



# MEDIA MONITORING

## Climate Change

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## ➤ EU can help Africa become the 'greenest continent': German minister



Germany and the EU must make sustainable energy supply the focus of the new EU-Africa strategy, Germany's development minister has said.

In an op-ed for German business newspaper *WirtschaftWoche*, Gerd

Müller, Germany's economic cooperation and development minister, and Claudia Kemfert, economist at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), warned that people in Africa and other developing regions are hardest hit by climate change and without the help of rich, developed countries they face an uncertain future.

Source : [climatechangenews.com](https://climatechangenews.com) ([link to the article](#))

## ➤ AFRICA: AfDB rewarded for its climate investments



The African Development Bank (AfDB) has recently been awarded the "Green Champion 2020" award. Through this award, the Green Cluster of SMEs-Côte d'Ivoire acknowledges the role of the AfDB in climate finance on the African continent.

The recent report on climate finance of the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) notes the significant increase in climate investments by the African Development Bank (AfDB). This AfDB climate finance represents 35% of total 2019 project approvals, worth USD 10.2 billion. This represents an increase of 0.3% over 2018, and 26% over 2016.

Source : [afrik21.africa](https://afrik21.africa) ([link to the article](#))



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## ➤ SA needs to act on reducing its carbon emissions, says Ramaphosa on climate change

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‘As we work to reduce our carbon emissions, we have to build resilience and reduce the vulnerability of communities to climate change,’ the president says.

In his latest weekly letter to the nation, President Cyril Ramaphosa urged South Africans to start engaging in environmentally friendly practices in order to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.

Source : citizen.co.za ([link to the article](#))

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## ➤ CAMEROON: Douala sinks due to climatic stress

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The people of Douala have not yet fully recovered from the impressive floods that took over the economic capital of Cameroon on Friday, August 21, 2020. It is the outcome of intense rains, which had been announced a few weeks

earlier by the meteorological services. The estuary cities of Cameroon should indeed expect more disasters of this kind, Africa being the continent that will have to pay the high price of climate change.

Source : afrik21.africa ([link to the article](#))

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## ➤ What can a swarm of locusts teach us about climate change reporting?

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When swarms of billions of locusts descended on East Africa, it would appear strange that little to no attempt has been made in recent mainstream news and documentaries to explore the link

between their arrival and climate change. Alan Story looks at how mainstream coverage of global environmental events continues to fall short of the standard required to accurately reflect the impact of the climate emergency.

So we waited and waited for an answer to the fairly obvious question raised by a documentary we were watching on telly last Friday evening: What has

caused billions of locusts to descend on the countries of East Africa and to eat their way through millions of hectares of crops?

Source : [greenworld.org.uk](http://greenworld.org.uk) ([link to the article](#))

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### ➤ **SUDAN: \$26 million from GCF and UNDP for climate change resilience**

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The Green Climate Fund (GCF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Sudan will invest more than \$41 million in climate resilience initiatives. The GCF and the UNDP have recently signed related grant agreements with the authorities of this North African country (Sudan).

Like several African countries, Sudan faces a number of environmental

challenges associated with climate change, including soil erosion; desertification; and “recurrent” droughts. To address this problem, which hampers agricultural production, the Sudanese government has launched irrigation and soil management projects. The aim of the various initiatives is to improve access to water in order to regenerate the land. The projects will also make it possible to introduce new climate-resistant practices in this North African country.

Source : [afrik21.africa](http://afrik21.africa) ([link to the article](#))

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### ➤ **Food rations cut for refugees in Eastern Africa as coronavirus stretches resources**

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Serious hunger and malnutrition loom for millions of refugees across Eastern Africa who depend on assistance from the

United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to survive, as the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic reduces vital funding from donors.

WFP has already been forced to reduce food or cash transfers by between 10 to 30 percent for over 2.7 million refugees in Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, South

Sudan, and Djibouti. WFP will be forced to cut deeper in the coming months unless urgent additional funding is received in time.

Source : reliefweb.int ([link to the article](#))

**28/08/2020**

### ➤ **How planting trees can reduce poverty and slow climate change**



Areas with low tree coverage and poor soil quality are more likely to experience flood and drought, as the soil is less able to retain excess rainwater writes Jacqueline Skalski-Fouts.

Humanitarian crises have recently been declared in Sudan, Yemen, Niger, Mali, and Somalia—affecting at least

450,000 people—due to flash floods and landslides.

Countries like Morocco, which are highly susceptible to long periods of drought, are welcoming reforestation efforts to improve agriculture. In partnership with civil society, the Moroccan government will plant 800,000 trees across the country by 2024.

Source : esi-africa.com ([link to the article](#))

**29/08/2020**

### ➤ **Flooding in Niger Kills Dozens, Displaces Thousands**



Flooding has killed at least 45 people and led to the displacement of more than 226,000 from their homes in Niger this week, officials said Saturday.

Days of heavy rain in Niger's western region caused the Niger River to overflow, practically shutting down the capital, Niamey.

Mud huts along the river have collapsed and rice fields are submerged.

Niger's prime minister, Brigi Rafini, visited affected neighborhoods and families. He was quoted as saying that

with river dike rehabilitation work completed just before the rainy season, flooding should not have happened.

Source : voanews.com ([link to the article](#))

30/08/2020

### ➤ **New Malaria Transmission Patterns Emerge In Africa**

An international study reveals how future climate change could affect malaria transmission in Africa over the next century.

Malaria is a climate sensitive disease; it thrives where it is warm and wet enough to provide surface water suitable for breeding by the mosquitoes that transmit it.

For more than two decades now, scientists have suggested that climate change may alter the distribution and

length of transmission seasons due to new patterns of temperature and rainfall.

The burden of this disease falls primarily on Africa. In 2018, out of an estimated 228 million cases of malaria worldwide, 93% were in the African continent.

Detailed mapping of malaria transmission is vital for the distribution of public health resources and targeted control measures.

Source : eurasiareview.com ([link to the article](#))



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