This list of selected Pulitzer Center climate change reporting is organized by the five themes of the Global Climate Action Summit: Healthy Energy Systems, Inclusive Economic Growth, Sustainable Communities, Land and Ocean Stewardship, and Transformative Climate Investments.


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Healthy Energy Systems

The Cookstove Conundrum
Articles & Photos | Michelle Nijhuis, Lynn Johnson
In Guatemala, a family’s gas stove is out of fuel, their efficient woodstove can’t support a tamale pot, and their old-wood burning stove pours smoke into an unventilated kitchen. These stories document the challenges of improving cookstoves—and human lives—in the developing world.

China Pushes Back Against Air Pollution
Articles | Beth Gardner
The economic growth in China that has lifted millions of people out of poverty had also led to fatal air pollution. Air pollution kills an estimated 1.1 million people each year in the country. China has begun to reckon with the need to balance economic growth with environmental protection and its people’s well-being.

Lifting the Veil on Polluters in China
Articles | Gary Marcuse, Fred de Sam Lazaro, Shi Lihong
New technology and a good supply of data is turning a small NGO, the Institute for Pollution and Environmental Affairs (IPE), into a major player in China’s drive for cleaner air and water. The non-profit is pressuring large international corporations including Apple, Walmart, and Hugo Boss to hold their suppliers responsible for environmentally damaging practices.

These Aerial Photos Explain Why Europe Has Such a Lower Carbon Footprint Than the U.S.
Photos | Alex MacLean
From the sky you can see the long communities and oversized houses of American suburbs, also known as the American sprawl. This series of photographs shows the lack of sprawl in Europe. The photos documents land use patterns, along with the continent’s transformation to renewable energy.
Mozambique’s Controversial Plan to Industrialize Food Production
Article & Video | Stefano Liberti, Enrico Parenti
ProSavana, the world’s biggest agro-industrial project designed to produce crops for export, aims to convert a 14-million-hectare area in northern Mozambique to commercial agriculture. The project also threatens to displace the thousands of small-scale producers in the area calling into question the true cost of economic growth.

Organic Agriculture and Cooperative Farming in Cuba
Article & Video | Kassondra Cloos, Rachel Southmayd
An urban, sustainable, organic farm in Havana, Cuba where workers’ yearly wages are higher than those of government employees provides a potential model for economic growth in the agriculture business.

Syrian Seeds Sow Hope for Global Food Production
Article & Podcast | Jennifer Duggan
When staff at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas fled violence in Aleppo, they smuggled a few seeds out of the city. Now in Lebanon, those smuggled seeds are helping continue the center’s research into growing crops in arid conditions, of vital importance for global food security.

Power to the People
Articles & Photos | Daniel Moore, Michael Henninger
Microgrids, smaller and more sophisticated power systems, could increase access to electricity while preventing new pollution. The reporting explores the role of clean energy in both developing and developed societies and how the expansion of electricity in India is reshaping socioeconomic and political borders.

Inclusive Economic Growth

Brigades in Action: Puerto Ricans Attempt to Recover from Hurricane Maria
Article & Video | Tomas Woodall Posada
Category five Hurricane Maria left millions of Puerto Ricans without power or drinkable water. Frustrations with government responses led to the formation of non-profit volunteer organizations. This reporting shares the stories of survival of these volunteer brigades and outlook on the island’s future.

Electric Car Sharing Service in Paris Gains Popularity
Audio | Daniel Grossman
Autolib, an environmentally-friendly car sharing service that is becoming increasingly popular in Paris. Members of the service rent electric cars for about 20 cents per minute and can leave them at one of the 4,000 reserved parking spots in the city. The program is providing a sustainable car sharing model that might soon expand to the United States.

Sustainable Communities

Solar Oven Use in the Dominican Republic
Article | Makenzie Huber
Electricity black-outs in the Dominican Republic prevent individuals from using electric stoves. Solar Oven Partners, a United States-based non-profit distributing solar ovens in the Dominican Republic, is providing an alternative method to cooking. This reporting explores the impact of solar cooking in communities.

For Protection From the Rising Sea, Look to Europe’s Example
Article | Daniel Grossman
Two cities in Europe threatened by rising sea levels are implementing new techniques to manage flooding. Rotterdam, Netherlands and Hamburg, Germany could serve as a model for the United States in preparing for the rising seas caused by global warming.
Land Under Water: Living With the Effects of Climate Change in Bangladesh

Articles & Video | Nikita Sampath
Bangladesh is one of the most climate vulnerable nations on the planet. Swelling rivers and frequent cyclones threaten the daily lives of the Bangladeshis and have led to adaptive way of living. The country already impacted by—and handling the effects of—climate change is model for the western world.

Protecting Gitmo's Environment

Articles & Audio | Lygia Navarro
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What It Takes to Clean the Ganges

Article | George Black
In India, the Ganges river absorbs more than a billion gallons of waste every day making it one of the ten most polluted rivers in the world. India’s prime minister has planned to clean the river, but the success of these efforts may depend on less visible bureaucrats, local officials, and contractors who manage the daily operations along the river. This reporting explores the various stakeholders involved in cleaning the river.

Land and Ocean Stewardship

Climate Change Eroding Women’s Status in Zanzibar
Article, Photos, & Video | Haley Joelle
When seaweed farming became one of Zanzibar’s largest industries, the women harvesting the algae quickly gained social and economic status. However, warming sea temperatures are threatening their livelihoods. This reporting investigates the effect of climate change on the seaweed industry and an alternative farming technique that could help women maintain their position in the community.

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India’s Climate Tech Revolution Starts in Villages

Article | Lisa Palmer
Recent studies in India indicate that climate change may reduce wheat yields in India between 6% and 23% by 2050. As a result, an international NGO is promoting new technologies—from solar powered irrigation to handheld crop sensors—to help producers adapt to the changes.

A Melting Arctic

Article & Multimedia | Yves Eude, Oliver Truc
Climate change is altering the landscape around the Arctic Ocean—ice caps are melting, mountains moving, and glaciers disappearing. This reporting explores how lives in six small communities in Norway, Iceland, Russia, Greenland, Canada, and Alaska are changing as climate change restructures the physical landscape.

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