

<i>At Paris climate talks, African coalition aims to restore 100 million hectares of forest</i>	A COALITION of African countries and donors unveiled an ambitious initiative on the sidelines of a crunch UN climate conference Sunday to restore 100 million hectares (250 million acres) of degraded and deforested land by 2030.	<i>Mail&Guardian Africa, 07 December 2015</i>	http://mgafrika.com/article/2015-12-07-at-paris-climate-talks-african-coalition-aims-to-restore-100-million-hectares-of-forest
<i>Québec announces \$6 CAD million to Least Developed Countries Fund</i>	PARIS – Saturday December 5, 2015 – The Premier of Québec, Philippe Couillard, announced today a contribution of \$6 CAD million to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), the GEF-hosted climate fund for the most vulnerable countries	<i>GEF, 07 December 2015</i>	https://www.thegef.org/gef/node/11550
<i>Coalition of business leaders challenges 2C climate change target</i>	A group of high-profile business leaders has challenged governments to set strong targets and not slam the door on limiting warming to 1.5C.	<i>Guardian (UK), 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/06/paris-climate-change-summit-richard-branson
<i>Making the Case for Caribbean Fishers at Paris Climate Conference</i>	PARIS, Dec 6 2015 (IPS) - Horace Walters has made the 6,903km journey from his native St. Lucia to Paris to deliver a simple, yet urgent message to the international community.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/12/making-the-case-for-caribbean-fishers-at-paris-climate-conference/
<i>Paris climate talks, day 8: What we're reading</i>	Questions linger before a final deal, Canada will play a big part in the home stretch, and Australia turns its focus to the rainforests.	<i>Nature, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.nature.com/news/paris-climate-talks-day-8-what-we-re-reading-1.18966
<i>COP21: UN chief says 'today is about action by all sectors of society'</i>	As the United Nations climate change conference (COP21) marked 'Action Day' with dozens of events happening throughout its sprawling venue in the north-east of Paris, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the purpose of the occasion was to highlight	<i>UN News Centre, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52741#.VmWSqmeFOUk

		solutions the world “so urgently” needs.		
	<i>COP21: 'we have the unique opportunity to define our own destiny', says Ban at UN climate change conference</i>	Calling climate change a defining issue of our time, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today told top government officials that the opportunity exists “to define our own destiny” at the UN climate change conference (COP21) in Paris.	<i>UN News Centre, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52745#.VmWSbmeFOUk
	<i>The secret history of bananas, and what it tells us about climate change</i>	In the 1950s, the world happily chomped its way through two different varieties of banana. There was the Cavendish, the banana that we know and love today, and the Gros Michel, a smaller, sweeter variety.	<i>Telegraph (UK), 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/environment/climatechange/12033704/The-secret-history-of-bananas-and-what-it-tells-us-about-climate-change.html
	<i>Indigenous activists take to Seine river to protest axing of rights from Paris climate pact</i>	Indigenous groups from across the world staged a paddle down the Seine river in Paris on Sunday, calling on governments to ensure Indigenous rights are included in the United Nations climate pact currently being negotiated in France.	<i>Guardian (UK), 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/truene-north/2015/dec/07/indigenous-activists-take-to-seine-river-to-protest-axing-of-rights-from-paris-climate-pact
	<i>COP21: in Paris, mayors and celebrities join UN launch of report on boosting investment towards climate smart cities</i>	Proven innovative policies and mechanisms are unlocking investment for much-needed climate-smart infrastructure in cities, according to a new report launched today at Paris City Hall by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and international partners.	<i>UN News Centre, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52731#.VmWTE2eFOUk

<i>Russia pledges not to stand in the way of Paris climate deal</i>	Russia has pledged not to stand in the way of a deal at the Paris climate change conference, removing another obstacle to a potential agreement, the Guardian has learned.	<i>Guardian (UK), 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/07/russia-pledges-not-to-stand-in-the-way-of-paris-climate-deal
<i>Climate negotiators complete first draft of global agreement</i>	On 5 December, negotiators at the United Nations climate talks in Paris released a draft of an agreement to reduce global greenhouse-gas emissions.	<i>Nature, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.nature.com/news/climate-negotiators-complete-first-draft-of-global-agreement-1.18958
<i>COP21: UN-backed platforms show greenhouse gas emission reductions surpass global emissions of iron and steel sector</i>	A new report by Yale University finds that the combined greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments recorded in two United Nations-backed platforms by cities, regions and companies alone surpasses the global emissions of the iron and steel sector.	<i>UN News Centre, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52737#.VmWTRmeFOUk
<i>Forests: Big Player in the Fight against Climate Change</i>	Forests are often described as the "lungs of the planet," and their ability to absorb immense volumes of carbon dioxide makes them a tremendous asset in the fight against climate change. Cutting forests down not only negates that ability; it also adds significantly to global warming.	<i>Huffington Post, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-jenkins-/forests-big-player-in-the_b_8737166.html
<i>COP21: digital map launched by UNICEF helps young people tell their climate change stories</i>	A digital mapping project called 'Act Now For Tomorrow,' which was recently launched by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is helping young people around the world identify climate issues in their communities and find ways to address them.	<i>UN News Centre, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52726#.VmGk8meFOUk
<i>Paris COP21: Is India the Main Stumbling Block at Climate Talks?</i>	Floods have engulfed Chennai, one of India's great megacities, in recent days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who began the week in Paris at the opening of	<i>Yale Environment 360, 04</i>	http://e360.yale.edu/digest/paris_cop21_is_in_dia_the_main_stumbli

	the climate conference, rushed to the city to offer help in battling Chennai's worst floods in a century.	<i>December 2015</i>	ng_block_at_climate_talks/4600/
<i>Children Will Bear the Brunt of Climate Change: UNICEF</i>	More than half a billion children live in areas with extremely high flood occurrence and 160 million in high drought severity zones, leaving them highly exposed to the impacts of climate change, UNICEF said in a report released ahead of the 21st United Nations climate change conference, known as COP21.	<i>UNEP, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26856&ArticleID=35610&l=en
<i>Are rich countries selling the developing world short on climate change?</i>	Rich countries say they are on track to beating the \$100 climate fund target, but poorer countries criticise the unfair burden of loans and a stark lack of money for adaptation.	<i>Guardian (UK), 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/04/are-rich-countries-selling-the-developing-world-short-on-climate-change
<i>Ban delivers favourable report card on early-stage talks at Paris climate summit</i>	Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon gave a favourable report card today to the early stages of the United Nations climate change conference (COP21) in Paris, while at the same time urging both developed and developing countries to do more to reach universal agreement to mitigate the threat.	<i>UN News Centre, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52725
<i>Six issues to watch at the Paris climate talks</i>	Tension is mounting at the UN climate summit in Paris. As the meeting heads into its second week, negotiators are busy sifting through the draft agreement to limit greenhouse-gas emissions — line by excruciating line.	<i>Nature, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.nature.com/news/six-issues-to-watch-at-the-paris-climate-talks-1.18950
<i>Paris climate talks, day 5: What we're reading</i>	Welcome to day five of the United Nations climate summit in Paris. Negotiators are making great progress in editing down their treaty — or are making little progress at all, depending on whom you trust.	<i>Nature, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.nature.com/news/paris-climate-talks-day-5-what-we-re-reading-1.18949

<i>The 'red line' issue that exposes deep divisions in the Paris climate talks</i>	Buried in the detail of the Paris Accord could be some innocuous-looking words that will have a powerful impact on whether it ever delivers the greenhouse gas reductions it promises.	<i>Guardian (UK), 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/04/the-red-line-issue-that-exposes-deep-divisions-in-the-paris-climate-talks
<i>Paris climate talks: The poorest countries are putting the richest to shame</i>	There were never more global leaders under one roof than here in Paris at the global climate negotiations on Monday. And they all talked about leadership, about fixing climate change, about not leaving an uninhabitable planet for our children. Many spoke powerful words.	<i>Guardian (UK), 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/02/paris-climate-talks-the-poorest-countries-are-putting-the-richest-to-shame
<i>David Suzuki: UN climate talks offer hope for humanity</i>	With world leaders now meeting in Paris for the UN Climate Change Conference, we're seeing signs of hope for an agreement to limit the escalating effects of global warming. Canadians, especially, have reason to be optimistic about our country's role.	<i>Straight.com (Canada), 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.straight.com/news/588341/david-suzuki-un-climate-talks-offer-hope-humanity
<i>Climate talks: rich countries should pay to keep tropical forests standing</i>	We need to come up with innovative solutions to look after our planet, and the Paris climate change conference is the place to do it. By innovative we don't only mean new energy technology and new green financing mechanisms.	<i>Guardian (UK), 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/dec/02/climate-talks-rich-countries-should-pay-to-keep-tropical-forests-standing
<i>India pushes rich countries to boost their climate pledges at Paris</i>	India has emerged as a pivotal player in the climate talks, championing developing country demands that the rich take the lead in cutting emissions and providing more money for poor countries. But desperate for a strong deal to protect it from the ravages of climate change, it is also backing the US-led principle that all countries should act.	<i>Guardian (UK), 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/02/india-takes-leading-role-for-global-south-nations-in-climate-talks

	<i>Paris climate talks: As world leaders head home, negotiators get to work at COP21</i>	More than 100 world leaders arrived, made speeches, posed for photos and then flew home. But the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris does not end for another two weeks. So what happens now at the world's biggest gathering on global warming?	<i>ABC News Online, 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-12-02/paris-climate-talks-what-happens-next/6994166
	<i>UNDP calls for binding Paris agreement to stem global temperature rise</i>	As world leaders meet to commit to a new, global climate change agreement, UN Development Programme (UNDP) chief Helen Clark heads to Paris to join calls for an ambitious agreement that results in concrete actions to reduce emissions and limit temperature rise to well below two degrees Celsius.	<i>UNDP, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2015/11/30/undp-calls-for-binding-paris-agreement-to-stem-global-temperature-rise.html
	<i>COP21: Climate change action is doable, says Cameron</i>	Action over climate change is "doable", Prime Minister David Cameron has told a UN climate conference in Paris.	<i>BBC News, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34964130
	<i>COP21: UN spotlights importance of protecting forests and agriculture to improve livelihoods, feed the world</i>	The impacts of climate change on forests and agriculture were in the spotlight today at the United Nations climate change conference (COP21), as new alliances among organizations and stakeholders were announced aiming to eliminate natural deforestation and forest degradation, and to prevent threats to sustainable farming and people's livelihoods.	<i>UN News Centre, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52699#.V13ehmeFOUk
	<i>COP21: Ban tells African leaders they have 'enormous stake' in success of climate conference</i>	At a gathering of African leaders at the United Nations climate change conference (COP21), UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stressed that their continent has an enormous stake in the success of the global event which aims to reach a new universal climate agreement to limit the rise of global temperature.	<i>UN News Centre, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52695#.V13ev2eFOUk

	<i>COP21: UN chief launches initiative to build climate resilience of world's most vulnerable countries</i>	On the opening day of the United Nations climate change conference (COP21), dozens of announcements were made in Paris by Governments and leaders of the public and private sectors, all aiming to generate climate solutions and build a sustainable future.	<i>UN News Centre, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/app/news/story.asp?NewsID=52694#.V13e7WeFOUk
	<i>COP21: New UN agency tool shows how climate action shapes risk of hunger 'for better or worse'</i>	A powerful online research tool launched today in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) offers a window on the world's global future to the 2080s, according to the UN World Food Programme (WFP).	<i>UN News Centre, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/app/news/story.asp?NewsID=52701#.V13lwGeFOUk
	<i>Barack Obama: parts of Paris climate deal must carry legal force</i>	Barack Obama declared on Tuesday that some components to a global climate change agreement must carry legal force, easing one obstacle to a successful outcome at negotiations in Paris.	<i>Guardian (UK), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/01/barack-obama-parts-of-paris-climate-deal-must-carry-legal-force
	<i>With climate at 'breaking point', leaders urge breakthrough in Paris</i>	World leaders launched an ambitious attempt on Monday to hold back rising temperatures, with the United States and China leading calls for the climate summit in Paris to mark a decisive turn in the fight against global warming.	<i>CNBC, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/01/with-climate-at-breaking-point-leaders-urge-breakthrough-in-paris.html
	<i>No plan B for climate change without forests, Prince Charles tells Paris summit</i>	Prince of Wales urges companies to increase efforts to ensure their supply chains are not damaging as he calls on action to stop deforestation	<i>Guardian (UK), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/01/no-plan-b-for-climate-change-without-forests-prince-charles-tells-paris-summit

<i>FAO urges "hand-in-hand" approach to hunger and climate change</i>	1 December 2015, Paris - Providing support to developing countries and their agricultural sectors is essential for the global goals of eradicating hunger and tackling the challenges of climate change, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said in Paris today.	<i>Thomson Reuters Foundation, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.trust.org/item/20151201163305-ybu6u/
<i>Pushing the Caribbean agenda in Paris</i>	PARIS, France (CMC) – St Kitts-Nevis Prime Minister Dr Timothy Harris has called on the international community to “negotiate and agree a legally-binding agreement with ambitious emission reduction targets”.	<i>Jamaica Observer, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Pushing-the-Caribbean-agenda-in-Paris
<i>Indigenous leaders, activists in Paris for climate change talks</i>	Indigenous peoples have joined world leaders and environmental advocates at COP21, the global climate change summit under way just outside Paris.	<i>CBC (Canada), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal/indigenous-leaders-activist-paris-climate-talks-1.3343927
<i>Paris climate summit: Survey reveals 'greenwash' of corporate sponsors</i>	A survey of 10 sponsors of the Paris climate summit has found that most do not publish data on their CO2 emissions, half don't track their lifetime carbon footprint, and only one is reducing its emissions in line with the EU's targets.	<i>Guardian (UK), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/01/paris-climate-summit-survey-reveals-greenwash-of-corporate-sponsors
<i>Climate talks: 4C rise will have dire effect on world hunger, UN warns</i>	The UN's World Food Programme says climate change is stretching resources, and warming could cause a 'semi-permanent food disaster' in parts of the world	<i>Guardian (UK), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/dec/01/climate-talks-4c-rise-dire-effect-world-hunger-un-warns

	<i>COP21 Paris climate talks: World powers are aligned and change is possible</i>	An agreement is needed to prevent countries from freeriding on others' efforts, writes Jeffrey Sachs	<i>Financial Times, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/0ec62578-975a-11e5-9228-87e603d47bdc.html#axzz3t4zlxVte
	<i>Climate talks updates: Obama says 'this one trend ... affects all trends'</i>	After years of faltering negotiations, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change is expected to produce a landmark agreement during the next two weeks.	<i>Los Angeles Times, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-climate-change-talks-paris-updates-htmlstory.html
	<i>COP21 climate change summit: Clock's ticking for a global agreement</i>	(CNN)—The introductions and formalities are over. Now, it's crunch time to get a deal on a global climate change agreement.	<i>CNN, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/01/europe/france-paris-cop21-climate-change-conference/
	<i>Backchannel climate meetings in Paris could decide the fate of the world</i>	Meetings of climate negotiators in 'informal informals' – small ad hoc groups talking outside of official sessions – could be key to reaching Paris agreement.	<i>Guardian (UK), 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/02/cop21-the-back-channel-climate-meetings-that-could-decide-the-fate-of-the-world
CLIMATE CHANGE	<i>Climate Change Will Increase Damage, Losses in Coastal Communities</i>	Residents of Rocky Point, a sleepy fishing village on Jamaica's south coast, woke up one July morning this year to flooded streets and yards. The sea had washed some 200 metres inland, flooding drains and leaving knee-deep water on the streets and inside people's home, a result of high tides and windy conditions.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/12/climate-change-will-increase-damage-losses-in-coastal-communities/
	<i>Island devastation as climate change batters Pacific</i>	As the world's governments meet in Paris to negotiate a global agreement to stem the tide of climate change, nowhere will the outcome of the talks be more anticipated than on the other side of the world in a	<i>SciDev.net, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.scidev.net/global/climate-change/multimedia/pacific-islands-

		string of islands across the Pacific Ocean.		threatened-waves-climate-change.html
	<i>Native Seeds Help Weather Climate Change in El Salvador</i>	JIQUILISCO /SAN MIGUEL, El Salvador , Nov 30 2015 (IPS) - Knife in hand, Domitila Reyes deftly cuts open the leaves covering the cob of corn, which she carefully removes from the plant – a process she carries out over and over all morning long, standing in the middle of a sea of corn, a staple in the diet of El Salvador.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 01 December 2015</i>	http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/11/native-seeds-help-weather-climate-change-in-el-salvador/
GENDER AND BIODIVERSITY	<i>Women's views missing at COP 21</i>	Spend any time in UN circles and the g-word is everywhere. Gender is paraded as a significant cross-cutting issue in the new Sustainable Development Goals and in ongoing climate negotiations, touching everything from health and agriculture to sanitation and education.	<i>SciDev.net, 07 December 2015</i>	http://www.scidev.net/global/gender/scidev-net-at-large/women-views-missing-at-cop-21.html
	<i>What's The Best Way to Protect Forests? That's a Big Question at the Paris Climate Talks</i>	Outside the U.N. Climate Conference site on the outskirts of Paris, in a parking lot surrounded by hybrid buses, stands a pair of 33-foot trees one could mistake for an art installation.	<i>Newsweek, 04 December 2015</i>	http://www.newsweek.com/whats-best-way-protect-forests-thats-big-question-paris-climate-talks-400923
	<i>Biodiversity enhances carbon storage of tropical forests</i>	Tropical forests store 25% of the global carbon and harbour 96% of the world's tree species. But it was not clear whether this high biodiversity really matters for high carbon storage. Now, researchers of the ROBIN project have found out. This is especially important giving the United Nations climate negotiations in Paris, where countries need to agree on a mechanism to preserve the carbon locked up in forest biomass, while at the same conserving biodiversity as an additional benefit.	<i>Phys.org, 02 December 2015</i>	http://phys.org/news/2015-12-biodiversity-carbon-storage-tropical-forests.html

PROTECTED AREAS/ IN- SITU CONSERVATION	<i>The Holy Trinity: how Wakatobi's coral stays healthy and diverse</i>	The world-renowned diving destination of Wakatobi is one of Indonesia's oldest and best-supported marine protected areas.	<i>Mongabay.com, 17 November 2015</i>	http://news.mongabay.com/2015/11/the-holy-trinity-how-wakatobis-coral-stays-healthy-and-diverse/
	<i>Existing marine protected areas ineffective; 17,000 marine species under-protected</i>	Marine species are grossly under-protected, according to a new study published Thursday in the journal Scientific Reports. Moreover, existing marine protected areas (MPAs) are insufficient and ineffective in protecting the world's marine species, researchers found.	<i>Mongabay.com, 04 December 2015</i>	http://news.mongabay.com/2015/12/existing-marine-protected-areas-ineffective-17000-marine-species-under-protected/
ENDANGERED SPECIES	<i>The search for Britain's only native species of cicada</i>	It was an email from an automated system telling him that a recording of a New Forest cicada's song might have been detected. The species, Cicadetta montana, hadn't had a confirmed sighting in Britain for 15 years. It's a fascinating creature - the only cicada native to Britain and one which is considered endangered across much of Europe.	<i>BBC News, 02 December 2015</i>	http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-34956063

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