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Overview

Corrigendum

Paragraph 11

For the existing text substitute

11. Africa has contributed the least to global greenhouse gas emissions, but is the region most affected by climate change. In 2009, total carbon dioxide (CO_2 ,) emission in Africa was 928 million tons, compared with 10,030 million tons for Asia and 12,045 million tons for member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Africa accounted for only 3.2 per cent of global CO_2 emissions in 2009, reflecting that it is at a much lower level of industrial development and therefore has lower levels of income and energy consumption. As for the impact of climate change, it is estimated that agricultural yields will decline by as much as 50 per cent by 2020 and that between 75 million people and 250 million people in Africa are expected to be at risk of increased water stress as a result of climate change.

