



## Durban 2011 – A time and place for Africa's voice to be heard on climate change



This month Africa will present its case to the whole world on the issue of climate change at COP17. And the case is a very compelling and persuasive one. The African Development Bank (AfDB) joins Africa's call for action to increase climate change funding to the continent and to hold the developed world to its promise of major reductions in its emissions.

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## AfDB to showcase its green record at COP17

The Africa Pavilion—a joint initiative from the AfDB, the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa—brings together all African events at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP17). With its side-events, forums, conferences and consultations, the Africa Pavilion is a unique opportunity to reflect on the design of the Africa Green Fund and of a tailored financing platform for Africa that can benefit all its countries in the battle on climate change.

### More Climate Finance News

1-2 December: AfDB platinum sponsor and featured speaker at 3rd PPP Africa event in Kenya

AfDB-Cameroon: Lom-Pangar Project to Electrify 150 Localities

Building CDM case for Ethiopia- Kenya hydropower interconnection project

## AfDB shares expertise and advances debate at COP17

A series of roundtable discussions and side-events are scheduled to take place at the Africa Pavilion between 28 November and 7 December 2011, culminating in a high-level one-day event, 'Africa Day' on 8 December.

Press digest: Interview with AfDB's Hela Cheikhrouhou and other headlines

## Mali gains CIF backing to scale up renewable energy

Mali's USD 40 million investment plan to scale up renewable energy was approved in principle by the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Governing Bodies in November 2011. The AfDB has worked closely with Mali to develop the plan to expand solar PV, mini-hydro, and bio-fuel technologies.

AfDB's climate change projects in videos



## GEF approves USD 20.5 million grant for Lake Chad Basin

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has approved a USD 20.5 million grant for the Lake Chad Basin Regional Program for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Energy Efficiency to be implemented in Central African Republic, Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria and Chad.

### In the next issue

- Highlights from COP17
- Climate Finance newsletter: year in review
- Looking ahead to 2012

## CIF approves geothermal project in Menengai Kenya

A project to develop a geothermal steam field at Menengai, Kenya got the nod from the Scaling Up of Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) for USD 40 million in grants and concessional loans, USD 25 million of which will be channeled through the AfDB.

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## Forest communities in Burkina Faso, Ghana and DRC to benefit from dedicated CIF grant mechanism

Pilot countries of the CIF's Forest Investment Program (FIP), including Burkina Faso, Ghana and the Democratic Republic of Congo, can expect to see additional support for their REDD+ activities in the form of a Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

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