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HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT DRIVES OVER 22 MILLION PEOPLE TO HUNGER



Around 22 million people are at risk of hunger as the worst drought in four decades grips the Horn of Africa. The United Nations says 12 million people in Ethiopia, 5.6 million in Somalia and 4.3 million in Kenya are "acutely food insecure".

The Horn of Africa is one of the regions most vulnerable to climate change, and extreme weather events are occurring with increased frequency and intensity.

Source: Africa News

Dr. David Cooper appointed Acting Executive Secretary of the CBD Secretariat

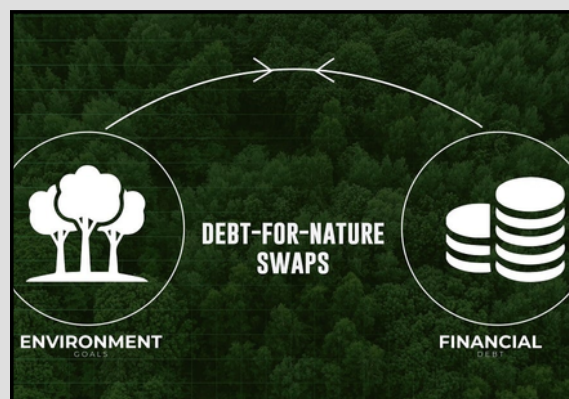


The United Nations Secretary-General has designated Dr. David Cooper as Acting Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as of 15 February.

David succeeds Ms. Elizabeth Mrema who has been appointed Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Source: CBD Secretariat

Portugal agrees to swap Cape Verde's debt for environmental investment



Portugal has signed an agreement to swap Cape Verde's debt for investments in an environmental and climate fund that is being established by the archipelago nation off West Africa's coast, Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa announced.

Cape Verde owes around \$150m to the Portuguese state – but Portugal says it will write off the debt if the African island nation spends the money on environmental measures

Source: Climate Home News