



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear RCC Kampala Stakeholders,

We are thrilled to keep you up-to-date with climate change action in the region periodically through our newsletter. All round the world, action on climate change is increasing at a high rate with all stakeholders carrying out different actions to help achieve the climate goals of the Paris Agreement. In this edition of our newsletter we would like to inform you of the different opportunities going on in the region, of relevant publications and of our work in increasing the attractiveness of clean development mechanism projects in the region for the private sector to continue contributing to the mitigation of emissions and extending multiple benefits through the projects to local communities.



On a special note, RCC Colleagues look forward to meeting you at the upcoming 9th Africa Carbon Forum (ACF) in Cotonou, Benin from 28 to 30th June 2017. The ACF this year will focus on how engagement between State and non-State actors can be further strengthened in the key sectors for Africa (energy, agriculture and human settlements), including the role of future carbon markets to achieve enhanced climate action, towards the goals of sustainable development. I encourage you to look at the [programme schedule](#) available on ACF website for more information about different dialogues.

Happy reading!

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Update on Paris Agreement ratification

Status of Ratification



150 Parties have ratified of 197 Parties to the Convention. On 5 October 2016, the threshold for entry into force of the Paris Agreement was achieved. [Read more.](#)

Events and Publications

Upcoming events



Africa Carbon Forum 28-30th, June 2017

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For more information please go to:

[ACF website](#)

[Conference programme now available](#)

Source: Africa Carbon Forum website

Global Youth video competition on Climate change



If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, the Action on Climate Empowerment team want to hear about the inspiring actions you are taking to combat climate change in a compelling and concise maximum three minute video. They would like you to showcase a project or campaign you are involved in which relates to one of this year's categories.

Category 1: climate friendly and resilient cities

Videos should showcase:

- The implementation of climate friendly solutions/ideas about how to promote sustainability in urban areas/communities; including clean energy, clean transportation, community gardening, stepping up recycling and waste reduction, and other projects to reduce emissions;
- Building resilience to climate impacts such as heatwaves and floods, for example through tree planting, increasing green spaces and creating flood defenses;
- Actions to increase public awareness, and to advocate change at the policy level regarding the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to build resilience.

Category 2: Oceans and climate

Videos should showcase:

- The restoration of wetlands and mangroves which protect against storm surges and saltwater intrusion;
- The construction of dykes and other defenses against sea level rise;
- The increase of scientific knowledge to improve ocean health;
- Activities which increase public awareness about the need to build resilience with regard to oceans and ways to reduce CO2 emissions so that oceans are better protected.

The competition is open until 18 August 2017.

[To find out more about the competition, click here](#)
[Read about the competition on the UNFCCC Newsroom](#)

The 2017 African Youth Conference on Climate Change and United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 24th - 27th August 2017, Kampala, Uganda

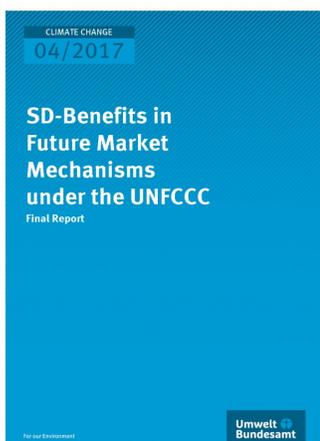
This conference will focus on youth action around climate change in the international context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations, UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) specifically 1, 2 and 13 and will compliment the outcomes of Global Conference Of Youth (COY) 12 and Conference Of Parties (COP) 22 held last year in Marrakech, Morocco. The objectives of the conference will be to populize the Paris Agreement and outcomes of COP 22, to provide a platform for African Youth to have a dialogue on climate change, share best practices and generate resolutions to be discussed at the UNFCCC CoY that will take place this year in Bonn, Germany.

Conference participants will include: Ministers of Youth, Climate, Environment and Agriculture, representatives from African Youth institutions, UN Youth delegates, National Youth Councils, representatives from the Permanent Missions of African Union Member States, representatives from the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth, representatives from the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC), members of UNFCCC observer constituency of youth non-governmental organizations (YOUNGO), youth representatives from CSOs, youth-led organizations as well as representatives of African region multilateral organizations.

The conference will also include a UN-SDGs Run, an initiative spearheaded by the Ugandan UN-Youth Delegates. The aim of the run will be to create awareness towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. During the conference there will also be a launch for the Presidential Environmental Youth Awards. The African youth who have been making tremendous contributions towards mitigation and adaptation to climate change will be identified and awarded, which will be a motivator to encourage other youth across Africa to strongly participate in providing solutions to adverse effects to climate change in Africa.

If you would like to know more about or sponsor the conference please contact Mr. Edwin Muhumuza, Email; yeuganda@gmail.com, Telephone:+256 701-030673

Publications

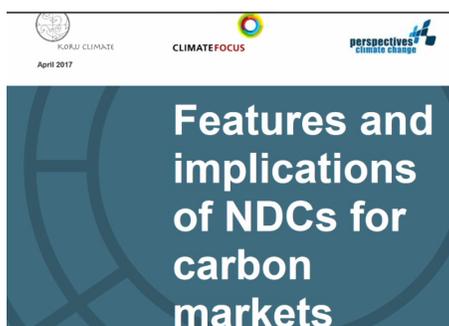


Sustainable Development Benefits in Future Market Mechanisms under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

This research project assesses possibilities for enhancing the role of SD-benefits in the context of activities supported by future market mechanisms under the UNFCCC. It can contribute to the public debate, and may also assist parties and observers to engage with the ongoing negotiation process regarding the Paris market mechanisms. The project is divided into 3 parts: Part 1 identifies the prospects for sustainable development in the debate on market mechanisms, while Part 2 focuses on barriers for the integration of SD-benefits and possible solutions. Furthermore, the project provides recommendations and guidance for policy makers in prospective host countries (in part 3).

Please click [here](#) to access the research report.

Source: Germany Environment Ministry



Features and implications of Nationally Determined Contributions for Carbon markets

This comprehensive report maps out issues needing to be resolved to operationalize voluntary cooperation under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. It has a particular focus on what may need to be addressed by decisions under the UNFCCC, including in relation to nationally determined contributions (NDCs). Guidance in these areas needs to be adopted by the CMA at the end of next year. [Full report](#)

Source: Koru Climate

Update on Climate Finance

Pulling together Public and private sector finance for climate change

mitigation

This innovate4climate special issue of the carbon mechanisms review covers both carbon markets and climate finance topics. The topics further include implementation of Article 6 (with a view to the guidance for Article 6.2) and new additionality assessment requirements. Moreover, the issue features a report on the International Carbon Asset Reserve, a new concept for reducing risks when linking carbon markets and presents an analysis of barriers to integration of sustainable development benefits into market mechanisms.



Please click [here](#) to access the publication.



GREEN CLIMATE FUND

into at least one of the Fund's eight strategic impact areas, half of which are related to mitigation and half to adaptation impacts. The strategic mitigation impacts of GCF are to reduce emissions from: (a) Energy generation and access; (b) Transport; (c) Buildings, cities, industries and appliances; and (d) Forests and land use. **The deadline for applications is 30 August 2017.**

Please click [here](#) for more information

Green Climate Fund (GCF) request for proposals.

The request of proposals is through the private sector facility seeking high impact projects and programmes that mobilize private sector investment in climate change activity at scale. GCF's support the programme can include loans, equity, guarantees and grants. Proposals must fit

Nordic Climate facility call for proposals



The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) is a challenge fund that finances innovative climate change projects. NCF financing is allocated on a competitive basis with calls for proposals arranged annually. Since 2009, six calls for proposals have been organised with over 70 projects implemented across three continents.

The Nordic Climate Facility's 7th call for proposals will be open from 28 August to 29 September 2017. The theme for this year's call is [Climate as Business - Testing innovative green business concepts](#).

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