



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Greetings from RCC Bangkok!

In this edition of our newsletter we bring you a number of climate and climate-aligned finance opportunities from which many of you could benefit as well as sharing knowledge and resources that we hope you will find interesting.

We are now a few months away from the flagship event in the climate change calendar, the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP23), and we are excited to kickstart the lead up by bringing you the latest news on the conference. COP23 promises to be critical for Asia and the Pacific, and we look forward to emphatic engagement from the region.

In the 'Highlights from RCC Bangkok' section you will find some interesting insights from the various focus areas we have been working on and from the partnerships we are building. One of my personal highlights was having the opportunity to meet project developers who continue, and start, CDM projects with great motivation, creativity, and a solid belief in the market mechanism. Kudos to all our CDM partners!

Happy reading,

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Spotlight Fiji

Run up to COP23: Updates from Fiji

With the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP23) around the corner, the spotlight is firmly on the presidency of Fiji.

Here we present a roundup of stories about the Conference and the country that holds its presidency:

- Climate change will have devastating effects on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which makes Fiji's presidency critical to bringing attention to the unique challenges faced by these nations. Watch this [video](#) to know more.
- Read Fijian Prime Minister, and incoming President of COP23, Frank Bainimarama's vision for the Conference [here](#).
- California Governor Jerry Brown named Special Advisor for States and Regions to COP23. Read more [here](#) about how individual states remain committed to the Paris Agreement.
- Take a [virtual tour](#) around the COP23 venue in Bonn, Germany. You can also



submit an application to organise a side event or exhibit at COP23. More details on the application process can be found [here](#).

Source: UNFCCC

CLIMATE NEUTRAL

MEASURE REDUCE OFFSET **NOW**

*Click on the image to begin measuring,
reducing, and offsetting*

Climate Neutral Now

The European airport industry has recently renewed its commitment to climate action by boldly doubling its carbon neutrality target for 2030 from 50 carbon neutral airports to 100.

In the Asia-Pacific region there are currently 5 carbon neutral airports offsetting the sum of their emissions via Climate Neutral Now, with an additional 32 working their way towards neutrality by mapping, reducing, and optimizing their emissions.

You too can join the global movement towards carbon neutrality by measuring, reducing, and offsetting your individual or organizational carbon footprint through our [voluntary cancellation tool](#).

[Learn more about how you can contribute to making our world carbon neutral](#)

Source: Climate Neutral Now & Airport Carbon Accreditation

What's New

Global Youth Video Competition 2017

*Showcase your climate project and win a
trip to COP23!*

If you are involved in a project or campaign related to developing sustainable cities or protecting our oceans send us a video showcasing your work and you could win a trip to Bonn, Germany as a youth reporter for COP23!



The deadline for submitting videos is **18 August 2017**.

More details on the competition [here](#).

Source: UNFCCC & tvebiomovies



What is 'bankability' exactly?

This working paper tries to demystify the complexities of climate finance in developing countries. It focuses on understanding the concept of 'bankability' in support of the development of quality 'bankable' project proposals. A must read for anyone who is in the process of, or is thinking about, accessing global climate finance channels.

Find the working paper [here](#)

Source: Climate and Knowledge Development Network

Project Development and Financing Initiative for Climate & Clean Energy



The Private Financing Advisory Network for Asia (PFAN), hosted by UNIDO, has issued a call for proposals from promising climate and clean energy businesses. Winning proposals receive coaching support to develop and refine financially, socially, and environmentally viable business plans. Projects will continue to receive assistance in terms of financial mobilization, follow-up support and deal-making facilitation, post the coaching phase.

The deadline for receiving proposals is the **19 July 2017**. More details and information on eligibility criteria available [here](#).

If you have any questions about this call for proposals, please contact rccbangkok@unfccc.int.

Source: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Green Climate Fund (GCF) looking for private sector ideas

The Green Climate Fund has issued a call for proposals to leverage up to US\$500 million in private investment. The Fund will support high impact projects and programmes in climate change activity through loans, equity, guarantees and grants.

You can [Pitch for the Planet](#) if your proposal falls under the fund's strategic impact areas, four of which focus on mitigation and four on adaptation.



The deadline for receiving proposals is the **30th of August, 2017**. More details and eligibility criteria available [here](#).

If you have any questions about this call for proposals, please contact rccbangkok@unfccc.int.

Source: Green Climate Fund

The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) wants to launch your green ideas



Nordic Climate Facility
Initiative by NDF

The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) is a challenge fund that finances innovative climate change projects through an annual competitive call for proposals. This year, the theme for the challenge is: **Climate as Business - Testing innovative green business concepts**. Apply and you could receive **EUR 500,000** in co-financing to test your green business ideas that contribute to climate resilience or mitigate climate change.

Applications will be received **from 28 August to 29 September 2017**. More details [here](#)

If you have any questions about this call for proposals, please contact rccbangkok@unfccc.int.

Source: Nordic Climate Facility

This issue of the Carbon Mechanisms Review presents the latest in climate finance and carbon markets. With thought-provoking opinion pieces on the future of the voluntary carbon market, a discussion on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement with a view towards guidance on Article 6.2, and an analysis of barriers to integration of sustainable development benefits into market mechanisms, this publication is a must read for anyone interested in climate finance.

Check it out [here](#).

Source: Carbon Mechanisms



Highlights from RCC Bangkok

Development of Standardized Baselines (SBs)

Mongolia and the Philippines

We are currently in the process of supporting the development of standardized baselines (SBs) for the Grid Emission Factors in Mongolia and the Philippines. The use of these SBs will help to decrease transaction costs, enhance transparency, and scale up emission reduction by making it easier for project proponents to develop projects in these countries.



If you think your projects or programmes can benefit from the use of SBs or if you have a proposal for developing SBs for a new sector, please get in touch with rccbangkok@unfccc.int.

Climate Finance

ESCAP Regional Seminar on Innovative Climate Finance Instruments for Financial Institutions | Bangkok, Thailand | 19-20 June 2017

The topic at the forefront of discussion at this regional seminar about climate finance revolved around the need for standards and the important role that central banks have to play in the climate policy arena with regard to setting these standards. The seminar also focused on the importance of integrating climate friendly policy into financial institutions and systems.

For more information on green bonds as a tool for climate finance, take a look at this [presentation](#) we gave at the seminar.

Carbon Markets

4th Australasian Emission Reduction Summit | Melbourne, Australia | 2-3 May 2017

The most urgent inquiry among the various attendees of this summit was regarding the future shape of the Article 6 mechanism and the transition of the CDM and other current mechanisms into this new mechanism.

We also had the chance to gain important insight on the



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voluntary carbon market in Australia, including the Australian government's [Carbon Neutral Programme](#), which could be an interesting model for other countries in the region to replicate.

[Let us know](#) if we can answer any questions you may have about the future of carbon mechanisms under the Paris Agreement or want to know more about carbon finance and markets.

Carbon Pricing

ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) | Yangon, Myanmar | 13-15 June 2017

Carbon pricing is a straightforward approach to reducing emissions and incentivizing green investment and practices, and it is fast emerging as a key solution to combating climate change. The AWGCC is in the process of enhancing its understanding and improving capacity to implement carbon cap-and-trade systems, one of the many carbon pricing approaches.

In response to the interest we have received from many ASEAN countries, we are currently working with Singapore on capacity building for carbon pricing approaches in the region as an effective way to meet their NDCs.

For more information, [get in touch with us](#).

Stakeholder Stories



[Benefiting from Biogas](#)

"If the jungle is damaged, the floods come much more often."

Cooking over an open fire is a centuries old practice still prevalent in many parts of the world. Not only does this cooking method impact the health of the people in the kitchen, firewood is an uncertain source of fuel and, as one of the women in this video astutely observes, deforestation influences the

frequency and intensity of floods in the area. Switching to an alternative source for cooking fuel, such as biogas, can be a step towards a solution to all of these issues.

And, in Nepal, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is doing just that. It is helping households switch to biogas systems that provide families with free clean cooking fuel while improving health, livelihoods, and protecting forests. An excellent example of how a small change has the potential to make a positive difference on an individual, community, and ecosystem level.

[Watch the video here](#)

Source: YouTube

News from IGES



IGES to organise the 9th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific

25-26 July 2017 | Yokohama, Japan

Front-line experts, governments, development partners, businesses, NGOs and other stakeholders will meet at the 9th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP) organized by IGES and

UNU-IAS.

This year they will discuss how cities, businesses and financial institutions, not just national governments, are taking positive actions to implement the Paris Agreement and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

ISAP2017 will be the ideal opportunity for multiple stakeholders to share their viewpoints and knowledge, and to forge a shared vision for the future we want. We will bring you all the updates from this event in our next issue.

For more information, visit the forum website [here](#).

Source: *Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES)*

Signing off

Getting to the Fourth Second

We leave you with this powerful [statement](#) about mankind's impact on our planet in the short span of time that we have called ourselves its residents. If the existence of the planet were condensed down to 24 hours, human existence would only be the last three seconds of that day. And in those three seconds look where we find ourselves - in danger of perhaps not getting to the next second.



But it is not too late to make a change. As much as our actions have been the problem, only they can provide the solution. This video is a reminder that life on Earth is an incredible gift and it is our responsibility to protect the miracle that is our planet.

So, what are you going to help humanity make it to the 4th second?

Source: *Film4Climate*

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