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ENERGY

[Nicolas Sarkozy makes €1bn commitment to nuclear power](#)

The Guardian

French president says post-Fukushima abandonment of nuclear 'makes no sense' as he announces push for new technology.

[Germany's Greens back Merkel's 2022 nuclear deadline](#)

AFP

Germany's Green party on Saturday decided to accept a government decision to close all nuclear reactors by 2022 instead of pushing for an earlier deadline.

[Radioactive water leaks from Tepco plant](#)

Reuters

Tons of radioactive water was discovered to have leaked into the ground from the Fukushima nuclear plant, Japan's nuclear watchdog said on Tuesday.

[Global consumers crave green energy in survey: Vestas](#)

Reuters

Consumers around the world overwhelmingly support the rollout of renewable energy, but many have mistaken views about "green" products, according to a survey conducted by TNS Gallup for Vestas Wind Systems.

[Le pari antinucléaire de l'Allemagne du XXIe siècle](#)

Le Monde

Qu'elle réussisse sa révolution verte, et l'Allemagne aura pris une longueur d'avance sur tous ses concurrents dans les industries de demain.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[Across Europe, Irking Drivers Is Urban Policy](#)

The New York Times

Cities want to make car use expensive and just plain miserable enough to tilt drivers toward more environmentally friendly modes of transportation.

[VW named as Europe's least green car maker](#)

The Independent

Europe's largest car maker, Volkswagen, is accused of exaggerating its green record and resisting attempts to make popular models such as the market-leading Golf more fuel efficient.

BIODIVERSITY

[Palm oil threatens New Guinea's species says study: how to buy sustainably](#)

The Independent

A new report by environmental organization WWF examines the threat faced by the unique species of New Guinea, over 1,000 of which were discovered as recently as 1998-2008. The report identifies the production of palm oil as one of the major threats facing the wildlife of New Guinea; however there are several steps consumers can take to ensure that foods containing palm oil come from sustainable sources.

[China to launch panda census](#)

The Independent

China is set to launch its once-a-decade panda census, state media reported Monday, as it tries to determine how many of the endangered animals live in the wild amid efforts to boost numbers.

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Polish PM opposes EU making more unilateral CO2 cuts](#)

Reuters

The European Union should only agree to higher emission cuts targets if other global powers match its efforts, Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk was quoted on Monday as saying.

[Australian Greens say major hurdles remain in carbon talks](#)

Reuters

Australia's Greens party, which takes the balance of power in the Senate this week, said that major hurdles remained in closed-door talks with the government on a controversial carbon price to tackle climate change and a deal could still unravel.

[Climate change hots up in 2010, the year of extreme weather](#)

The Guardian

Last year was the joint-warmest on record and also the wettest over land, with sea ice levels dropping and drought on the rise.

["Microfinance Can Help Rural Communities Adapt to Climate Change"](#)

IPS

Projects to fight climate change are being designed all around the world. But only five percent of them can be financed with the current international funds available, which means resources have to be used more wisely. Microfinance could be one solution.

[Gender Indicators for Global Climate Funds Still an Afterthought](#)

IPS

Of the millions of dollars spent on climate change projects in developing countries, little has been allocated in a way that will benefit women. Yet, in Africa, it is women who will be most affected by climate change.

WATER

[Donor aversion to 'unsexy' water projects threatens development goal](#)

The Guardian

Fiona Harvey: More than 1 billion people will not get the basic sanitation and clean water promised as water projects shrink sharply as a proportion of global aid budgets.

[How El Paso is beating the worst drought in a generation](#)

The Guardian

Sound water management has put the border town on the Rio Grande leagues ahead of its neighbours, but robust growth rates mean local farmers and ranchers are still losing out.

[Mauritania Could Lose Its Capital City to the Sea](#)

IPS

For the past five years, water has been seeping out of the ground beneath parts of Nouakchott, undermining foundations and transforming some areas of the Mauritanian capital into uninhabitable marshes.

