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FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENTS 'A RISK' AS TIDE SHIFTS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY



The global shift to the use of renewable energy is gaining momentum. According to the European, Electricity Review published last month by energy think tank Ember, wind and solar generated a record fifth (22 percent) of EU electricity in 2022, for the first-time overtaking fossil gas (20 percent).

The report has sparked different reactions from stakeholders in Africa when Kenya is facing possible inflation in electricity supply and a high cost of living. Kenya's President William Ruto in his speech on "addiction to fossil fuels" reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to reach 100 per cent clean energy by 2030.

Source: The Standard

South African court to hear case challenging Monsanto/Bayer's drought tolerant GM maize



After five years of protracted legal proceedings, the High Court in Pretoria, South Africa, will on Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8, 2023, hear the landmark legal challenge against Monsanto/Bayer's drought-tolerant maize.

African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) has consistently argued that there is insufficient data to demonstrate the claimed drought tolerant benefit, based on either yield or agronomic performance advantage.

Source: EnviroNews Nigeria

West and Central Africa: EU allocates €181.5 million for humanitarian aid in 2023



The EU has allocated €181.5 million this year for humanitarian aid in West and Central Africa, as this region continues to face protracted crises driven by conflict and worsened by other factors such as climate change and the global spike in food prices.

In addition, the Commission has already requested an extra allocation of €32 million from the EU Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve, which can be called upon to respond to major crisis. If approved, €25 million would be destined to countries within the ECOWAS bloc.

Source: European Commission