



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Greetings from RCC Bangkok!

In this edition, as we enter the final quarter of 2017, we showcase climate action taking place around the world.

You can read about RCC Bangkok's efforts to catalyze climate action in the region, including CDM training in Pakistan and the upcoming Asia-Pacific Climate Week to be held in Bangkok in December.



Jens Radschinski

We also bring you some initiatives taking place at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn and provide a closeup of COP23.

We look forward to engaging with you in the next few months to close out the year on a high note and begin the new one with vigor and commitment to our shared vision for climate action.

Happy reading,

Jens Radschinski
Team Lead, RCC Bangkok

Spotlight COP23

COP23 is around the corner...

With one month left before the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP23), the preparations for the flagship event on the climate change calendar are well under way:



- Bookmark the [COP23 Information Hub](#) to make sure you are updated on all the logistical details for the conference.
- The UNFCCC Secretariat has published the annotated agendas of the meetings taking place during COP23. Read more about what will be discussed during the conference [here](#).

Source: UNFCCC | IISD

What's New

Momentum for Change Launches Interactive Annual Report



This annual report shines a light on the enormous groundswell of activities across the globe that are moving the world toward a resilient, low-carbon future.

The 2016 Momentum for Change projects show that climate action is good for people - making a positive difference in lives and livelihoods, opening opportunity and protecting the

planet we all share.

Experience the report [here](#).

Source: *Momentum for Change*

Leadership for Global Climate Action

The *Climate Action Leadership Network* was launched during Climate Week New York 2017 as part of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

The vision for this network is to bring together high-level leaders to drive urgent climate action ahead of 2020, when national governments will submit a new round of nationally determined contributions as part of the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

This network will support the high-level Climate Champions and the [Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action](#) to encourage governments to raise the ambition of their national climate pledges beyond 2020.

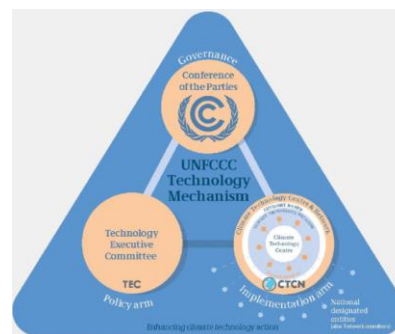


Source: *UNFCCC Newsroom*

Technology for Climate

The development and transfer of climate technologies to developing countries is key to the achievement of the targets set in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The UNFCCC Technology Mechanism works to do just that.

In addition to linking technology needs assessments with NDCs, their policy arm, the Technology Executive Committee, is exploring how to track implementation of countries' technology action plans. Furthermore, the Mechanism's other arm, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, is supporting developing countries with technology implementation and also exploring how to enhance its technical assistance, capacity-building and information-sharing.



Learn more about the Technology Mechanism's work [here](#).

Source: TT:Clear

Highlights from RCC Bangkok

CDM in Spotlight in Pakistan

Regional CDM training for Designated National Authorities (DNAs) and other stakeholders | Islamabad, Pakistan | 21-22 August, 2017

Climate officials from five SAARC and ECO countries learned the finer points of the Clean Development Mechanism, the Paris Climate Change Agreement and evolving climate action worldwide in a training organized by the Regional Collaboration Centre Bangkok and Pakistan's Ministry of Climate Change in Islamabad.



Read more about the workshop and access presentations [here](#).

A Common Path for the Paris Agreement and the SDGs

Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on the Environment 2017 | Bangkok, Thailand | 5-8 September 2017



RCC Bangkok hosted an side-event titled ***A Common Path: How does the Paris Agreement promote the goal of a resource-efficient and pollution-free Asia-Pacific?*** at the 1st Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on the Environment organized by UN ESCAP and UN Environment.

Read more about the side-event and our booth at the event [here](#).

Upcoming Event

Save the Date for Asia-Pacific Climate Week

Bangkok, Thailand | 13-15 December 2017

Want to understand how COP23 will impact Asia and the Pacific? Make sure to block your calendar for Asia-Pacific Climate Week, taking place in Bangkok in December 2017!

UN Climate Change, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Nairobi Framework Partners are bringing together representatives from business, finance and government to explore policies and finance to advance climate action in the region as part of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions and assess the outcomes of COP23.



Stay tuned for the latest news and updates on this event on the [Asia-Pacific Climate Week website](#) or [send us an email](#) if you want to know more.

CDM News

The CDM Executive Board meets for its 96th meeting



The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) at its 96th meeting revised a number of methodologies and tools for accurately determining emissions reductions from CDM projects. A new tool for the refrigerant sector was also adopted at the meeting.

To know what was discussed and to understand how it may impact your projects you can access the [EB Meeting Report here](#).

Source: UNFCCC

Global DNA Forum says CDM is indispensable



Some 80 CDM Designated National Authorities (DNAs) who met in Bonn, Germany for the Global DNA Forum agreed that the UN's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) should continue to spur emission reductions and sustainable development. The CDM is seen as a role model for market mechanisms and has played a crucial role in building the capacity and knowledge of institutions and individuals around the world. Going forward, it can support the implementation of the Paris Agreement as the global community seeks to advance mitigation efforts.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UNFCCC Newsroom

Financing for Change

Ramping Up Finance for Climate Action with Invest4Climate



The UN and World Bank announced plans to accelerate the flow of finance for climate action through a new platform dedicated to identifying and facilitating transformational investments in developing countries.

The new [Invest4Climate](#) platform will help create a bridge between private finance and potential investments in climate smart infrastructure in line with the Paris Agreement.

The first initiatives under this platform are expected to be announced at the Climate Summit in Paris in December 2017.

Source: World Bank

New Toolkit to Develop Proposals for the Green Climate Fund

With USD10.3 billion currently pledged, the [Green Climate Fund](#) (GCF) is the world's largest fund dedicated to the fight against climate change. If you are a government or project developer looking to access the GCF, this toolkit is made for you



You can use this document to understand how to fulfill the GCF's requirements to develop a funding proposal.

Access the toolkit [here](#).

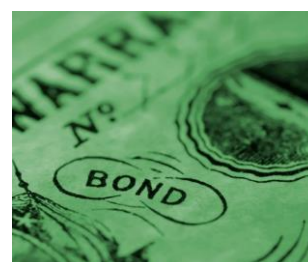
Source: Climate & Development Knowledge Network

Reading Material: Upscaling green bond markets

The need for harmonized green bond standards

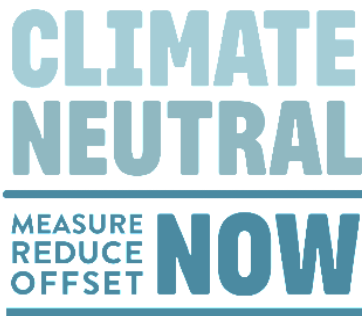
Don't miss this timely read on the current state of the green bond market and its future prospects.

If a 2°C or less pathway is to be achieved, enormous investment is required, financed with public and private funds. Green bonds will be crucial for mobilizing financial funds for the low-carbon transition. This briefing paper makes an argument for the critical role of green bond standards in transmitting information from issuers to investors and thereby increasing market efficiency.



Read the paper [here](#).

Source: German Development Institute



Climate Neutral Now

In exciting news for climate neutrality, the [Carbon Trade eXchange](#) (CTX) has begun listing UN Clean Development Mechanism certified emission reduction (CER) credits on its global voluntary exchange.

Now any company, from small business to large corporation, can add UN CERs to build an offset portfolio online; perform full due diligence online; demonstrate competitive, transparent pricing; and purchase securely in real time with zero delivery risk.

[Read more about the partnership here](#)

You too can join the global movement towards carbon neutrality by measuring, reducing, and offsetting your carbon footprint or that of your company or organization through UN Climate Change's [voluntary cancellation platform](#).

Source: Climate Neutral Now & UNFCCC Newsroom

Signing off

Climate Action around the World

We leave you with these videos profiling the 2016 winners of the UN's "[Momentum for Change](#)" initiative, from local women in Africa and Asia to the biggest companies in the world. These projects reduce greenhouse gases, strengthen societies against the impacts of extreme weather and help build sustainable economies.



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Like SOLshare in Bangladesh, which has developed an ICT solution enabling a peer-to-peer electricity trading network for rural households in the country, providing a neat answer to the question of what to do with the excess electricity produced through renewable sources of energy.

Discover the depth and breadth of the global response to climate change [here!](#)

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