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On top of natural gas and renewable energy, oil majors have a third lever they can harness to see the energy transition through, with carbon-negative solutions (carbon sinks) providing a way to offset emissions from their operations.

In Africa, their efforts are focused on forestry projects, notably as part of the UN REDD+ programme on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries. The initiative draws on a strict methodology and independent certification agencies like US-based Verra, which manages the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program.



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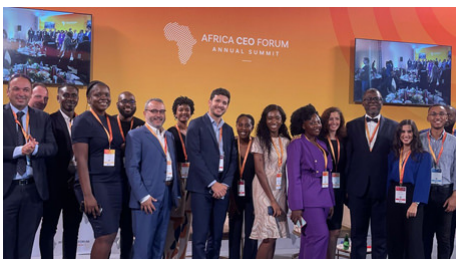
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