



Climate finance at heart of debate



As the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP17) ends and 2011 draws to a close, we reflect upon the African Development Bank's push to bring more and better climate financing to Africa. Read highlights from COP17, as well as major headlines from 2011. The new year holds much promise—see our outlook for 2012. Congratulations to the Climate Finance editorial team and all our contributors for a great first year of publication. Happy holidays!

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COP17 highlights: Climate finance in Africa

- Africa's united front at COP 17 in Durban wins its climate change concerns a new respect
- Africa calls for climate finance pledges to be met and mulls carbon tax solution to bridge gap
- Africa calls for its fair share of climate funds
- Africa must calm investor unease over backing costly low carbon projects
- AfDB mainstreams climate change adaptation into development finance
- Development banks agree new partnership for climate action in cities
- Cost for 'vulnerable' Africa to handle climate change could reach USD 30 billion
- Key takeaways from the Climate Investment Funds session

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In 2012, the AfDB will continue to put climate change finance to work in Africa and build on momentum achieved in 2011. Here are some of the key activities expected in 2012 under the various climate financing mechanisms implemented and supported by the Bank.

- AfDB co-financing to CIF projects could top USD 600 million in 2012
- Upper Guinea Forest: AfDB, GEF focus in 2012
- Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa fully operational in 2012
- African Water Facility to commit approximately €25 million in 2012
- African Carbon Support Program looks back at COP17 and ahead to 2012
- AfDB to explore new climate financing from Norway, Korea

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