



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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TO: ALL CCC-CCO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

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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ABS-CBN NEWS

[Climate change supercharges threat from forest-eating bug](#)

By: Agence France Presse

HELSINKI, Finland - Deep in the Finnish woods, the moss and blueberry shrubs hide a deadly threat to the boreal forests that are as important to the planet as the Amazon rainforest.

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

[COP27 was disappointing, but 2022 remains an historic year for international climate policy](#)

By Katherine Lake, The University of Melbourne

This year's global climate negotiations at the COP27 in Egypt were disappointing. In particular, the international commitment to limit planetary warming to 1.5°C remains on "life support".

BUSINESS MIRROR

[New abnormal: Climate disaster damage 'down' to \\$268 billion](#)

By: Seth Borenstein

This past year has seen a horrific flood that submerged one-third of Pakistan, one of the three costliest US hurricanes on record, devastating droughts in Europe and China, a drought-triggered famine in Africa and deadly heat waves all over.

['Local mining firms planting bamboo must get tax incentives'](#)

The private sector has urged the government to grant tax incentives to miners who will invest in large-scale bamboo plantations as these projects will help boost watershed conservation, reduce the risk of natural disasters and generate as much as \$3 billion in long-term revenue.

[Global central banks brace for 'greenflation,' climate change amid volatile energy prices](#)

By: Siegfried Alegado and Anup Roy

Climate change and the energy transition are becoming top of mind for central bank policymakers as they grapple with volatile energy prices and the effects of more frequent extreme weather events.

BUSINESS WORLD

[South Korea expresses interest in renewables dev't after PHL opens up foreign investment](#)

By: Ashley Erika Jose

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy (DoE) said South Korea is exploring “practical ways to cooperate” with the Philippines to help the latter achieve energy security via renewable energy, which was recently opened up to 100% foreign investment.

[LGUs, big and small, pursue public-private partnerships](#)

By: Kyle Aristophere T. Atienza

LOCAL governments are blazing the trail on public-private partnerships (PPP) for climate adaptation and infrastructure projects, but not all towns and cities could be expected to follow, according to analysts, given the factors on governance, technical capacity, and market demand.

[Marcos to attend APEC Summit in US in November, says ambassador](#)

By: ANO Tan

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. will attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in the United States in November, according to its ambassador to the US.

[LGUs urged to prioritize agriculture spending](#)

By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) are urged to spend more efficiently, particularly for agriculture, the World Bank said, adding this will help improve growth and productivity in the sector.

[\[Opinion\] The Philippines and the European Union: Embarking on the same journey](#)

By: Victor Andres Manhit

The COVID-19 pandemic dealt a blow to the Philippine economy and exposed many gaps and weaknesses in our system that had been present for some time.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[Bill for reparation for climate crisis-related loss to be filed in 2023](#)

By: Lois Calderon

An NGO is pushing for a bill that will hold companies accountable for the impact their operations have on the environment.

ENTREPRENEUR.COM

[\[Opinion\] Can Southeast Asia Seize Global Opportunities in Sustainability?](#)

By Eric Chin

Climate change threats loom across the world, and Southeast Asia is in a favorable position to benefit from a windfall of sustainable investment opportunities if their plans take flight.

GMA NEWS

[Marcos leaves for Belgium to attend ASEAN-EU Summit](#)

By: Jon Viktor Cabuenas

President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. on Sunday evening flew out to Brussels, Belgium to attend the Commemorative Summit between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Union (EU).

[Major European firms eyeing Philippine renewable energy market](#)

By: Jon Viktor Cabuenas

Major European firms in the renewable energy sector are looking at entering the Philippine market in the coming year, a top official of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) said.

KHALEEJ TIMES

[UAE, Philippines sign deal to promote knowledge, scientific research, space exploration](#)

By: Web Desk

The UAE Space Agency has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Philippine Space Agency (PhiSA) to enhance cooperation in scientific research, space exploration and knowledge exchange, in order to serve common interests and promote international partnerships supporting science and knowledge exchange in the outer space industry.

MANILA BULLETIN

[Marcos departs for Belgium, expects a productive trip](#)

By: Betheene Unite

President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. departed for Brussels, Belgium Sunday night, Dec.11, to participate in the European Union-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (EU-ASEAN) Business Summit, which he expects to be a productive and meaningful trip.

[PH, South Korea reinforcing strategic partnership on energy investments](#)

By: Myrna M. Velasco

Taking off from a two decade strategic partnership, the Philippines and South Korea are strengthening cooperation and prospective business tie-up on array of energy investments, including electric vehicle (EV) deployments and further rollout of energy efficiency initiatives, foray into innovative technologies like hydrogen development as the energy sector's fuel of the future, and helping the Philippines on its plan to re-embrace nuclear technology in its power mix.

Save the environment, minimize or terminate use of plastics

“Plastic pollution seriously endangers the ecosystem, especially bodies of water like rivers that are vital to fishermen’s livelihood.”

ELEVENTH HOUR: The role of the arts in overcoming climate anxiety

by Climate Reality Project Philippines

Eight out of 10 children and young people across the world are worried that climate change is threatening people and the planet.

PH new climate fund program launched

By Chino S. Leyco

The Department of Finance (DOF) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) sealed the implementation agreement for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Program that seeks to speed up climate action through green finance.

Resilience not enough, preparedness key to disaster mitigation – Faustino

By Martin Sadongdong

There is no doubt that Filipinos are naturally resilient that’s why they are capable to withstand the calamities and disasters that hit the country. But resilience is simply not enough.

At least 2,500 seals found dead on Russia’s Caspian Sea coast

By: Agence France Presse

MOSCOW, Russia – At least 2,500 endangered seals have been found dead along Russia’s Caspian Sea coast, the local environment ministry said.

Record-high PH inflation draws mixed reactions from solons

By: Raymund Antonio

While House Deputy Minority Leader and ACT Teachers Party-list Rep. France Castro on Tuesday, Dec. 6, urged President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. to prioritize salary increase amid the 14-year-high inflation rate of 8 percent in November 2022, House Ways and Means chair and Albay 2nd District Rep. Joey Salceda offered solutions, such as sugar trade liberalization and farmer support and training.

[Opinion] Change climate!

By: Jullie Y. Daza

Climate change, climate change. The bad news is there's nothing we can do to stop it or reverse its irreversible course.

[Pasig LGU ramps up alternative mobility efforts with e-vehicle showcase](#)

By: Khriscielle Yalao

In a bid to ramp up its alternative mobility efforts, the Pasig City local government held on Monday, Dec. 5, a pilot demonstration of electric vehicles (e-vehicles), in partnership with the Urban Electric Mobility Institute and Clean Air Asia as part of the SolutionsPlus project.

[PH, Japan experts meet to strengthen campaign vs climate change](#)

By: Chito Chavez

Filipino and Japanese experts have mapped out strategic plans on how the Philippines could appropriately deal with the threat and enhance its resiliency against the world-wide effects of climate change, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) said on Monday, Dec. 5.

MANILA STANDARD

[DILG recognizes 16 LGUs for disaster efforts](#)

By Joel E. Zurbano

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has recognized 16 local government units from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) for their disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) initiatives.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Private sector investments urged for climate action](#)

By: Bella Cariaso

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga is urging the private sector to invest in climate action amid growing uncertainties and mounting financial requirements for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

[DoE: Future-proofing energy security at 50](#)

By: Dafort Villaseran

THE occasion of the golden, 50th golden anniversary of the Department of Energy (DoE)'s foundation has coincided with the recent push of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. for the DoE and other related agencies in the energy sector to ensure the sustainability of the country's power needs.

[Agro-solar power farm to rise in General Santos](#)

By: Franz Sumangil

A 150-megawatt (MW) agrovoltaic solar power plant, touted as a "pioneering" renewable energy project in the country, will be built by a foreign-backed homegrown company in General Santos City. Yan Amante, president and chief executive officer of

Embrace Nature Power 1 Corp. (ENPC-1), said they are preparing for the construction of a solar farm and power plant in a 120-hectare property spanning portions of Conel and Mabuhay villages.

[**BARMM highlights flagship projects during the BIMP-EAGA meeting in Indonesia**](#)

By: Julmunir Jannaral

COTABATO CITY: Delegates from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) showcased the regional government's flagship programs and project in the 25th Brunei-Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Ministerial Meeting on Nov. 26, 2022, at Pontianak City, Indonesia.

[**Czech Embassy seeks solutions to waste pollution in PH**](#)

The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Manila partnered with the Czech waste management cluster WASTen z.s. in conducting its first conference on solid waste management titled "Clean Philippines: Solutions to the Waste Pollution" in the Philippines on November 21 in Makati City.

[**Germany, Philippines address climate crisis**](#)

Global warming is the most pressing problem the world needs to address together. The catastrophic effects of the climate crisis can be felt extensively in more and more parts of the globe with the Philippines being one of the most vulnerable countries. Germany upholds its promise to help create a greener planet and limit global warming both nationally and internationally.

[**\[OPINION\] PH needs maritime agenda**](#)

THE Philippines should craft a maritime agenda, aligned with the country's development roadmap and designed to address climate change. This agenda was recently suggested by our columnist, Brenda Pimentel, and it is nothing short of a paradigm shift that elevates maritime concerns above all other national priorities and makes them mainstream.

MINDA NEWS

[**P16-billion US-backed solar power plant to rise in GenSan**](#)

By: Allen Estabillo

GENERAL SANTOS CITY – A foreign-backed homegrown company is targeting to start in January the development of a 150-megawatt (MW) agrovoltaics solar power plant, touted as a “pioneering” renewable energy project in the country.

MONGABAY

[**Indigenous peoples and communities drive climate finance reform**](#)

By: John Cannon

Protecting forests by investing in Indigenous peoples and local communities, or IPLCs, is increasingly seen as one of the most effective ways to mitigate climate change and halt the global loss of biodiversity. The trouble is that a lot of the funding flow doesn't reach the IPLC-led organizations that can tackle these issues, says Lindsey Allen, executive director of the Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA).

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[CHR report indicts fossil fuel companies for climate change](#)

By: Krixia Subingsubing

The world's fossil fuel companies have "obfuscated, obstructed, derailed and delayed" efforts to transition to renewable energy sources, undermining the people's right to be protected against the climate crisis, according to a landmark report by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) released on Wednesday.

[WWF names Dipolog 'most lovable' PH city in 2022](#)

ILIGAN CITY, Lanao del Norte Philippines — Dipolog, the capital city of Zamboanga del Norte province, earned the tag of "most lovable city" in the country this year after gaining popular acclaim from experts and ordinary netizens for its target of reducing local carbon emissions by 75 percent in 2030.

[\[Opinion\] Climate crisis is here](#)

By: Crispin Maslog

An innocuous story in the ocean of online news recently caught my attention. It said that an entire Pacific island nation was considering an unusual backup plan for survival: moving its entire population to another country.

[Lower population, lesser density better for PH](#)

Rosie B. Luistro ("Inevitable population decline: What to do about it," 11/30/22) errs on several points. 1. As one of the most densely populated countries on earth (388 per square kilometer, ranking 36th, just behind Israel), the Philippines should benefit by slightly lessening its density—unless the majority of people vote for more traffic, more pollution, more CO2 emissions, more crowding, and less adequate infrastructure.

[3 key takeaways from COP27 Summit](#)

By: Joseph Lacson

A diplomat who says "yes" means "maybe," a diplomat who says "maybe" means "no," and a diplomat who says "no" is no diplomat, said the statesman Talleyrand.

[Ensuring a just and inclusive transition to a low-carbon economy](#)

By: Kerry Adams-Strump

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our generation. It affects every one of us wherever we are in the world. Deadly heat waves in previously unlikely locations such as in Europe or flash floods in the Middle East and intense storms in Asia have become more common even in the past few years.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

[Legarda vows to continue environmental advocacies, thanks ACB for recognizing her as ASEAN Biodiversity Hero](#)

By: OSLL

PASAY CITY -- Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda has vowed to continue advocating for the environment as she accepted the 2022 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Biodiversity Heroes Award officially handed over by the ASEAN Secretariat on Monday, December 5, at the Ceremonial Hall of the Philippine Senate in Pasay City.

[Loyzaga urges private sector to invest in climate action](#)

By: DENR

QUEZON CITY -- Environment Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga has urged the private sector to take up a greater role in the fight against climate change amid growing climate uncertainties and mounting financial requirements for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[Academic sector, vital vs. climate change education: DepEd-DRRMS](#)

By: Stephanie Sevillano

The Department of Education (DepEd) said Friday learners, teachers, and other personnel in the education sector may fulfill significant roles in the fight against the effects of climate change.

[DA, 4 other agencies to set up farmer-to-market road network](#)

By: Azer Parrocha

The Department of Agriculture (DA) and four other agencies are set to sign a joint administrative order (JAO) that will set up guidelines to make farm-to-market road (FMRs) interconnected with other infrastructure projects.

[Strengthen public-private partnerships to boost infra dev't](#)

By: Joel Zaldarriaga

Cooperation between the government and private sectors has long been integral in the country's economic development with the various infrastructure projects under public-private partnerships (PPP) already operational and beneficial to the Filipino people.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[French think tank seeks partnerships with Philippine institutions](#)

By: Kaycee Valmonte

A French think tank is hoping to work with similar Philippine institutions to produce research work on a range of subjects, such as higher military education, climate change, maritime security, political warfare and information warfare.

[Philippines seeks closer, effective partnerships in Asia-Pacific](#)

By Pia Lee Brago

The Philippines called for closer and more effective partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region to ensure that oceans remain zones of peace and prosperity for the benefit of present and future generations.

[EU chief says bloc must act over US climate plan 'distortions'](#)

By: Agence France Presse

BRUSSELS, Belgium — EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said Sunday the bloc must act to address "distortions" created by Washington's \$430-billion plan to spur climate-friendly technologies in the United States.

[Group calls for treaty to protect people, environment from plastic pollution](#)

By: Gaea Katreena Cabico

A toxics watchdog group called for a global agreement that will halt the harms caused by plastic and their hazardous chemical ingredients on humans and the environment.

SUNSTAR

[DOE to local officials: Use waste-to-energy tech](#)

By: Honey Cotejo

Amid criticism, particularly from environmentalists, the Department of Energy (DOE) has encouraged local government units (LGUs) to pursue waste-to-energy (WTE) technology, saying many Philippine investors are looking to invest in the innovation.

[IEA: Renewables could top coal as electricity source by 2025](#)

The expansion of renewable power generation picked up sharply in 2022 and within three years it could pass coal as the top source of electricity, the International Energy Agency said in a new report published Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022.

[Rama: Razon group's entry in Cebu City's waste management 'positive development'](#)

CEBU City Mayor Michael Rama sees the impending acquisition of Filipino billionaire businessman Enrique Razon's firm of a local waste management company as a positive development in the quest to solve the city's garbage issue.

THE VISAYAN DAILY STAR

[Accelerating EV adoption](#)

The European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) called on the government to exempt electric vehicles (EV) from all countries from import taxes instead of limiting it to special trading partners in a letter to the Department of Energy.

CCC in the News

BUSINESS MIRROR

[Climate-tied drills are also a must, says CCC chief](#)

By Samuel Medenilla

MORE frequent extreme weather incidents prompted the Climate Change Commission (CCC) on Wednesday to call for the conduct of “disaster drills.”

THE DAILY TRIBUNE

[Climate Change Commission, UP Resilience Institute partner on disaster risk assessments](#)

The Climate Change Commission and the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute recently signed an agreement that is seen to further strengthen their partnership to develop a support mechanism for climate and disaster risk assessments and to build the capacities of institutional stakeholders at the grassroots, particularly for LGUs.

DZBB SUPER RADYO

[Gobyerno, naglalalatag na mga paghahanda kaugnay sa posibleng pagtama ng malakas na lindol at malalakas na bagyo sa hinaharap, ayon sa Climate Change Commission.](#)

By Tuesday Niu

... Sinabi ni Climate Change Commission Robert Borje sa pangunguna ng NDRRMC at office of Civil Defense ay naglalalatag na ng mga hakbang para maging handa ang bansa.

GMA NEWS

[Gradual sinking of barangay in Bulacan possibly caused by climate change](#)

Barangay Taliptip in Bulacan, Bulacan may be providing a preview of things to come in other coastal areas in the country including Manila due to climate change.

MANILA BULLETIN

[Gov't earthquake preparedness on track, citizens assured](#)

by Betheena Unite

The government is “doing all it can” to boost the country’s preparedness in incidents such as the 5.3-magnitude earthquake that jolted Camarines Norte and was felt in Metro Manila on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

[PH, Japan experts meet to strengthen campaign vs climate change](#)

by Chito Chavez

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THE MANILA TIMES

[Climate change exec bats for 'green' energy](#)

By: Bella Cariaso

CLIMATE Change Commission (CCC) Commissioner Albert de la Cruz Sr. has underscored the need to shift to renewable energy if the Philippines wants to survive the effects of environmental degradation.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

[Gov't boosts earthquake preparedness in Metro Manila](#)

By Azer Parrocha

The national government continues to carry out initiatives to protect public buildings against earthquakes in Metro Manila while strengthening emergency preparedness and response, an official said Wednesday.

POLITIKO

[Is PH gov't ready for earthquakes?](#)

By Prince Golez

Every effort is being taken by the government to be ready for earthquakes and other disasters, Climate Change Commission Commissioner Robert Borje said Wednesday.

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