



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - The UN hopes to complete its review of the methodology for issuing carbon credits by August, after charges that developers are abusing hydro-fluorocarbon projects in order to secure credits. These HFC credits make up approximately half the UN Clean Development Mechanism credit supply. Despite the failure of UN countries to come to a binding agreement on climate change at the convention in Copenhagen, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Director Yvo de Boer says that he remains optimistic about the work that the UN is doing to curb climate change.

## ■AFRICA

Africa Region - African mining practices are a major contributing factor to the continent's sharp increase in tuberculosis cases over the past two decades, scientists report. Crowded living conditions and prolonged exposure to mine dust help spread tuberculosis infections, while incomplete treatment for confirmed cases increases the chances of drug-resistant strains

GHANA, often hailed as a success story in West African agriculture, tops a global list of 10 countries that have managed to slash their number of hungry people by a huge margin.

GUINEA-BISSAU - Each year a minority of Koranic students, or talibés, put under the care of a religious leader who then exploits and abuses them, are reunited with their families by child protection agencies. But after overcoming the challenge of tracing their parents, reintegrating ex-talibés into family life can be difficult as they have known little more than begging and beatings since their infancy, say child protection NGOs.

KENYA - Aid workers in a camp for some 80,000 refugees in northwest Kenya have in six months slashed acute child malnutrition rates by doubling the provision of nutritional supplements, scaling up feeding and adopting community feeding programmes.

SOUTH AFRICA - Shocking results from a study involving post-mortem examinations at a hospital in KwaZulu-Natal Province have revealed the extent to which tuberculosis (TB) is taking a toll on the lives of young, HIV-positive South Africans.

## ■ASIA

BURMA - Once again, parents in military-ruled Burma are counting the cost of a primary education for their children in public schools. It is an annual ritual that comes with the beginning of a new school year, which coincides with the onset of the monsoon rains in June.

## ■MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL / OPT - The number of aid trucks entering the Gaza Strip from Israel has gone up to 140 per day, and the range of goods being shipped in is being broadened, according to the Israeli authorities.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

ARGENTINA was the first country in the world to adopt a national gender quota law to boost women's political participation. But nearly 20 years later, the legislation that inspired the rest of Latin America continues to run into resistance in one province.

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