



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala  
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

*Dear Stakeholders,*

We are delighted to bring to you the December news edition. We hope you enjoyed our last newsletter. In this edition you'll find more exciting updates and information on future events.

*Happy reading!*

*RCC Kampala team*

## Paris Agreement ratification tracker

### Status of Ratification



As of 14th December 2017, 170 Parties have ratified the Paris Climate Change Agreement, of the 197 Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. On 5 October 2016, the threshold for entry into force of the Paris Agreement was achieved.

[Read more](#)

## Events and News



### Bonn Climate Conference Becomes Launch-Pad for Higher Ambition

Momentum builds with new financial commitments on insurance and forests, and scaled-up climate action by governments, cities and companies.

[Read about the outcomes of COP23 held in Bonn in November](#)

Source: UNFCCC



### East African Community Consultative Meeting 30-31 October 2017, Entebbe, Uganda

The Paris Climate Change Agreement and sustainable development were the focus of discussion at the East African Community (EAC) Consultative Meeting in October in Entebbe, Uganda. The meeting came up with a consolidated negotiating position paper for EAC member countries, which was shared with African and Least

Developed Countries negotiating groups in advance of COP23.

[Read the meeting report and access the presentations](#)

Source: RCC Kampala



Source: CPLC

## Carbon Pricing Consultative dialogue 5-6 October 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

The role and potential of carbon pricing initiatives in Africa was assessed at a meeting of public and private sector experts from Benin, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe at a meeting in Nairobi in October. [Visit the meeting website for full details including outcomes](#)

## East African Development Bank News



### Kayonza Tea Growers

The East African Development Bank is delighted to present a potential project with one of its clients, Kayonza Tea Growers, to renovate their estate and to adopt a more climate sensitive approach to their operations by installing solar panels.

Kayonza Tea Growers works all along the tea value chain -- from growing their own tea, to assisting 6,000 smallholder farmers with fertilizer and training, to processing green tea leaves at their factory in Kanungu, Western Uganda, and ultimately to selling tea leaves at auction in Mombasa.

EADB estimates that it would cost UGX 200 million to install sufficient solar capacity to operate the entire estate, the equivalent of less than four years worth of electricity bills. [Read more](#)

Source: EADB

## Publications

### Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership Celebrates First Anniversary

This report provides an overview of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Partnership, including the country engagement process, portfolio of knowledge products, and key areas of support for NDC implementation in 2017. It draws on key lessons from engagement in 15 countries, development of knowledge exchange tools, and workshops facilitated by the Partnership.

The priority in the first year was to build a common understanding of how partners can work together at the country level. [Read the report.](#)

source: NDC Partnership



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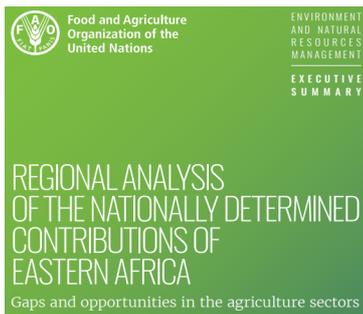
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### Status Report on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions

This report shows that Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) are still important to developing countries -- in the past six months, 30 new NAMAs have been registered in the NAMA database. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and NAMAs have a strong link. For example, more than 45 countries mention NAMAs in their NDCs. This status report shows there is much activity in NAMAs that has yet to secure funding. The lessons learned from NAMAs provide valuable insights for current implementation activities, but there is no one-size-fits-all solution.

[Read report here.](#)

source: Ecofys



## Regional Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions of Eastern Africa

The report aims to guide international actors committed to providing Eastern African countries with support required for implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). By highlighting the gaps in the coverage of mitigation and adaptation actions in the agriculture sector, as well as illustrating opportunities for enhancing climate ambitions in the next round of

NDCs, this analysis can serve as an important road map for future investment and international support toward low-emission, climate-resilient and inclusive agriculture systems in the region.

[Access the full report here](#)

Source:FAO

## Climate Finance Updates



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### Green Climate Fund Launches Simplified Approval Process for Small-scale Projects

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has launched a simplified approvals process to unlock the power of local climate action. The process streamlines and simplifies applications for certain small-scale projects of up to USD10 million in GCF funding, and

is aimed particularly at supporting project proposals from Direct Access Entities.

[Read more](#)

Source:GCF

# NAMA Facility

## Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions Facility Launches 5th Call for NAMA Support Project Outlines

National governments of developing countries and countries with emerging economies as well as other qualified applicants are invited to submit NAMA Support Project Outlines. For further information on the NAMA Facility, means of support available as

well as the selection criteria of the NAMA Facility, please consult the General Information Document for the 5th Call, available [here](#).

Click [here](#) for more information on the call.

Source: NAMA Facility

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## 6th Funding Cycle International Renewable Energy Agency and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development Project facility

The sixth funding cycle of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)/Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) Project Facility is now open!  
This latest cycle offers around USD 50 million in concessional loans from ADFD.

Information on the sixth cycle is available in [English](#), [Français](#) and [Español](#).

The Facility is welcoming summary project proposals until **15th February 2018** from renewable energy projects, in developing countries, that are at the feasibility study stage and have central government support.

ADFD funding offer:

- USD 5-15 million per project, covering up to 50% of the total project cost.
- Loan rates of 1 to 2%, 20-year loan period including a 5-year grace period.
- Government guarantee required for the ADFD loan (usually from the Ministry of Finance).

Click [here](#) for more information on how to apply.

Source: IRENA

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