



NEWS AT A GLANCE

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[2022 Notebook: Climate catastrophe, and a bit of hope too](#)

By The Associated Press

THE BACKGROUND: For those worried about climate change — and, by extension, the planet's future — 2022 was a mixed bag. Hurricanes and floods plague many

places, and the COP27 meeting in Egypt didn't end with as much progress as many activists hoped.

BLOOMBERG

[Crumbling Nuclear Plant May Fuel Philippines After 36-Year Delay](#)

By: Andreo Calonzo

A nuclear power plant on the Philippines' western coast has sat idle for nearly four decades, costing billions of dollars and never producing a watt of electricity. Now, it's at the center of debate over whether the nation should finally adopt atomic energy.

BUSINESS MIRROR

[Development of 440 MWp solar PV project in Isabela province kicks off](#)

San Ignacio Energy Resources Development Corporation ("San Ignacio"), part of the Nextnorth Energy group which is developing over 450 MW of solar PV and hydro projects in northern Luzon, has recently signed a Solar Energy Operating Contract with Secretary Raphael P. M. Lotilla of the Department of Energy kicking off the process to develop a 440 MWp/336 MWac solar PV project in Ilagan City, Isabela Province.

[PBBM pushes for climate change reparations](#)

By: Samuel P Medenilla

President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. is pushing for a new compensation "agreement" between the countries vulnerable to the effects of climate change like the Philippines with the European Union (EU).

[Citing economic gains, exec cites PHL readiness for '30x30' target](#)

By: Jonathan Mayuga

The Philippines is ready and able to go for the global "30x30" target as part of its commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), an official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said.

BUSINESS WORLD

[Sustainability reporting is not just a casual tick-the-box exercise](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is expected to require publicly listed companies to submit their sustainability reports next year but several of them are still in a quandary on how to prepare their reports. I sat down with several of these listed companies, and they say they are still at a loss on what to report, how to report, and who will prepare such reports — arguing that they will probably submit the reports out of compliance.

CLIENTEARTH

[Climate change and the role of directors in the Philippines](#)

Climate change poses significant threats to businesses—in the Philippines, the wider region, and the globe. Businesses and their value chains are being impacted by climate risks, and as custodians of companies' assets, directors play a critical role in managing these risks, as well as in fulfilling the companies' social responsibilities towards protecting the environment.

CNN PHILIPPINES

[DOE vows 'aggressive' push on energy efficiency law](#)

In a bid to combat climate change, the Department of Energy (DOE) will not leave any stone unturned in the implementation of the energy efficiency law.

[New satellite that will survey most of Earth's water has launched](#)

By: Ashley Strickland

The first mission to survey nearly all of the water on Earth's surface has launched. The international Surface Water and Ocean Topography mission, known as SWOT, lifted off aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California at 6:46 a.m. ET on Friday. The first stage of the rocket successfully landed back on Earth at 6:54 a.m. ET.

[The world is burning more coal than ever before, new report shows](#)

By: Ivana Kottasova

The global energy crisis caused by Russia's war on Ukraine has pushed global demand for coal – the most polluting of all fossil fuels – to a record high in 2022, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday.

[Marcos to bring up PH trade perks during talks with EU leaders](#)

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said he will discuss with the European Union (EU) the Philippines' trade privileges which the EU earlier threatened to suspend over human rights issues that hounded the Duterte administration.

GMA NEWS

[Marcos arrives in Belgium for ASEAN-EU summit](#)

By: John Leigh Casilao

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. arrived in Brussels, Belgium Monday morning (Manila time) to attend the Commemorative Summit between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the European Union.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[UN agency says economic turmoil, conflicts put global shipping growth at risk](#)

LONDON – The pace of global shipping activity is set to lose steam next year as economic turmoil, conflict in Ukraine and the impact of the pandemic weaken the outlook for trade, UN agency UNCTAD said on Tuesday.

MANILA BULLETIN

[EU mini hydro turbine manufacturer eyes hub in PH](#)

By: Bernie Cahiles-Magkilat

Turbulent Hydro, manufacturer of mini hydro power turbines in EU, is keen on manufacturing mini hydro ecological turbines in the country to expand its current renewable energy project in Davao Oriental as it positions for strong demand for small hydro power projects in the country.

[Make it a green Christmas celebration](#)

By: Alexa Basa

It's definitely the season of joy! Christmas is here and after two years of avoiding the malls, restaurants, and meeting friends, people are out celebrating this season of cheer.

[Data and digitalisation keys to stewarding sustainability](#)

By: Edgar Hilario

In the Philippines the government further enhanced its efforts to build climate resilience among communities nationwide and address climate change to protect the environment, lives, and properties. Last year, the country has submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat the first nationally determined contribution (NDC), covering its planned reduction and avoidance of greenhouse gasses (GHG) of 75 percent, of which 2.72 percent is unconditional. This commitment covers the period 2020 to 2030 for the sectors of agriculture, waste, industry, transport, and energy.

[\[Opinion \]Yes, there is hope among the youth](#)

By: Justin John Del Rosario

Exactly a month ago, COP27 or the 2022 United Nations Climate Conference (aka 27th Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change), concluded without a "consensus" — supporters say that there were big strides especially on the aspect of "loss-and-damage fund" (something like a financial help for climate vulnerable countries). But there were critics who noted the lackluster response to address urgent concerns (that COP is all about talk and no action).

[Baguio, QC DRRMOs, Ifugao native bag 'KLIMA-likasan' awards for disaster resiliency](#)

By: Jel Santos

Recognizing their significant actions at times of disasters and calamities, the disaster risk reduction and management offices (DRRMO) of the cities of Baguio and Quezon and an Ifugao native have been awarded as the top winners of this year's "Mga Kwentong KLIMA-likasan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards".

[Green Public Procurement Act OK'd by House](#)

By: Raymund Antonio

The government will soon use a green criteria in its procurement process to promote sustainable practices and comply with the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) after the House of Representatives on Monday, Dec. 12, passed on the third and final reading House Bill (HB) No. 6468 or the “Green Public Procurement Act.”

[\[Opinion\] We must feel the urgency to protect biodiversity](#)

This year’s major climate summit may have concluded when world leaders and environment advocates departed Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt with a “call for action.” But that 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of Parties (more commonly referred to as COP27) is just the beginning as there is another important COP currently ongoing in Montreal, Canada.

[\[Opinion\] Are we food-secure enough to weather global food crisis?](#)

By: William Co

Recently, I was invited as a panelist to a forum on boosting the Philippine agriculture sector and ensuring food security. As someone who is in agribusiness and previously worked as a Philippine agriculture attaché, I have witnessed the highs and lows of our farming and fishery sector. Sadly, for over the past decade or so, our country remains to be food-insecure, we are the most in emerging Asia. In that forum, I was able to share my thoughts on how our nation can achieve food security, which I believe is doable given the right policies and interventions.

[Zero tariff for imported electric vehicles will help ease global warming, mitigate climate change](#)

All of the major expatriate business organizations in the country — American, Japanese, Korean Australia-New Zealand, and European Union — have issued a call to make the government’s planned temporary zero duty privilege on the importation of electric vehicles (EVs) more inclusive by opening it to all countries and for all types of EVs. Initial drafts of the proposed measure reportedly cover only the Philippines’ special trading partner countries.

THE MANILA TIMES

[PACU taps UN Sasakawa laureate for Climate Smart Academia 2050](#)

THE Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) has launched Climate Smart Academia 2050 in an effort to improve the climate change mitigation and adaptation capabilities of the country’s higher educational institutions (HEIs). The long-term, nationwide program aims to develop net-zero emission (NZE) or decarbonization or low carbon diet roadmap for the academic sector through the green house gases (GHGs) accounting; develop and implement a climate change adaptation-disaster risk reduction and management (CCA-DRRM) solution for the country; and conduct regional trainings, capacity buildings, and consultation workshops on climate and sustainability financing.

[PH terraces included in global climate project](#)

By: Eireene Jairee Gomez

MANULIFE on Thursday announced a new partnership with the National Geographic Society to deliver on an ambitious global project to safeguard several historical and culturally significant heritage sites, including Philippines' Banaue Rice Terraces, from the impact of climate change and protect the physical and financial well-being of the communities that depend on those sites for their livelihood.

[Real threats in Philippine agriculture and food security](#)

A SURVEY released by OCTA Research in early December highlighted inflation as the people's top concern. The October 23 to 27 survey showed that 57 percent of the 1,200 respondents cited inflation as the top worry, followed by a lagging wage increase of 48 percent and access to affordable food at 46 percent.

[Netherlands, Czech Republic to boost defense ties with PH](#)

Story by Kristina Maralit

BRUSSELS, Belgium: President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. got the commitment of the Netherlands and Czech Republic to bolster ties in the area of defense.

MINDA NEWS

[A year after Odette, Siargao folk put the pieces of life back together](#)

By: J-ann Avila

GENERAL LUNA, Siargao — The sun has just risen over the surfboards lined up along the white-sand shore of Cloud 9, the world-famous surfing spot here in the town of General Luna. Local and international tourists are doing a dry run with their surfing instructors before riding the ocean waves on a warm, early morning in August.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

[UP scientists race to find plastic-eating microbes](#)

By: Krixia Subingsubing

BOLINAO, Pangasinan, Philippines — Inside the country's first and only plastics research laboratory, a team of scientists from the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UPMSI) is looking at an unlikely ally — microbial organisms — that could literally take a bite out of the mammoth problem of plastic pollution.

[Marcos Jr. returns to PH after 'very productive' Asean-EU Summit](#)

By: Gabriel Pabico Lalu

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is back in the Philippines on Thursday night after attending the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-European Union (Asean-EU) Commemorative Summit in Brussels, Belgium, saying that the trip was very productive.

[10 environmental defenders killed in 2022](#)

At least 10 land and environmental defenders were killed this year, based on the preliminary report of the nongovernmental organization Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment (PNE).

Marcos arrives in Brussels for Asean-EU Summit

By: Nestor Corrales

BRUSSELS — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. arrived here on Monday morning to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-European Union (Asean-EU) Commemorative Summit, his seventh official trip abroad since assuming office on June 30.

PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY

DAR holds agrarian cooperatives summit, promotes digital marketing

By: DAR

Around 200 farmer-members from different agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in the MIMAROPA region attended the Department of Agrarian Reform's (DAR) face-to-face and virtual ARBOs Summit held over the weekend.

PBBM to push for trade, economy, climate action as he departs for ASEAN-EU summit

By: OPS

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. departed for Brussels, Belgium on Sunday night, where he is set to push for Philippine priorities, particularly trade, maritime cooperation and climate action at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-European Union (ASEAN-EU) Summit.

PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY

CDO seeks enhanced climate change action plan

By: Nef Luczon

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – The city government has moved to enhance the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) for integration into the city's climate disaster risk management.

Closer defense cooperation with Netherlands, Czechia eyed

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has expressed intent to step up the Philippines' ties with the Netherlands and Czechia (Czech Republic) by seeking closer cooperation in the defense sector, Malacañang said on Thursday.

PBBM to raise PH trade preference scheme in talks with EU leaders

By: Azer Parrocha

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. will raise the status of the Philippines' European Union (EU) Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) in his meetings with EU leaders.

THE PHILIPPINE STAR

[Baguio City, 12 other cities feted for commitment to address climate crisis](#)

By: Artemio Dumlao

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — Baguio City, together with 12 other cities, has been recognized by the Worldwide Fund (WWF) for Nature for their commitments and efforts toward sustainability and developing a low carbon footprint.

[IMO climate talks end without clear emissions-reduction goal for shipping](#)

By: Gaea Katreena Cabico

LONDON, United Kingdom — The climate talks at the International Maritime Organization saw more countries supporting the move to decarbonize shipping by 2050, but the meeting failed to adopt a concrete target to eliminate pollution from the maritime industry.

[Philippines prepares anti-cholera efforts as global cases increase](#)

The Department of Health is preparing more anti-cholera programs as global cases of acute diarrhea increase.

[ADB eyes \\$4.3 billion annual lending to Philippines until 2025](#)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will lend \$4.3 billion annually over the next three years to the Philippines to support infrastructure, climate change and agriculture projects.

[SEC fetes sustainability, business, investor champions](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recognized individuals and organizations which have helped the Commission champion the development of the corporate sector and further deepening of the capital markets in its 86th year.

[Law for carbon credit systems in Philippines pushed](#)

By: Danessa Rivera

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is pushing for the creation of a law that will institutionalize carbon credit systems to streamline the country's climate change thrust.

POLITIKO

[Marcos rising as champion of climate-vulnerable states – Villafuerte](#)

By: Billy Begas

Camarines Sur Rep. LRay Villafuerte said President Ferdinand Marcos is becoming a champion of the climate-vulnerable states seeking compensation from the world's heaviest carbon polluters largely responsible for the rising global temperature.

REUTERS

[Rising climate costs will be a challenge in 2023](#)

By: Katy Daigle

In a year marked by yet more climate-linked floods, hurricanes and droughts, governments and companies were forced to look more closely at the financial risks and their exposure to liability.

SUNSTAR

[\[Opinion\] Rich countries to pay for typhoon damage](#)

By: Nini Cabaero

When a typhoon causes destruction and death, there will be money involved for the repairs and the effort to move on from the loss.

[\[Opinion\] The reality of Climate Change](#)

By Rox Peña

One of the strategies to deal with Climate Change is adaptation. It's accepting the reality that it's no longer business as usual and adjusting our way of life to live with the effects of a changing climate. Some of these adaptations include improving the healthcare system, developing climate resistant crops and building better infrastructure.

UN NEWS

[Global cholera surge likely accelerated by climate change, warns WHO](#)

"The map is under threat (from cholera) everywhere," said Dr. Philippe Barboza, from the World Health Organization, speaking in Geneva, via Zoom. Available data points to cases of infection in around 30 countries, whereas in the previous five years, fewer than 20 countries reported infections, on average.

CCC in the News

PANAY NEWS

[Lifelong service with excellence: A story of Dr. Ju-im Jimlan](#)

A Filipino teacher who embodies exemplary public service, Dr. Ju-im Jimlan has become an agent of positive change. His nineteen years of sustained teaching professionalism made him worthy of prestigious awards.

MALAYA BUSINESS INSIGHT

[New law sought for carbon credits framework](#)

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is calling for a new legislation or a review of existing laws to put up a national framework on carbon credits.

THE MANILA TIMES

[Philippines on green building](#)

By: Arch. Kayla Garcia and Arch. Agustin Opay

"I saw that by cleaning one Estero, that life changed. If there's an impact on human life, I get excited, because I feel that that's what we're all about. And that's why I love the environment: because of its massive, direct impact on human life" – Gina Lopez on how even small things for the environment can make a big impact.

POWER PHILIPPINES

[Industry experts come together for First ever Net Zero Building and Net Zero City Summit 2023](#)

As countries all over the world, including the Philippines, shift to a more sustainable approach to energy efficiency and net zero practices, experts will come together to discuss innovations in the industries during the Net Zero Building & Net Zero City Summit Philippines 2023.

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