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ENERGY

[Wind Power Gains as Gear Improves](#)

The New York Times

Turbines have grown larger and more effective, with some models capable of producing 300 times as much power as those sold 15 years ago.

[Bayer threatens to quit Germany over nuclear shutdown](#)

The Guardian

Companies may relocate to countries with lower energy costs after decision to phase out nuclear power.

[Niger Delta villagers go to the Hague to fight against oil giant Shell](#)

The Guardian

This once self-sufficient community suffered from the excesses of oil firms and corrupt officials. Now, the villagers are blamed for everything and the arms dealers are having a field day.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[UNCSD Adds Online Submission Option for Compilation Document](#)

UN CSD

The Secretariat for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD, or Rio+20) has added a new option for submitting input to the compilation document that will lead to the draft Outcome Document. It is now possible to submit input online through the UNCSD website.

[UNDG Regional Workshop for the Asia-Pacific Region Advances Integrated Approaches to Mainstream DRR, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change](#)

UN CSD

The UN Development Group (UNDG) Task Team on Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Rio+20, in collaboration with several partners, organized a regional workshop for the Asia-Pacific region from 25-29 July 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

[Bike hire schemes may save lives, researchers say](#)

The Guardian

A study on the Barcelona bike hire scheme suggests averted carbon emissions saves 12 lives each year.

[Enabling the green economy](#)

The Guardian

The government's new vision that sets out the policy landscape over the next decade must specify actions as well as warm words.

[Green agenda: sustainable design rewarded at NYIGF](#)

The Independent

Since 2008 the New York International Gift Fair in the United States has showcased the latest in sustainable design through the *Sustainability: Design for a better world* exhibition at the show. The most innovative and environmentally friendly and sellable products within this exhibition are then honored at the show's eco-choice awards.

[Government bonds get ESG test](#)

Financial Times

Pakistan, China and India are among the countries to avoid for government bond investors concerned about the "sustainability" of their investments, according to Eiris, a UK-based not-for-profit research house.

[Una de cada cinco empresas reduce su impacto ambiental](#)

EFEverde

Según revela la IV edición del Barómetro del vehículo de Empresa sólo un 20% de las empresas españolas reconoce haber puesto en marcha iniciativas para reducir las emisiones de CO2.

BIODIVERSITY

[Environment Agency's 'hit list' of ten most invasive species](#)

The Telegraph

A "hit list" of the ten invasive species which pose the biggest threat to native wildlife on Britain's waterways and cost £1.7bn a year to tackle has been released by the Environment Agency.

[English countryside under threat](#)

The Telegraph

The ten largest areas for future greenfield housing development, according to the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

[Fish farm breakthrough that could save the bluefin](#)

The Independent

The prospect of farming the endangered bluefin tuna from eggs to fully mature adults has come a step closer with the first natural mass spawning of the species in captivity.

[Amazon deforestation on the rise again in Brazil](#)

The Independent

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon accelerated in June, with more than 300 square kilometers destroyed, a 17 percent increase over the previous month, government researchers said Tuesday.

[Killer shrimp top UK waterways' least-wanted list](#)

The Independent

"Killer Shrimp" are among the worst alien invaders of Britain's waterways, which officials say are costing billions of pounds to tackle.

[Sangliers morts : la piste des algues vertes se confirme](#)

Le Monde

Des analyses complémentaires d'animaux morts dans le lit du Gouessant (Côtes d'Armor) tendent à renforcer les soupçons envers les algues vertes.

[Ethnocentric Fishing Practices Threaten Hawaiian Communities](#)

IPS

As the world gears up to celebrate the International Day of the World's Indigenous People on Aug. 9, a joint lawsuit filed Wednesday in Hawaii's Federal District Court against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reveals the interconnectedness of environmental destruction and violations of native people's rights.

[Piloting REDD safeguards principles](#)

Daily Independent

Nigeria has initiated pilot programmes on two related Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) strategies that seek to ensure that REDD activities do not have adverse impact on non-carbon interests.

[Descubren en el Delta del Llobregat una especie de chinche que se creía extinguida](#)

EFEverde

Se trata de la "polytoxus siculus", un heteróptero catalogado de vulnerable por la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (UICN) y también en el "Libro rojo de los invertebrados de España".

[Una gestión común para proteger las montañas del Mediterráneo](#)

EFEverde

"Estamos intentando promocionar el enfoque de países e intentar que la montaña sea una unidad de gestión y planificación para que sean mucho más efectivas las medidas de conservación, ya que tendría una escala geográfica de aplicación mayor", ha aseverado Valderrabano.

[El mar arrastra basura de 45 países a una importante reserva natural mexicana](#)

EFEverde

La basura no es producida por "los visitantes ni por los pobladores de las comunidades" que habitan en el interior de Sian Ka'an -en lengua maya "puerta del cielo"-, que ocupa más de 520.000 hectáreas.

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Business meet to push for ambitious action on climate change](#)

UN CSD

Ahead of a key United Nations meeting later this year, hundreds of business, government and civil society leaders will come together next month for the Business for the Environment (B4E) Climate Summit in London to call for more action to fight climate change.

[Is climate change to blame for famine in the Horn of Africa?](#)

The Guardian

It's impossible to answer with a simple yes or no – but here's a summary of what we think we know so far.

[CBI: Energy-intensive companies should be exempt from carbon floor price](#)

The Guardian

Britain's largest business lobby says forcing heavy industry to pay a set carbon price will drive businesses out of the country.

[Concerns ahead of S. Africa climate talks](#)

AFP

South Africa's preparations to host the next major round of climate talks have met with scepticism from activists critical of what they say is the country's lack of leadership on environmental issues.

[Carbon offsets near record low, worst performing commodity](#)

Reuters

Carbon offsets neared all-time lows Friday, confirming their status as the world's worst performing commodity, as slumping demand meets rising supply of the U.N. instrument traded under the Kyoto Protocol.

[Climate change 'worse for SA'](#)

Business Day

Even if global warming was limited to 2° C above pre-industrial levels — the maximum that the scientific consensus suggests can be reached without dangerous climate change — this might not be enough save SA from harm, Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) atmospheric modeller Francois Engelbrecht said on Friday.

[South Africa: Women to Discuss Climate](#)

BuaNews (Tshwane)

As part of preparations for the upcoming UN climate change summit in Durban, the Department of International Relations is to hold a consultative dialogue on women and climate change this week.

[Zambia: UNICEF to Host Children Climate Conference](#)

Times of Zambia

UNICEF will host the Zambian Children's Climate Conference III (ZCCC3) in Lusaka from August 15 to 19, 2011.

WATER

[Helping Somalia recover and develop: European Commission to invest extra €175 million in governance, education and food security](#)

EU

Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Development announced the decision to step up Europe's long-term commitment to Somalia with an extra €175 million in development assistance. The funds will flow into Somaliland, Puntland and other regions where viable security conditions and minimum levels of governance have already been established, as well as in Central Somalia, where stability is improving and the conditions allow for development assistance to make a difference.

[Horn of Africa–EU Development Work in the region](#)

EU

To date, the EU is the biggest donor to Somalia. From its main financial instrument for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific, European Development Fund (EDF), the EU has committed €215.4 million for the period 2008 to 2013. Development aid in the country focusses on governance, education, economic growth, and support to food security, health, environment, water and sanitation. This amount will be increased by €175 million in the coming days.

[British lakes and canals hit by toxic algae scum](#)

The Guardian

Algal blooms caused by mild weather and high levels of phosphate nutrients from agriculture washed into the water.

[Algae explained: how toxic scum spreads](#)

The Telegraph

Algae has flourished across the country this year because of a combination of warm, still weather for much of the summer and showers in July.

[Corne de l'Afrique : le casse-tête des humanitaires](#)

Le Monde

La famine plus de 12 millions de personnes dans l'est de l'Afrique. L'aide humanitaire, suspendue à la situation politique des pays et à la mobilisation internationale, peine à atteindre les zones les plus sévèrement frappées.

