

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

WORLD PREEES FREEDOM DAY is celebrated every year on 3 May worldwide. It is an opportunity to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom; to evaluate press freedom, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty. "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers" is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2011.

CLIMATE CHANGE - Efforts to jump-start a climate fund to help poor countries adapt to and battle climate change made little progress at a Mexico City summit. The fund, agreed on by negotiators at the United Nations-backed December summit in Cancun, Mexico, envisages developed countries contributing \$100 billion a year by 2020.

HEALTH - Noncommunicable disease such as diabetes, cancers and chronic lung disease are drawing increased attention as campaigners look to address the role of pollution in public health concerns.

## AFRICA

HEALTH - The battle to end malaria deaths worldwide has made significant progress, but overstretched health care systems in Africa will need help to finish the job.

NIGERIA - National biosafety bills provide a framework to ensure that the development, and use, of GM organisms and products do not negatively affect plant, animal and human health, agricultural systems or the environment.

SOMALIA - Residents of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, are understandably more concerned with dodging bullets than avoiding HIV, but this lack of knowledge means widespread ignorance about HIV prevention, while people who are HIV-positive are often ostracized by their communities.

UGANDA - The government of Uganda will not reduce taxes or consider food subsidies, despite an increase in violence that has led to a "national crisis", according to the UN.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

MYANMAR - Three years after Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar, thousands still need shelter assistance, officials and aid workers say.

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