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WARNING ON SUPERBUGS

12 lethal pathogens identified by WHO

The WHO released a list of the "world's most dangerous superbugs". These have been identified by the organization as the 12 highest risk bacterial threats that require the most attention. The organization hopes this serves as a priority list for the pharmaceutical industry.

"Antibiotic resistance is growing and we are running out of treatment options. If we leave it to market forces alone, the new antibiotics we most urgently need are not going to be developed in time," said Dr. Marie-Paule Kieny, the WHO's assistant director-general for health systems and innovation. [READ MORE](#)

DID YOU SEE...?

The UK Transport Minister is encouraging consumers to have a 'long hard think' before buying [diesel cars](#).

BIG OIL'S FRIENDS

Powerful friends look to protect oil

Democratic state attorneys general urged House Republicans to [end their legal fight](#) with the two states, Massachusetts and New York, that are currently investigating whether Exxon Mobil Corp.'s public statements about climate change misled investors. U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology subpoenaed, hoping to derail the investigations. Attorney Generals are pushing back saying the "unprecedented" subpoenas overstep the committee's constitutional authority.

Meanwhile, Warren Buffet is urging shareholders to reject proposal to sell its investments in an oil refiner. A Nebraska-based foundation said it received a Feb. 9 letter from Berkshire detailing the Omaha-based conglomerate's [opposition to its proposal](#), to be voted on at Berkshire's annual meeting on May 6.

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

2050

is the year by which London's Heathrow airport aims to be carbon neutral

450

million US\$ is how much California's Governor plans to spend on flood control

300

megawatts of wind capacity is to be added by Japan in the next 12 months

19

EU countries have backed a carbon market reform package

18

percent of carbon permits on offer were sold by California at the minimum allowable price of \$13.57 per metric tonne

13.4

million square kilometers of sea ice was the lowest January extent in the 38-year satellite record

2

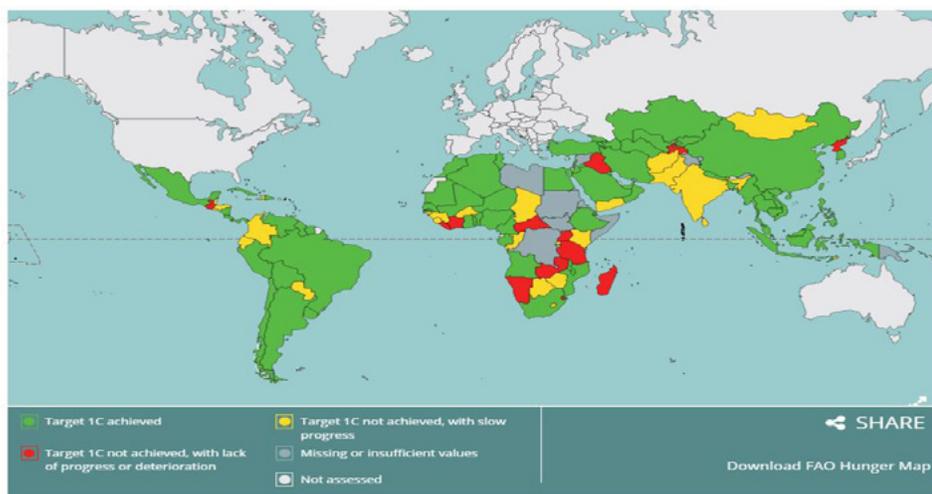
hours a day is the amount of time elephants sleep in the wild, the shortest time for any mammal

1

is the position of Massachusetts in the Best States overall ranking

INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

The Millennium Development Goal hunger target measures the progress made by countries towards halving, between 1990-92 and 2015, the proportion of people suffering from undernourishment, or to bring this proportion below 5 percent. How close are different countries to meeting the target?



Source: [FAO](#)

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CLIMATE CHANGE... CHANGE?

President Trump ready to move on green rules

President Trump is targeting several [Obama-era environmental regulations](#) he wants to roll back, including carbon emissions reduction orders and a federal coal mining ban. "Rescinding the federal coal leasing moratorium is part of that executive order, which has lots of different components, including the Clean Power Plan," said a White House official, who asked not to be named.

In addition, Trump could begin the process of reversing The Clean Power Plan by having the Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)) ask the courts to return it to the agency for review, effectively ending its legal defense.

THE MOST REPUTABLE

Forbes ranks the most reputable companies

Forbes released its list of the 100 "Most Reputable Companies" this week. Rolex, Lego and Disney are ranked as the top three. Rolex held on to the top spot for the second year in a row.

The ranking was based on feedback collected from some 170,000 respondents familiar with them, is compiled annually by The Reputation Institute ([RI](#)). It looks at things like products & services, innovation, workplace, governance, citizenship, leadership and performance.

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WHAT WE'RE READING



**CICERO Climate
Finance**

[Shades of Climate Risk:
Categorizing climate
risk for investors](#)

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The social media company Snapchat (SNAP:US) went public this week prompting the SEC to begin its review of Snapchat's investor transparency. More specifically, an investor committee that advises the SEC will review if Snap Inc's decision to deny shareholders voting rights might also reduce the social media company's public disclosures on executive pay and other governance matters.[READ MORE](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A Nebraska-based brokerage firm has launched "Biblically Responsible" ETFs, or so called "Inspired funds". The holdings will be determined by an "Inspire Impact Score" which evaluates securities based on what the firm sees as their "alignment with biblical values and the positive impact the company has on the world through various environmental, social and governance criterion."[READ MORE](#)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



In International Petroleum Week, I was very encouraged to hear how much some of the oil and gas companies are realising that the future of their industries is in a transformation into clean energy companies...The transformation has started. I think it's unstoppable.

—Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, from [BBC](#)



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Dragons blood is no longer fiction...it has valuable antimicrobial substances

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