

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## AFRICA

**MATERNAL HEALTH** - Political instability, civil strife and humanitarian crises in Africa have over the past decades reversed countless maternal health development gains on the continent, health experts warn.

**ETHIOPIA** - The government has teamed up with Ethiopia's main employees' and employers' associations to launch a new HIV/AIDS workplace policy that is to be implemented across the nation.

**MOROCCO** - An unprecedented cold spell that struck Morocco in February and continues to linger well into March has raised serious questions about the country's national agricultural development programme, which will fail to achieve its desired results if climate change continues to be mismanaged.

**SIERRA LEONE** is instituting major reforms to its education system after the country reported some of the poorest academic results in West Africa. It will start with adding an extra year to the end of secondary school beginning in 2013, and nearly doubling daily classroom hours.

**SOUTH AFRICA** - Regulators are increasingly scrutinizing HIV and TB responses in South Africa's mining sector, which could lead to the industry being hit where it hurts - the bottom line.

## MIDDLE EAST

**EGYPT** - A new strain of foot-and-mouth disease in Egypt has killed several thousand livestock, put farmers' livelihoods at risk and could threaten regional food security, say local and international experts.

## LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**JAMAICA** - Like its Caribbean neighbours, Jamaica is looking for outcomes that will address its food security challenges when world leaders meet in Rio de Janeiro for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Jun. 20 to 22.

**PERU** - In Peru, where over half of the national territory is covered by forests and the logging industry is marred by corruption, transparency and good forest management are closely linked.

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