.com/2015/11/deforestation-in-colombia-up-nearly-20-percent-last-year-but-down-in-the-colombian-amazon/</a>
	<i>Amazon deforestation jumps in Brazil</i>	Deforestation jumped 16 percent in the Brazilian Amazon to 5,831 square kilometers for the year ended July 31, 2015, but still remained well below historical levels, according to data released Thursday Brazil's National Space Research Institute (INPE).	<i>Mongabay.com, 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2015/11/amazon-deforestation-jumps-in-brazil/">http://news.mongabay.com/2015/11/amazon-deforestation-jumps-in-brazil/</a>
	<i>Grow your own way: Trade may not help a warming planet fight its farming failures</i>	A new study co-authored by an economist suggests that international trade will do little to alleviate climate-induced farming problems.	<i>Science Daily, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/11/151120182822.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/11/151120182822.htm</a>

	<i>Uganda, Tanzania Need Gender Sensitive Climate Change Policies</i>	KAMPALA, Uganda, Nov 26 2015 (IPS) - Climate Change needs to be at the top of the country's agenda, according to a project examining Uganda's policies. It says the country hasn't paid enough attention to climate change in national development and agriculture plans and this needs to be turned around before it's too late.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 26 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/uganda-tanzania-need-gender-sensitive-climate-change-policies/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/uganda-tanzania-need-gender-sensitive-climate-change-policies/</a>
<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT / MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b>	<i>Addressing Climate Change Through Sustainable Development</i>	ROME, Nov 29 2015 (IPS) - Climate change impacts are already upon us. Sea levels are rising, glaciers and ice are melting. People in poor countries are struggling to cope and adapt. Even developed countries are facing adverse consequences, taxing their own adaptive capacities to increased flooding, drought and fires. We cannot afford to wait.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 30 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/addressing-climate-change-through-sustainable-development/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/addressing-climate-change-through-sustainable-development/</a>
	<i>Indigenous people need support to reinforce resilience against climate change – UNESCO</i>	27 November 2015 – Building resilience “is deeply rooted in [the] lifestyles and social solidarity” of the more than 400 million indigenous people – from the Samis of northern Europe, Berbers in Morocco to Vanuatu communities in the Pacific – who are feeling the adverse effects of climate change even they contribute little to its causes, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).	<i>UN News Centre, 27 November 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52666#.VliHCmeFOUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52666#.VliHCmeFOUk</a>

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