

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## GLOBAL

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - The countries most responsible for global warming are feeling the effects less than developing countries that are least responsible, but that will change, said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay. "Slowly and incrementally, land will become too dry to till, crops will die, rising sea levels will flood coastal dwellings and spoil freshwater, species will disappear and livelihoods will vanish. Mass migration and conflicts will result and then only gradually will these awful consequences touch upon the lifestyles and activities of those who are most responsible for global warming," she said at a seminar.

**WOMEN** - Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro called for systematic and comprehensive strategies to empower women in rural areas to maximize their potential to combat extreme poverty and hunger, and help them facilitate sustainable development in their communities.

## AFRICA

**ENVIRONMENT** - A report from the UN Environment Program encourages governments in Africa to adopt policies that stimulate private-sector investment in untapped renewable energies in order to meet the growing energy needs of the continent, where 95% of the 1.3 billion people without access to electricity live.

**ANGOLA** - The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched a national polio vaccination campaign in Angola, where the crippling disease has returned despite being eradicated in 2001, and praised the Government for its leadership on the issue.

**SOUTH AFRICA** - Mothers, babies and newly diagnosed HIV patients are receiving more of the services they need but progress comes at a cost, according to a new report that predicts a funding shortfall for HIV treatment in South Africa.

**TANZANIA** - Tackling land-use conflicts around game parks must form part of the national strategy to stop the spread of sleeping sickness, warn doctors fighting the disease in Tanzania.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**AFGHANISTAN** - The Afghan government and international aid workers are bracing for an imminent deportation from Pakistan of thousands of Afghan migrants and unregistered refugees - a move they warn could be destabilizing for the fragile country.

**MYANMAR** - A development spree in Myanmar following recent political reforms may have hidden costs for rural dwellers, especially ethnic minorities, say analysts.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA** - Serious eye problems are crippling thousands across the half-island Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea (PNG), say health workers.

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