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President Muhammadu Buhari has made commitments to tackle the global climate crisis on behalf of Nigeria. He urged world leaders to stop the blame game and avoid delays in implementing efforts to tackle climate change. Speaking on the sidelines of the ongoing climate change conference COP27 in Egypt, Buhari said Nigeria had developed an audacious plan and adopted it as a national policy. The plan details pathways for the significant low-carbon buildout of energy systems across five key sectors: Power, Cooking, Transport, Industry and Oil & Gas. Within its scope, 65% of Nigeria's emissions are affected. President Buhari called on developed nations and international partners to partner with Nigeria to raise USD 410 billion to deliver a just energy transition partnership by 2060. Babatunde Akintunde, [The Premium Times News \(November 8th\)](#) reports.

Led by a 13-member steering committee of African leaders, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and carbon credit experts, a new Africa Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI) was launched at the ongoing climate change summit in Egypt. The initiative will promote demand for existing credits or those already in development as well as products and innovative project types that don't yet have a market. In addition, multiple African nations, including Nigeria and Kenyas, shared their commitment to collaborating with ACMI to scale carbon credit production via voluntary carbon market activation plans. Chinedum Uwaegbulam, [The Guardian News \(November 10th\)](#) reports.

As part of its efforts to foster cooperation and development among regional communities, the Federal Government has indicated plans to, despite security implications, reconsider the Protocol on Free Movement of persons, goods and services within the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Minister of Interior Ogbeni Rauf Aregbosola, hosting the African Union (AU) delegation on Tuesday, assured them of Nigeria's readiness to partner with it in achieving the trans-border movement of persons within the region. He assured the delegation of working towards realizing the regarding Protocol. Christiana Nwogu, [The Leadership News \(November 9th\)](#) reports.

Global action to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing has intensified as Nigeria and 99 other countries have now committed to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA). The PSMA is the first binding international agreement specifically designed to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing by denying port access and use to foreign vessels engaging in or supporting such fishing. According to FAO Director-General QU Dongyu, "rising consumer demand and transforming agrifood systems in fisheries and aquaculture have driven global fish production". However, IUU fishing undermines national, regional and international efforts to achieve sustainable fisheries. Its elimination is key to succeeding in reaching the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. With the FAO Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels, a platform has been created that supports states in their efforts to implement the PSMA and complementary instruments which aim to combat IUU fishing. [Vanguard News \(November 8th\)](#) reports.

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The two main presidential candidates, Bola Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), were absent at a presidential town hall meeting. Atiku was represented at the event by his running mate, Ifeanyi Okowa, while Tinubu had no representation and was replaced by the organizers with another presidential candidate. The absence of Tinubu or a representative of his stirred controversy on social media. Many Nigerians accused the ruling party's candidate of avoiding critical public engagements. Some attendees at the event in Abuja had also protested the presence of Okowa, saying only the presidential candidates should be allowed to participate. However, the organizers said Atiku had communicated his absence to them and they had agreed that his running mate would represent him. Queen Esther Iroanusi, [The Premium Times News \(November 6th\)](#) reports.

The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Farouq, disclosed that the flood that submerged parts of Nigeria had doubled the number of Inter-

nally Displaced Persons (IDPs) nationwide. According to her, the recent surge was a “sad global phenomenon due to climate change”. In states like Anambra, Bayelsa, Kogi and Jigawa, over 5.000 Nigerians had to leave their homes. According to the Federal Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, Imaan Suleiman, the situation had pushed more Nigerians into extreme poverty. Ogaga Ariemu, [The Daily Post News \(November 5th\)](#) reports.

The Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, has said that the Federal Government (FG) will not allow any social media platform to plunge Nigeria into crisis. He also said the FG was “closely monitoring” Twitter following its takeover by billionaire Elon Musk. Mohammed said the warning to the social media platforms became imperative because of the spike in fake news and disinformation following the change in ownership at Twitter. New Agency of Nigeria, [Premium Times News \(November 10th\)](#) reports.

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The Basel Institute Institute of Governance, dedicated to preventing and combating corruption and financial crimes and strengthening governance around the world, in a new report ranking money laundering and terrorist financing risks worldwide, rated Nigeria as a high-risk country for money laundering and terrorist financing. Nigeria ranked 17th out of 128 countries. A security and risk assessment consultant, Kabir Adamu, said there were gaps in the Nigerian money laundering and terrorism financing laws but added that the Terrorism Prevention Act, amended a few months ago, was to align the nation's terrorism law with international standards. Sami Tunji, [The Punch News \(November 9th\)](#) reports.

Despite assurances from President Muhammadu Buhari and heads of security agencies over security threats to the 2023 elections, Nigerians remain worried over the spate of insecurity in the country. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) disclosed that 242 polling units with 142.261 registered voters in 10 councils of Katsina State were under serious security threat. Meanwhile, the recent security alert is not only unsettling Abuja residents. Over a dozen states are now included in the ‘no travel zone’ following a renewed warning by the United Kingdom High Commission on Monday. The development has triggered fear that the 2023 general elections may not hold. Members of the intelligence and security community in the country have also expressed worry that current security indices are not promising free and fair elections. According to a former director of the Department of States Services (DSS), Dennis Amachree, “this is the most significant opportunity for the security and law enforcement agents to rescue Nigeria and secure our democracy”. Odita Sunday and Msugh Ityokura, [The Guardian News \(November 9th\)](#) reports.

Agora Policy, a Nigerian think tank, is calling for Nigeria to adopt a more holistic approach that combines combatting security threats more effectively with addressing the root causes of conflicts and agitations in the country. In its latest report, titled, “Understanding and Tackling Insecurity in Nigeria”, it states that addressing only the manifestations of insecurity without tackling its drivers would not solve the causes of insecurity. It identifies the dominant security challenges as terrorism in the North East, banditry and terrorism in the North West, herder-farmer clashes and terrorism in North Central, militancy in the South-South, insurgency and separatist agitations in the South East and farmer-herder/communal clashes and even terrorism in the South West. In addition, the report identifies 11 drivers of insecurity in Nigeria, including ineffective and inadequate security architecture and an inefficient and insufficient criminal justice system. [Guardian Nigeria News \(November 8th\)](#) reports.



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