

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## AFRICA

**CHAD** - In the outskirts of Moussoro, the main town in the western Chad region of Bahr-el-Ghazal, mothers line up with their babies in the sweltering heat waiting to be screened for malnutrition. In another area in the region, women load their donkeys with millet and groundnut seeds - provided by aid agencies in anticipation of better rains this season.

**MAURITIUS** - Mauritian fishermen are angry about fishing vessels from the European Union in their territorial waters. And environmentalists are concerned that over-fishing may deplete the Indian Ocean of its stocks of fish.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**LAOS** - More than 95 percent of the Lao population use solid fuels for cooking, but the smoke produced by burning them contributes to the high number of child deaths from pneumonia, particularly among the poorest families, say health experts.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - Agroforestry is gaining ground as a tool for climate change adaptation and mitigation in Central America, a region where global warming could generate losses equivalent to 19 percent of gross domestic product. Agroforestry contributes to the recovery of water sources.

**DEVELOPMENT** - The countries of the Amazon river basin are pursuing definite goals for the region, such as zero deforestation by 2020, even though the Rio+20 conference's outcome document does not include "sustainable development goals".

**HAITI** - Lightweight, hand-held and inflatable solar lanterns that produce the same amount of light as a 60-watt bulb are being advocated for Haiti as an inexpensive means to boost renewable energy and to enable students to study into the evenings. Other benefits would include reducing health-damaging smoke from fires and lamps, and improving safety for women.

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