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GLOBAL

CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT - The UN's upcoming Rio+20 conference will focus on sustainable development, not climate change, although goals such as conserving resources and reducing emissions are still on the agenda. United Nations Foundation President said, "The debate's changed because of China, India, Brazil and South Africa, the very rapid and surprisingly powerful growth of the newly industrialized countries." A draft document recently released for the June summit outlines seven main issues, including jobs, energy, food, water and disasters.

HEALTH - Breast cancer continues to be misunderstood, under-diagnosed and fatal, particularly in developing countries, say researchers, despite more than one million official annual diagnoses and almost half a million recorded deaths annually.

AFRICA

CHAD again on the brink of a food crisis, will keep lurching from one emergency to another unless donors overcome their "repetitive amnesia" on the country and tackle chronic malnutrition.

NIGER - Drought and rising food prices have further impacted Nigeria's ability to generate enough food for the country's population. Nigeria struggles with chronic poverty and food insecurity under normal circumstances, and aid agencies are screening tens of thousands of children for malnutrition.

ASIA & PACIFIC

INDONESIA - Two recent deaths from bird flu in Indonesia highlight the need for continued vigilance against a possible resurgence of the deadly virus, an official and health expert warned.

MYANMAR - More than 40,000 children in western Myanmar have been deprived of rights to travel, go to school or to marry in future, because their parents had an unauthorised marriage or exceeded a two-child limit, a report has said.

MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT - A nationwide campaign to stop the spread of H5N1 avian influenza in Egypt is to be launched by the government in a few weeks, say officials, but details are still sketchy.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HAITIAN President is backing a \$40 million effort to help increase the country's power supply, including loans to Haitians for purchase of solar kits. Only about 30% of Haitians have access to electricity.

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