



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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FROM: INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Happy Monday! Take a peek and learn from last week's news articles, opinion pieces and latest developments on environment and climate change-related issues. Enjoy this **News At A Glance** from your IKM Division!

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AL JAZEERA

[Deforestation spurs wave of fires in Brazilian Amazon](#)

The Brazilian Amazon rainforest is suffering from more fires than at any point in nearly five years, spurred on by a surge in illegal deforestation.

[UN weather agency predicts rare 'triple-dip' La Nina in 2022](#)

The United Nations weather agency predicts the phenomenon known as La Nina is poised to last through the end of this year, a mysterious "triple dip" – the first this century – caused by three straight years of its effect on climate patterns such as drought and flooding worldwide.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[New 'Aquanomics' research from GHD says climate change is accelerating annual losses in PHL brought about by water-related disasters](#)

By: BMPLUS

Data from Aquanomics: The economics of water risk and future resilience, a report published by global professional services company GHD reveals that floods and tropical storms are predicted to amount to over 90% of direct losses (around USD89 billion) between 2022 and 2050.

BUSINESS WORLD

[From carbon ambition to delivery in Philippines](#)

By Patricia Buenaventura Nichol, Yukiko Tsukamoto, Jenny Davis-Peccoud, and Torsten Lichtenau

THE YEAR 2021 was about ambition setting. The number of companies establishing science-based targets for decarbonization had strongly increased since 2015, but it rose dramatically from 2020 to 2021, in the run-up to COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

[As Pakistan drowns, better climate planning urged to cut risks](#)

London— A third of Pakistan is underwater, with at least 1,100 people dead — including 380 children — but monsoon rains “on steroids,” likely fuelled by climate change, are not the only cause of the nation’s misery.

[Grow Asia launches \\$1.6M fund to support women in agriculture](#)

By: Patricia Mirasol

Grow Asia, an agriculture development platform, launched on Aug. 22 a \$1.6 million impact fund to support women who are working in Asia’s food system. It incentivizes public and private investment into gender-inclusive practices and policies, particularly for small rural enterprises.

[Lack of climate risk expertise seen to hinder financial disclosure](#)

By: Ashly Erica Jose

Climate-related risks will have financial disclosure impacts in the Philippines, according to Willis Towers Watson (WTW), citing the lack of expertise in managing climate risks and the availability of data as major obstacles.

CEBU DAILY NEWS

[Rama appoints Cimatu as Cebu City environment adviser](#)

By: Wenilyn B. Sabalo

Cebu City, Philippines — Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama has appointed former Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy Cimatu as a member of the City Advisory Board that oversees environmental concerns.

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS

[G20 Bali meeting highlights Indonesia's weak climate action](#)

By Isabelle Kaminski

Indonesia's climate credentials have been questioned as climate and energy ministers from around the world met in Bali to discuss how to tackle the climate crisis.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[Greenland ice losses set to raise global sea levels by nearly a foot, new research shows](#)

Widespread ice losses from Greenland have locked in nearly a foot of global sea level rise that's set to come in the near future -- and new research suggests there is no way to stop it, even if the world stopped releasing planet-heating emissions today.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

[Slope protection works completed along landslide prone area in La Union](#)

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has completed the construction of a 154-meter slope protection structure along San Fernando-Bagulin Road in Barangay Bacsil, San Fernando City, La Union.

FUTURISM

[Now "inevitable" that Greenland's ice cap will melt and cause major sea-level rise, scientists warn](#)

Scientists are warning that it's now "inevitable" that Greenland's ice cap will melt and lead to a major rise in sea levels, The Guardian reports.

GMA NEWS

[UN forecasts rare 'triple-dip' La Niña climate effect](#)

By: Robin Millard

Geneva — The La Niña weather phenomenon is likely to last until at least the end of the year, the United Nations forecast Wednesday, becoming the first "triple-dip" La Niña this century.

MANILA BULLETIN

[Bamboo, seaweed producers seek P2.2-B gov't budget](#)

by Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Local bamboo and seaweed producers are asking the government for P2.2 billion budget allocation to achieve the full economic potential of these products, especially in the exports market.

[ELEVENTH HOUR: Everyone's role in the climate change movement](#)

The power of sharing and collective work is never more evident than when a major calamity hits the country.

MANILA NEWS

[Healthy mangroves build a resilient community in the Philippines' Palawan](#)

By Aquilino Managbanag

PALAWAN, Philippines — In the middle of the brackish water of Malampaya Sound in the Philippines' Palawan province, Panchito Calamare stands on an outrigger fishing boat one drizzling May morning, slowly pulling in his crab line and removing one by one the day's haul.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Greenhouse gas, sea levels at record highs in 2021](#)

By: Agence France Presse

Washington DC.: Earth's concentration of greenhouse gases and sea levels hit new highs in 2021, a US government report said Wednesday, showing that climate change keeps surging ahead despite renewed efforts to curb emissions.

[\[Opinion\] Climate-smart Palawan: Creating climate resilience in the Calamianes group](#)

By: Glenn Banaguas

Starting this quarter, the research and scientific advocacy that my research scientists and I have done will be shared using this amazing platform. This will help to inspire more people to make a difference regardless of their status and background.

[\[Opinion\] Demystifying SDG, ESG and DEI \[Part 1\]](#)

By: Ernie Cecilia

WE have read or heard the terms "sustainability" and "sustainable development" used these days by so-called futurists or influencers. Many years ago, sustainability was identified as a megatrend "that is vast in scope, and which reflects the economic, political, cultural, philosophic milieu ..." Sustainability as a concept is gaining more importance as the whole world is trying its best to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. In this trilogy, I shall attempt to clarify the meaning and implications of Sustainability, as it relates to 1) the UN SDG; 2) ESG (environment, social and governance) goals; and 3) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) issues.

[\[Opinion\] Demystifying SDG, ESG and DEI \[Part 2\]](#)

By: Ernie Cecilia

THE way people live today will dramatically impact how future generations will lead their lives. The essence of the concept of "sustainability" is that we should leave the Earth in a better state than when we found it.

[**Asean committed to tackle marine pollution – official**](#)

By: Bernadette Tamayo

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) is committed to address marine pollution, among the fastest-growing threat to human health and economic development not just in the region but globally.

[**China drought to hike price of rice**](#)

By: Bella Cariaso

An official of the Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday warned that a drought being experienced in China could jack up the prices of imported rice.

[**Plenty of roadblocks for automakers seeking EV success**](#)

By: Agence France Presse

New York City: The world's top automobile makers, motivated either by governmental regulations or pure profit, have made a sharp turn away from fossil fuel vehicles. But there are plenty of obstacles on the road to a future full of environment-friendly cars.

MONGABAY

[**Seaweed an increasingly fragile lifeline for Philippine farmers**](#)

By Keith Anthony S. Fabro

Balintang, PHILIPPINES — “Seaweeds are important to me because they give me joy when we plant them,” says Melinda Gimotea, as she crouches down among the pile of seaweed seedlings under her stilt house on the southwestern coast of the Philippines’ Palawan province. Facing the teal blue sea on a fine July morning, the 55-year-old ties the olive-green plant cuttings to ropes with floaters, each spanning 25 meters (82 feet).

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[**PH loss from too much, or zero, water seen to hit \\$124B of GDP**](#)

By: Kurt Dela Peña

Manila, Philippines—The Philippines, which is hit by an average of 20 typhoons every year, is expected to lose \$124 billion until 2050 from water-related risks, like strong storms, intense floods and prolonged droughts.

[**Some G20 nations ‘backsliding’ on climate targets, says UK envoy**](#)

Some of the world’s major economies are “backsliding” on their emissions commitments, Britain’s climate delegate Alok Sharma said on Thursday, a day after a meeting of the Group of 20 (G20) nations failed to adopt a joint communique at climate talks.

[US to bring wind power project to PH, says envoy](#)

By: Vincent Cabreza

Baguio City — The United States is bringing an offshore wind project to the Philippines to help address the extreme weather crisis that is developing globally due to climate change, US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson said here on Thursday.

[Bangkok likely to face massive flooding as in 2011, climate expert says](#)

Bangkok — A global-warming expert warned on Wednesday that Bangkok could face massive flooding similar to what happened in 2011 mainly because of possible 1,200-millimetre rainfall or the so-called “100-year-level rains”.

[England faces longer, drier summers due to climate change—national forecaster](#)

London — England is likely to experience longer, drier summers later this decade that could worsen the risk of droughts, according to British national forecaster the Met Office, which said the change was due to increasing climate change.

[US must dispel Pelosi’s ‘negative influence’ before climate talks—China](#)

Beijing — China said on Wednesday that a condition for the resumption of bilateral climate talks with the United States was Washington dispelling the “negative influence” left by U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan earlier this month.

[Gov’t working ‘double time’ to boost salt industry](#)

By: Jerome Aning and Jordeene B. Lagare

Manila, Philippines – The government is working “double time” to ramp up support for the local salt industry following reports of rising prices due to thinning supply in various parts of the country, Press Secretary Trixie Cruz Angeles said on Monday.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[DND hails EU support for PH disaster relief ops](#)

By: Priam Nepomuceno

Manila – Department of National Defense (DND) officer in charge Undersecretary Jose Faustino Jr. thanked the European Union (EU) for its assistance to the country's disaster relief operations.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Caritas Philippines to hold solidarity bike for environment](#)

Caritas Philippines is spearheading a 32-kilometer cycling campaign to promote environmental awareness as the Church observes the Season of Creation.

[UN appeals for \\$160M to help worst hit in Pakistan floods](#)

Agence France-Presse

GENEVA, Switzerland — The United Nations and the Pakistani government launched an emergency appeal for \$160 million on Tuesday to help those hardest hit by the devastating floods in the country.

[African nations call out climate injustice ahead of COP27](#)

By: Agence France-Presse

Libreville, Gabon — African countries on Monday called for an end to a "climate injustice" saying the continent causes less than four percent of global CO2 emissions but pays one of the highest prices for global warming.

[Philippines emphasizes addressing plastic pollution on maritime cooperation workshop](#)

By: Kaycee Valmonte

Manila, Philippines (Updated 4:03 p.m.) — The Philippines highlighted plastic pollution as one of the key issues to be addressed at the East Asia Summit (EAS) workshop as member states tackle marine pollution.

PHYS ORG

[Greenhouse gas, sea levels at record in 2021: NOAA](#)

By: Shaun Tandon

Earth's concentration of greenhouse gases and sea levels hit new highs in 2021, a US government report said Wednesday, showing that climate change keeps surging ahead despite renewed efforts to curb emissions.

RAPPLER

[EXPLAINER: How could Europe cap surging energy prices?](#)

The European Union is preparing an emergency plan to separate power prices from the soaring cost of gas – as well as longer-term reforms aimed at ensuring electricity prices reflect cheaper renewable energy.

[\[OPINION\] What 'One Piece' teaches us about environmental justice](#)

By Alfredo R.M. Rosete

The hit manga One Piece recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The series tells the story of a rubber boy named Luffy who dreams of becoming the King of the Pirates. To fulfill this dream, he gathers a ragtag crew (the Strawhat pirates), befriends misfits, and punches out despots on an island-hopping journey to find the One Piece – a treasure which makes whoever finds it the King of the Pirates.

REUTERS

[G20 climate talks in Indonesia fail to agree communique](#)

By Kate Lamb and Yuddy Cahya Budiman

Nusa Dua, Indonesia, Aug 31 (Reuters) - Officials from the Group of 20 major economies meeting on Wednesday for climate talks in Bali have been unable to agree a joint communique, amid objections over language used on climate targets and the war in Ukraine, two sources told Reuters.

SUNSTAR

[Peña: More roles for NGO's](#)

By: Rox Peña

As mandated by Republic Act 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, a representative from a non-government organization (NGO) that advocates environmental issues shall sit in the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC). This is a recognition of the important role of ordinary citizens in governance. The NSWMC is the highest policy making body on solid waste management.

THE WASHINGTON POST

[Greenland ice sheet set to raise sea levels by nearly a foot, study finds](#)

By Chris Mooney

Human-driven climate change has set in motion massive ice losses in Greenland that couldn't be halted even if the world stopped emitting greenhouse gases today, according to a study published Monday.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS WORLD

[Storms, floods to cost PHL \\$124 billion by 2050](#)

By: Luisa Maria JAcinta Joson

Strong storms, heavy flooding and prolonged droughts may result in around \$124 billion in losses to the Philippine economy between 2022 and 2050, according to research firm GHD.

JOURNAL ONLINE

[Experts call for united front against poor air quality and its impact on lung health](#)

Experts and officials from the Department of Health (DOH), Climate Change Commission, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), called for concerted efforts to improve air quality in the Philippines and mitigate its effects on lung health.

THE MANILA TIMES

[\[Opinion\] The future is bright for clean energy and transportation in the country](#)

By: Jeremiah Belgica

With all the local and international push and support for the institutionalization of "sustainable growth" using renewable energy sources, the Philippines is now on an upward motion towards a climate-resilient and climate-smart Philippines.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

[Address inequalities and inequities by promoting social justice to accelerate the country's post-pandemic recovery](#)

Quezon City -- The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing socioeconomic inequalities and cultural inequities, which greatly affected the vulnerable and marginalized sectors of society. It is crucial to address these disparities to build their resilience to future shocks and accelerate the country's post-pandemic recovery.

POWER PHILIPPINES

[Senate Ways and Means Committee to push for Energy Devt – Gatchalian](#)

Senator Sherwin Gatchalian is looking for ways on how the Senate Committee on Ways and Means Committee, which he chairs, could further push for energy development in the country.

RAPPLER

[\[Opinion\] What is needed in a climate emergency law?](#)

For a country as vulnerable to climate change as the Philippines, it is surprising that only four local governments have officially declared a climate emergency. The most recent of these is the city of Makati, the country's financial hub, years after Bacolod, Cebu City, and Tolosa, Leyte made their declarations.

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