



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear Colleagues,

As representatives from countries gathered in Bonn this month for the Climate Change Conference in preparation for COP23, the process of ratification of the Paris Agreement continues and the Caribbean countries are working to comply with their obligations under their Nationally Determined Contributions. The Regional Collaboration Centre in St. George's supports 16 countries of the Caribbean in this effort in order for them to take ambitious mitigation actions against climate change. This newsletter presents information on RCC activities, financing opportunities, news and events relevant to the Caribbean region. We hope you will find the newsletter interesting and the information useful!



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Update on Paris Agreement ratification



146 Parties to the Convention have already ratified the Paris Agreement and committed themselves to increase their ambition to respond to climate change.

In the Caribbean, 13 Parties out of 16 have ratified the Paris Agreement and submitted their Nationally Determined Contributions which have been published in the [NDC Registry](#): Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Jamaica was the last Caribbean country to ratify the Paris Agreement, on

April, 10th.

[Read more.](#)

RCC's activities

2017 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Survey conducted by the Nairobi Framework Partnership

The RCC St. George's is helping the UNFCCC Secretariat to conduct a survey to evaluate capacity development plans and needs for market-based approaches in the Caribbean region. The aim of the survey is to determine the future work of the Nairobi Framework Partnership ([NFP](#))

in providing support to the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in developing countries. The partners in the NFP are the UNFCCC, [UNDP](#), [WB](#), [AfDB](#), [UNEP](#), [UNEP DTU Partnership](#), [UNCTAD](#), [IETA](#) and [ADB](#). In addition, [Olade](#), [IDB](#), [LEDS](#), [CAF](#), [IGES](#) and [CMIA](#) are Cooperating Organizations in the partnership.

The survey targeted a wide spectrum of stakeholders in the region, from government representatives and international organizations to the public sector and academia. Many positive responses have been received so far. A report including the information collected through the survey in an aggregated manner will be prepared and publicly released soon.

Information about the NFP partnership as well as the survey can be found [here](#).

The Caribbean Carbon Pricing Initiative (CCPI)

The 'Caribbean Carbon Pricing Initiative' (CCPI) is intended to put a price on carbon emissions in the Caribbean and generate capital for renewable energy and methane-emission-reduction investments to transform the region's energy sector and promote sustainable development in the region. The CCPI envisages the development of a voluntary market-based mechanism that aims to provide finance for investment in climate mitigation activities in the region and carbon offset opportunities for investors. The CCPI is in line with the Paris Agreement, which supports the international exchange of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) as a vehicle for countries to cost-effectively comply with their mitigation commitments under their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Should international support be forthcoming to support mitigation actions in the region, a major share will need to be channeled through investors who require carbon offsets in return, whether these are in the form of a newly defined 'carbon currency', i.e. ITMOs, or existing transferable units (e.g. CERs from CDM projects). To assist with the transfer of ITMOs, the CCPI envisages linking up with existing regional carbon markets.

Under the CCPI, demand for mitigation outcomes is expected to be primarily driven by large-scale fossil-fuel-industry emitters operating in the region that have already expressed interest in investing in low-carbon projects internationally as part of their corporate and social responsibilities (CSR). Many also believe such involvement will also be key to unlocking new business growth potential. By providing carbon finance in the form of investment capital in the Caribbean, the CCPI is intended to promote investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and methane-reduction measures, thereby strengthening the economies of, and sustainable development in, the region.

The Government of Grenada and the UNFCCC RCC have agreed to sponsor and host a regional stakeholder consultation to discuss the way forward on carbon pricing instruments for the Caribbean, planned to be held in Grenada later this year.

More on the CCPI can be found [here](#) (p.27).

Top-down Standardized Baselines (SBs) development approved by the UNFCCC Executive Board

The RCC is actively supporting the development of the standardized baselines in the Caribbean region. This year the CDM Executive Board approved the development of five top-down standardized baselines in the energy and transport sectors. As a result, the UNFCCC, through the RCC and in collaboration with UNDP Barbados and the Japanese-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (J-CCCP), is developing grid emission factors for St. Lucia, Guyana and Suriname, as well as standardized baselines in the transport sector for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Belize.

We would like highlight that four standardized baselines in the waste sector that have already been approved for Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominican Republic and Grenada, whilst three grid emission factors have been approved for Belize, Dominican Republic and Grenada. Finally, the grid emission factors for Haiti, Antigua and Barbuda and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are already in the process of approval. Further information can be found [here](#).

Financing opportunities



Zayed Future Energy Prize

The RCC in St. George's would like to share information about the "Zayed Future Energy Prize". This is an annual award established by the United Arab Emirates leadership to recognise and award excellence in renewable energy and sustainability. Launched in 2008 and managed by Masdar, the Prize represents the vision of the late founding father of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who

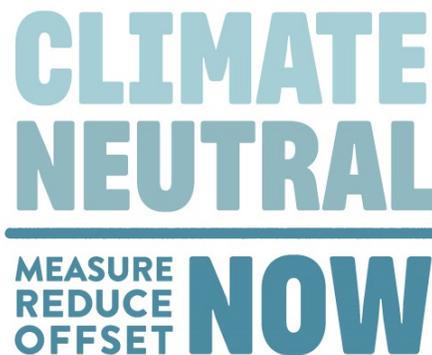
championed social, economic and environmental sustainability as an integral part of UAE history and heritage.

There is a price of \$1.5 million for Medium Enterprise (SME) and for Non-Profit Organisation (NPO/NGO) each. The deadline for submission is July, 16th 2017. For more information please visit the official [website](#).

The Climate Neutral Now (CNN) initiative

Climate Neutral Now initiative is continuing to grow and to encourage voluntary climate action among businesses, organizations, and individuals who are working to reduce climate footprint of their overall operations, product lines or events. In addition to reduction efforts, all Climate Neutral Now signatories take the additional step to offset GHG emissions they cannot reduce at home by purchasing CDM Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) and thereby supporting reduction elsewhere.

Some of the recent international organizations which took the pledge to climate neutrality are: Aviva Insurance, Aktina Foods (Greece), Carbon Solutions Global, CO2 Focus, Shub Arya Steel (India), Global e-Sustainability Initiative, Golden West Holdings etc. Climate Neutral Now initiative has just recently been introduced as the newest pillar of Momentum for Change which recognizes innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what organizations around the world are doing to tackle climate change. For more information on Climate Neutral Now please visit the [CNN website](#).



US\$ 1 Million UN DESA Energy Grant

Applications are open for the UN DESA 2017 Grant on Energy for Sustainable Development. The thematic focus this year is Sustainable Energy for Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing World. Applications are open to individuals, institutions or partnerships based on past and current achievements.

Successful recipients should be able to demonstrate leadership and innovation in sustainable energy for eradicating poverty, as well as willingness and ability to implement knowledge transfer through capacity building activities aimed at replicating and scaling up successful experiences and lessons learned. The Grant carries an award of one million US

dollars to fund such capacity building activities.

Applications must be submitted online in English by 15 June 2017. To access the online application form, please click [here](#). For eligibility requirements and selection criteria, please follow this [link](#). For queries and additional information, please send emails to poweringthefuture@un.org.

Source: United Nations Department of Economics and Social Affairs

New SEPS Call 2017 for Projects and Exchange Activities



The RCC would like to bring to your attention the launch of the first Wisions' SEPS call for applications in 2017. This call focuses on Latin America and the Caribbean and Southern and South East Asia, offering support for the introduction of small-scale renewable energy technologies as well as for knowledge exchange activities. Follow this [link](#) for additional information.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 23 June 2017, 4 PM GMT.

News



Geothermal energy development - Grenada receives a grant

The Board of Directors of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), at a recent meeting, approved a grant of USD\$231,630.00, to the Government of Grenada, to build its capacity for planning and implementation of its Geothermal Energy Development Roadmap (GEDR).

The resources are from the Global Environment Facility, through the Inter-American Development Bank's Sustainable Energy Facility, for the Eastern Caribbean with the CDB.

The Government of Grenada has reported the following accomplishments since 2015:

1. Extensive geochemical, geophysical and geological surveys to estimate Grenada's geothermal potential.
2. Preparation of a Geothermal Resources Development Roadmap (GRDR to achieve commissioning of a 15MW geothermal plant in 2022/3.
3. Two Donor forums.
4. Short listing of locations suitable for exploration drilling.
5. Preliminary assessment of the existing infrastructural capacity; and
6. Preliminary analysis of Grenada's institutional, legislative and regulatory frameworks for assessing the Environmental and Social Impacts of a geothermal development.

The Project is consistent with the 2011 National Energy Policy, supporting the Government of Grenada's ongoing efforts to improve the country's energy security. The Government is also working towards meeting its national target for reducing carbon emissions by thirty percent (30%) by 2025 as part of their Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), to which successful geothermal development will make an important contribution.

For more information please consult the Government of Grenada's [website](#).

Submission to the Articles 6.2 and 6.4 of the Paris Agreement by the Republic of the Maldives on behalf of the AOSIS

Delegates are joining efforts in Bonn to develop a rulebook for implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. The Republic of the Maldives, representing the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), has made a formal submission to UNFCCC explaining the key elements of Articles 6.2 and 6.4 to be addressed, including their operationalization. The submission can be found in this [link](#).

Announcements

Inauguration of the Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) in Panama



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On March, 31st it was inaugurated in Panama our fellow RCC for Latin America. The center replaced the RCC Bogota and will be operated by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat in partnership with CAF, Development Bank of Latin America. The RCC Panama is conceived as a coordinating centre for all climate change activities promoted by UNFCCC in Latin America and the Caribbean region. The Center in Panama coordinates the activities in our Regional Collaboration Centre based in St. George's, Grenada.

The email address of the RCC Panama is rcpanama@unfccc.int and further information can be found [here](#).

Read more about the opening of RCC Panama [here](#).

Consultancy opening- Technical inputs for dairy methodology under CDM

A new announcement for a consultancy has been issued by UNFCCC: "Technical inputs for dairy methodology under CDM". The application deadline is 31 May 2017. For more information click [here](#).

Events

The GEF Expanded Constituency Workshop (ECW) for the Caribbean Constituency - May 16th-19th - Grenada

[Innovate4Climate](#) Finance and Markets Week - May, 22nd-25th - Barcelona

Workshop on NAMA in Energy Efficient Lighting in the Residential Sector - OLADE, UNEP DTU Partnership, Ministry of Finance of Grenada, UNFCCC RCC St. George's - May, 24th - Grenada

Workshop on the Building of Sustainable National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Management Systems, and the Use of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories for the Latin America and Caribbean Region - June, 12th-16th - St. Lucia

Caribbean Dialogue on Carbon Pricing and Market Instruments - July - Grenada

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