



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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FROM: INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Happy Tuesday! 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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ABS-CBN

[Philippines to boost fight vs climate change through sustainable finance: Diokno](#)

By: Jessica Fenol

Manila-The Philippines plans to boost its fight against climate change by pushing for sustainable financing, investments in climate resiliency and subsidies in the sector, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno said Thursday.

AL JAZEERA

[Climate change is hurting India's rice crop](#)

By: Quratulain Rehbar

In Haryana's Bithmara, about 200 kilometres (124 miles) northwest of the capital New Delhi, 37-year-old Satish Jangra is distraught after seeing his paddy crops destroyed due to untimely and incessant rainfall in early August.

BLOOMBERG

[Tycoon Bets on Renewables in Biggest 2022 Philippine IPO](#)

By Andreo Calonzo and Cecilia Yap

Philippine billionaire Enrique Razon made his fortune operating ports and running casinos. His next target is the country's nascent renewables industry.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[Climate Migration: Kenyan woman loses nearly all to lake](#)

By: Brian Inganga and Julie Watson

Kampi ya SAMAKI, Kenya—Winnie Kebe had felt blessed to be raising her children in her husband's childhood home in the community of Kampi ya Samaki—just over a quarter mile (500 meters) from the shoreline of Lake Baringo.

[Science and the arts synergize for climate action in Eastern Visayas](#)

Baybay City, Leyte—The Visayas State University (VSU), civil society and local governments championed climate change resilience in Eastern Visayas through science and the arts.

BUSINESS WORLD

[PHL urged to decentralize power generation with more solar plants](#)

By: Ashley Erika O. Jose

The Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC) said the Philippines needs to move towards more "distributed" power generation, which would involve the construction of more solar generation facilities while abandoning the current model of centralized baseload power, currently dominated by coal-fired plants.

[Philippines to rejoin Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative](#)

By: Diego Gabriel Robles

The Philippines has expressed its intention to rejoin the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) after the previous administration withdrew earlier this year, the Department of Finance (DoF) said.

[Poor air quality increases TB risk among the vulnerable](#)

By Patricia B. Mirasol

Air pollution has an unequal impact on health, with the most vulnerable people bearing the brunt of its ill effects, according to Greenpeace. In a report released on Sept. 1, the independent global campaigning network said that socioeconomic deprivation increases an individual's vulnerability to air pollution and chronic health conditions.

CORDIS

[How will climate change affect the yield and price of wheat?](#)

An EU-backed study claims that climate change will raise wheat prices and hit yield harder in certain areas around the world.

ECO-BUSINESS

[Across the globe, those harmed by climate change are turning to courts.](#)

By Doug Johnson

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in 2013, a group of organisations and individuals in the country and elsewhere petitioned the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines to investigate whether fossil fuel companies violate or threaten to violate human rights by contributing to climate change. At least 6,300 people died in the storm, and 29,000 were injured.

[Climate change threatens small seaweed farmers in the Philippines.](#)

By Keith Anthony S. Fabro

"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).

GMA NEWS

[DBM earmarks P453.1B for climate change expenditures under 2023 budget](#)

By Ted Cordero

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on Wednesday said it has earmarked P453.1 billion climate change expenditures in the proposed P5.268-trillion national budget for 2023.

THE GUARDIAN

['I couldn't date a climate change denier!' The couples who bond – and split – over love for the planet](#)

When Mitzi Jonelle Tan first saw Jon Bonifacio at a student council meeting at the University of the Philippines in 2017, she knew she liked him. But it wasn't his good looks or sense of humour that got her swooning: it was his interest in climate activism. "I looked at him and knew we could be activists together," she says. They went on to spend four years together as a couple, and even after splitting up earlier this year they remain close.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[Marcos in Indonesia for first visit](#)

'Indonesia has extended more than a warm hand of friendship when it invited the Philippines to the G-20 meeting on climate change during the first month of the Marcos administration. PBBM's choice of venue for his first state visit is a reciprocal gesture of friendship.'

MANILA BULLETIN

[Solar panel manufacturer might consider investing in PH](#)

By: Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Trina Solar, world's leading solar panel manufacturer based in China, said that manufacturing is an option they might consider for the Philippines given "favorable conditions" as the company positions to capture a bigger share of the rapidly growing solar panel market in the country.

[The art and science of climate change](#)

By: Jules Vivas

The end is near! The quote from the New Testament that claims the final judgment is more real than we acknowledge it to be. That is, if we don't do something about climate change.

[DBM raises climate change budget](#)

By Chino S. Leyco

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) increased the funds for the government's climate change programs and activities next year in line with President Marcos' directive.

MANILA STANDARD

['Aquanomics' research from GHD: Climate change is accelerating annual losses in PH](#)

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.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Intellectuals, scientists and politicians](#)

By: Fermin Adriano

In one of our light banter, former University of the Philippines (UP) president and National Scientist Emil Q. Javier and I spoke about how the country has mistreated its scientists and intellectuals.

[Climate deniers' claims: Separating reality from idiocy](#)

By Ben Kritz

The so-called World Climate Declaration that is supposed to be such a "savage blow" against the "political orthodoxy" of anthropogenic climate change is more like a wet noodle than a whip when it comes to the actual arguments it presents. It bases its assertion that "there is no climate emergency" on five claims, all of which have been repeatedly debunked for years as they are either misrepresentations of scientific findings, outright lies, and in one case, lunacy of a depth that would make Velikovsky look sane.

[Demystifying SDG, ESG and DEI](#)

By Ernie Cecilia, DPM

Sustainability is simply about understanding (and taking positive action on) the organization's impact on the environment, economy and society. Sustainability's scope has broadened beyond the enterprises' environmental footprint. Somewhere along the way, sustainability and the issues of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) collided and began to overlap — in a good way.

[Food security: A long-term approach](#)

By Kay Calpo Lugtu

Just like in other important matters in life, it is essential to approach these efforts on a long-term basis. As an example, when we plan for our retirement, we take note of many things and ensure habits and other behaviors apt for such are put in place; we invest as early as we can to avoid being dependent later on, we decide to invest in our health so we can avoid getting sick, etc. These efforts take time, and the fruit of such labor may only be seen not immediately, but at a much later time.

[Building a resilient PH food system](#)

By William Dar

While there are a lot of people celebrating the entry of the "ber" months because that ushers in the Yuletide holidays, the last four months of the year can be miserable for farmers and fishers who have to contend with the strong typhoons and rains visiting the Philippines.

[Pangasinan to host first salt congress](#)

By Gabriel L. Cardinoza

Lingayen, Pangasinan: The country's moribund salt industry may get the shot in the arm it badly needs when stakeholders from different parts of the country gather here in November for the first national salt congress.

[Cagayan adopts forest land grazing program](#)

By Leander C. Domingo

Cagayan Valley is adopting a science-based forest lands grazing management approach to attain food security and climate change resiliency, according to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

[Stop the climate disinformation](#)

By Ben Kritz

Enough is enough. As I wrote in a recent column, there is an unspoken convention among columnists that we do not discuss each other's work. It is a convention that should be broken because it is frankly driven by ego more than any professional or social principle, and more importantly, because it discourages broader discussion and debate that could benefit the public.

[UK to boost 'green' investments in PH](#)

By Bernadette E. Tamayo

The United Kingdom will pour in £500 million worth of green investments to at least three Southeast Asian countries, including the Philippines, British Ambassador to Manila Laure Beaufile said.

MONGABAY

[Mongabay's What-To-Watch list for September 2022](#)

Agriculture and food production across the world share an intricate relationship with both their immediate environment and larger factors like climate change. In August, Mongabay released videos about food that's become invasive and food sources affected by outside elements, among other environmental news.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[\[OPINION\] High-maintenance 'beach' should go](#)

Two years after the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) stirred unnecessary controversy by dumping crushed dolomite on a 500-meter stretch of land along Manila Bay, the agency will finally study the environmental and social impact of the P389-million "beach nourishment" project that critics have slammed as a massive waste of public funds.

[DENR eyes 20% plastic neutrality by 2023](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) aims to achieve at least 20 percent plastic neutrality in the next year, ensuring that the agency will meet

deadlines for the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law.

[**\[OPINION\] Working as one for the global good**](#)

By: Jaushieh Joseph Wu

The global community is confronting a number of unprecedented crises: the ongoing challenge of COVID-19 variants, stalled efforts on climate change, supply chain disruptions and Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Now more than ever, China's increasing rhetorical and military intimidation is jeopardizing regional peace and stability. All of these will impact the security and well-being of the world. As the UN members meet again in New York this year, it is worth reminding these leaders that all people—including the people of Taiwan—deserve to have their voices heard and to be part of the collaborative effort to tackle these challenges for the global good.

[**SM Prime partners with WWF PH for responsible reporting on climate change solutions**](#)

SM Prime Holdings, Inc., one of Southeast Asia's leading integrated property developers and leading conservation organization World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines have entered a collaboration in adopting a more robust reporting framework to address the climate crisis.

[**Tackling inequality key to climate fight – study**](#)

By Reuters

London — Tackling inequality is key to securing the public support needed to overhaul the global economy and reverse climate change, an update to the landmark 50-year-old computer simulation of environmental stress has found.

[**Reconsider budget cut, CHR appeals to Congress**](#)

By Krixia Subingsubing

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) has appealed to Congress to reconsider the proposed budget cut for the agency as this would limit its ability to deliver its mandate as the country's rights watchdog next year. Under the National Expenditures Program for 2023 submitted by the Department of Budget of Management (DBM) to Congress, the CHR will get P844.1 million to fund its new programs.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

[**DBM proposes P453.1B budget for 2023 Climate Change Expenditures**](#)

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has proposed Php453.1-B climate change expenditures in the 2023 National Expenditure Program (NEP) submitted to Congress. Government programs/activities/projects in the 2023 NEP for climate change include avoidance of deforestation, monitoring of national and local climate change mitigation actions, conservation and protection of existing watershed and protected areas, support to research on climate change adaptation, conduct of trainings on community-based climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, among others.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[\\$5-B worth of e-trikes top list of Singapore investments to PH](#)

By: Azer Parrocha

Manila – The Philippines is poised to reap USD6.54 billion (PHP374.57) of investment deals from the two-day state visit of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. to Singapore.

[Europe records hottest summer in history](#)

BRUSSELS – This summer has been the hottest in Europe's documented history with August seeing a record high temperature, the EU's Earth observation satellite program revealed on Thursday.

[DENR drafting IRR to make firms accountable for plastic wastes](#)

By Wilnard Bacelonia

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Tuesday assured the Senate of its commitment to regulate plastic packaging and reduce waste as it already drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act which lapsed into law in July.

[Our environmental performance](#)

By Jose Bayani Baylon

'We will do what we can at NAC to contribute to better numbers for the Philippines, and we look forward to collaborating with everyone else in their own respective organizations — in the private as well as the public sector — doing this same work!'

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Higher financing sought to address climate change](#)

By: Louise Maureen Simeon

Manila, Philippines — Advanced economies should ramp up their climate financing for developing countries like the Philippines amid the worsening impact of climate change globally.

['Dirty' energy, outdated air quality standards keep Filipinos at risk from air pollution](#)

By Gaea Katreena Cabico

Health professionals and environmental advocates on Wednesday urged the government to combat air pollution that is harming the people and the planet by swiftly transitioning away from fossil fuels and updating the country's air quality standards.

[Marcos Jr. proposes P453.1-B climate change spending plan for 2023](#)

By Ramon Royandoyan

The Marcos Jr. administration is proposing a P453.1 billion budget for climate change expenditures that, analysts think, left much too to be desired.

[SEC approves ACEN's green bond offering](#)

By Ramon Royandoyan

The Securities and Exchange Commission approved ACEN Corp.'s ASEAN green bonds program. The Ayala-led energy firm is looking to offer P30 billion worth of ASEAN green bonds. This type of 'sustainable' finance comprise bonds and sukuk, a sharia-compliant bond instrument, wherein proceeds will be used to exclusively finance or refinance green projects. These bonds comply with ASEAN green bonds standards.

[Waste collection drive: 5 Metro Manila malls where you can donate plastic waste](#)

By James Patrick Cruz

Most of the plastic waste end up in landfill or the ocean due to the lack of recycling facilities in the country.

[DPWH, DOF review ODA-funded infrastructure projects](#)

By Rainier Allan Ronda

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) worked with the Department of Finance (DOF) for the conduct of a performance review on flagship infrastructure projects funded by foreign official development assistance (ODA) last week.

RAPPLER

[Proposed P118-M budget cut threatens CHR's vital work](#)

By Jodesz Gavilan

MANILA, Philippines – Commission on Human Rights Executive Director Jacqueline de Guia expressed concern that the proposed cut in the CHR's 2023 budget may pose more challenges in the conduct of their vital work against state abuses, especially in the aftermath of the administration of Rodrigo Duterte.

RELIEF WEB

[In The Face of Climate Change, Migration offers an Adaptation Strategy in Africa](#)

Libreville - Countries around the world are feeling the impacts of climate change, which is affecting their communities. In Africa, migration induced by slow onset events such as droughts, desertification, deforestation, water scarcity, rising sea levels, coastal erosion has increased in occurrence and severity over the last few decades due to the adverse effects of climate change.

SUNSTAR

[Extreme weather in Asia](#)

Two neighboring countries in Asia are currently experiencing extreme weather conditions which experts believe is caused by climate change.

CCC in the News

DAILY TRIBUNE

[Phi calls for climate equity, justice at UN Expert Forum on Climate Finance in Manila](#)

By TDT

The Philippines called for climate equity and justice through the delivery of climate finance at the opening of the Third Technical Expert Dialogue on Climate Finance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on 6 September.

[UNFCCC's Third Technical Experts Dialogue on climate finance takes place in Manila](#)

By TDT

The Third Technical Experts Dialogue on Climate Finance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held in Manila from 6-9 September 2022.

DZIQ RADYO INQUIRER

[Third Technical Experts Dialogue on Climate Finance ng UNFCCC, kasado na](#)

By Chona Yu

Magsasagawa ng Third Technical Experts Dialogue on Climate Finance ang United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

MANILA BULLETIN

[Living and doing business with climate change](#)

By Jaime Laya

An abstract concept is what most of us think of climate change, interesting only to scientists and divorced from the daily concerns of people making a living, companies looking at bottom lines, government officials planning for the next election. A webinar recently organized by the Institute of Corporate Directors for GT Capital Holdings made it clear that climate change affects companies, countries, all of us, and our children.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Experts call for united front against poor air quality](#)

Experts and officials from the Department of Health (DoH), Climate Change Commission, and 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.

[PH calls for climate equity, justice at UN](#)

By Kristina Maralit

There must be immediate action to achieve climate equity and justice en route to pragmatic solutions in addressing the impact of climate change.

SCANDASIA

[Swedish Ambassador met Secretary Robert Borje of the Philippines Climate Change Commission](#)

By Kanlayakorn Pengrattana

Ambassador Annika Thunborg of the Swedish Embassy in Manila met Secretary Robert Borje, the Vice Chairperson and the Executive Director of the Climate Change Commission earlier this week.

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