



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - Economic concerns trumped environmental mandates during the two-week UN climate summit in Cancun, Mexico. An agreement reached Saturday would create a \$100 billion green climate fund to help poor countries develop and defend themselves in light of climate change, but it is unclear which countries would pay and which countries might qualify.

**POVERTY** - Over the past decade, about 350 million people left the ranks of extreme poverty, but more than a billion continue to subsist on less than \$1.25 per day, according to a UN report.

## ■AFRICA

**Africa Region** - Food security has emerged as the major challenge for African governments over the last three decades. The continent has been facing challenges of low agricultural productivity, lack of technology and scarcity of land for agricultural production due to high demand propelled by the increase in population. At the same time, climate change has posed a threat to the region's agriculture as farmers rely more on climate and environment for farming.

**SWAZILAND** - Swaziland has the world's highest estimated HIV prevalence, and its military is not exempt, although a wellness and prevention programme has seen a remarkable drop in AIDS deaths over the past two years, with a steady decline in new infections.

## ■ASIA & PACIFIC

**INDONESIA** - The right to be free from torture is recognized in Indonesia's constitution, but not its penal code, giving police and security forces little incentive to rein in excessive violence, say activists.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**LAC Region** - The economies of Latin America and the Caribbean are expected to grow by six per cent in 2010 as a result of the recovery posted by many countries in the region, according to an annual United Nations report released.

**ARGENTINA** - Convincing young people who have dropped out of school to resume their studies is no easy feat. Which is why a group of social organisations in Argentina are joining with the government to launch a different kind of campaign to bring young people back into the classroom in 2011.

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