



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear RCC Kampala Stakeholders,

It has been another successful 4 months with lots of action on climate change such as capacity building, regional and international partnerships all focusing on implementation and strategizing between government and private sector actors to achieve tremendous actions in the areas of mitigation and adaptation leading to achievement of the Paris Agreement goals. Our aim is to send out a newsletter on a bi-monthly basis to inform you of future events; reports on previous events, studies and opportunities; updates on clean development mechanism (CDM) projects and programme of activities (PoA); climate finance opportunities and standardized baselines. East African Development Bank as the collaborative partner for RCC Kampala continues to support countries in the region at all levels to implement the Paris Agreement.



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Update on Paris Agreement ratification

Status of Ratification



145 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

The 9th Africa Carbon Forum (ACF) 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. The event will cover Practical examples of policies, initiatives and actions in Africa; barriers and enabling measures for engaging climate action in key sectors; financial instruments and regulatory frameworks; advancing the implementation of climate action

[Find out more on the Africa Carbon Forum Website](#)

[Read the brochure](#)

Interested participants should register [here](#)

Source: Africa Carbon Forum website

Africa Carbon Forum session on specific findings on Programme of Activities (PoA) implementation and monitoring

The objective of the session will be to create more familiarity with PoA requirements as well as address and share the issues identified between the implemented/monitored PoA and the registered PoA framework. The session will aim to enhance coordinating/managing entities (CMEs) understanding on implementation, monitoring issues and regulatory requirements related to PoAs. The session will provide updates on the latest developments in PoA standards and guidelines; and specific findings in the above three Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project areas and give an opportunity to the participants/CMEs to share feedback on their experiences, challenges and opportunities in PoA implementation and monitoring.

All stakeholders who have interest in CDM PoAs are invited to join this session during the [Africa Carbon Forum 2017](#).

Global Youth video competition on Climate change



The global youth video competition on climate change 2017 will seek inspiring actions on climate change by young people between the ages of 18 and 30, in order to participate the youth will be required to showcase a project or campaign in a 3 minutes video that they are involved in which relates to one of this year's categories described below.

Category 1: climate friendly and resilient cities

Eligible videos include;

- 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

Eligible videos include;

- 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.

Applications open 10th May 2017 and end on 18th August.

[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

The 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.

Concluded Events

Regional Collaboration Centre Kampala and Germany Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) support the Government of Rwanda to turn its Nationally Determined Contribution(NDC) into action



As part of its commitment to support low carbon climate resilient economic growth, Regional Collaboration Center in Kampala (RCC Kampala), together with MDA programme of UNFCCC, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on invitation from the Government of Rwanda delivered a workshop on coordinating implementation of the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement in a bid to support the Government of Rwanda's effort to implement its NDCs.

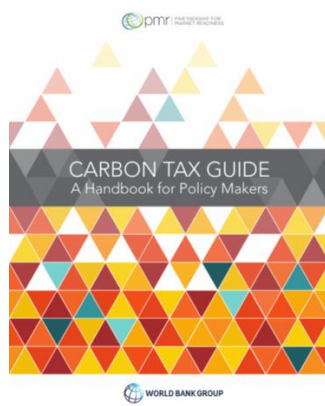
The workshop was focused on implementation of mitigation components of Rwanda's NDC, including discussion on using Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions(NAMAs) as an implementation tool for achieving the NDC and linkage between SDGs and NDCs. The workshop held April 4th and 5th 2017 in Kigali, was facilitated by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) and sessions were moderated by RCC Kampala and Ricardo, building on the mitigation objectives set out in the NDC. It provided a cross-government platform for Ministries to kick-start and co-ordinate the implementation of Rwanda's NDC, including how to use NAMAs to drive NDC implementation. The workshop also had presentations from GIZ and NAMA facility covering issues related to NAMA implementation and NAMA financing.

[Read more on the workshop](#)

For the agenda and presentations, click [here](#)

Publications

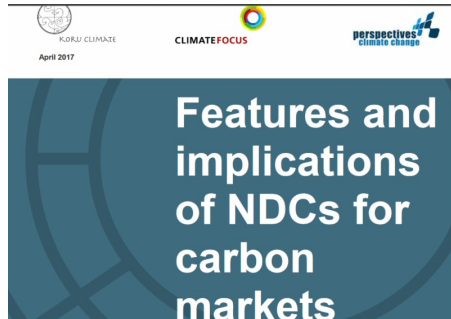
Carbon Tax Guide: A hand book for



policy makers

This Guide provides a practical tool to help policymakers determine whether a carbon tax is the right instrument to achieve their policy goals and to support them in designing and implementing a tax that is best suited to their specific needs, circumstances and objectives. The guide provides both conceptual analysis and important practical lessons learned from implementing carbon taxes around the world. To access the guide go [here](#).

Source: World bank open knowledge repository newsroom



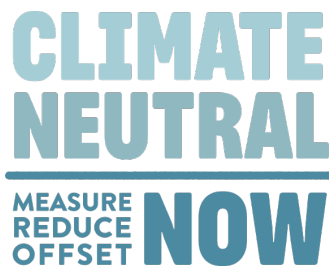
Features and implications of Nationally Determined Contributions for Carbon markets

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

Climate Neutral Now



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Carbon Trade exchange Collaborate on Global Climate Neutrality to Support of UN's Climate Neutral Now Initiative

The UNFCCC and Carbon Trade eXchange (CTX) have announced a collaboration to further strengthen the UN's Climate Neutral Now initiative. The collaboration will make it possible to access UNFCCC Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) for voluntary cancellation via the CTX global voluntary carbon market exchange. This is the first example of a new partnership model that UNFCCC offers carbon market exchanges wishing to include CERs in their portfolios.

CTX, which has been operating since 2009 in the voluntary carbon market, was designed specifically to provide a comprehensive choice for the offset step; the ability to select projects by a range of parameters 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](#)

Update on Climate Finance



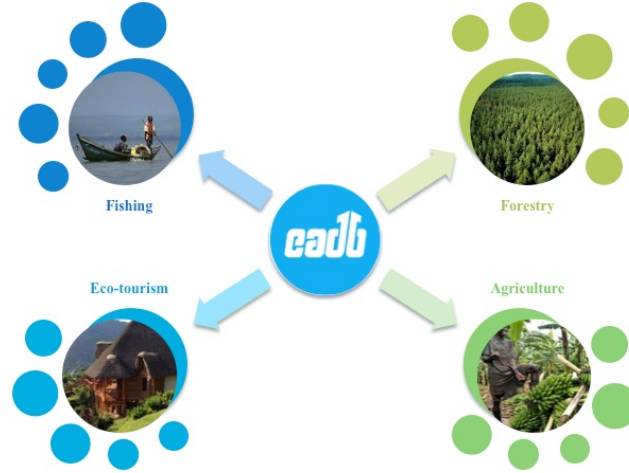
Call for Applications: 2017 United Nations Energy Grant on "Powering the future We Want - Sustainable Energy for Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a changing World"

The programme offers a grant in the amount of one million US dollars to fund future capacity development activities in energy for sustainable development. The Grant is awarded to an individual, institution or partnership based on past and current achievements, with the objective of promoting leadership and innovative practices in meeting the global energy challenge. [Read more](#)

Source: United Nations Department of Economics and Social Affairs

East African Development Bank (EADB) biodiversity financing facility

EADB's planned Biodiversity Financing Facility is a EUR 7 million facility, that provides medium to long-term loans in local currency to selected biodiversity-friendly investments in the private sector in Uganda. EADB will finance the projects directly and will focus upon SMEs that promote environmental conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and habitats. In particular, the facility will support investments in agriculture, forestry, fishing and tourism.



All suitable projects are encouraged to submit proposals to EADB to access the facility. For more information, please contact Bryony Willmot: bwillmott@eadb.org

Clean Development Mechanism

Clean Development Mechanism outlook in East and Southern African region.

The clean development mechanism (CDM) is continuing in the region with over 152 registered projects and 78 programmes of activities (PoAs,) with 22 CDM projects and 16 PoAs are under validation.

The concept of programme of activities is working better in the region with a vast number of PoAs operating successfully the existing PoAs include 262 Component project activities (source: [United Nations Environment Programme/ Technical university of Denmark \(UNEP DTU\)- CDM project and PoA database](#)).

The projects in the region are delivering mitigation, adaptation and social benefits. The majority of PoAs are focusing on cook stoves which indicates that energy efficiency is at the top on list for the region as a solution to minimize the use of charcoal, firewood hence reducing deforestation; clean cooking solutions like clean indoor air, and improved quality of life among others. Project financing is still a puzzle though very hopeful as new financing such as crowdfunding platforms looking to invest in low carbon projects among others.

There are also other emerging ranging from offset programs that require certified emissions reduction for offset purposes.

The United Nations framework convention on climate change Regional Collaboration Centre Kampala has continuously provided support to the CDM projects and PoAs ranging from capacity building for project developers through organizing events like PoA training, CDM market place, capacity building for standardized baseline development among others. The centre further supports the projects through linking them to different project financing opportunities.

During the forthcoming [Africa Carbon Forum](#) this year, the centre will conduct PoA training sessions to promote awareness about PoA requirements and address issues identified between the implemented/monitored PoA and the registered PoA framework. The centre will also conduct a session on CDM market place that will bring together project developers, funding agencies, buyers, investors and companies interested in green growth of the continent to explore innovative financing instruments like crowdfunding platforms for project development and investment opportunities in Africa.

New CDM projects registered in Uganda



Figure 1 – Ugastove portable rocket firewood IICS

Institutional Improved Cook Stoves for Schools and Institutions in Uganda

The project aims at changing the traditional cooking habits used in up to around 450 schools and institutions, benefiting approximately 340,000 individuals, reducing 31,286 tonnes of annual CO₂, and 219,003 tonnes of CO₂ during the 7 year crediting period.

The IICS are both portable as well as fixed built-in types, serving school and other institutional users like prisons, plantation estates and hospitals. These IICS are more efficient in transferring heat to the cooking pots, thus IICS require less fuel to prepare the same meal. This efficiency is translated into fuel savings compared to traditional stoves used in Uganda. [Read more](#)

CDM Executive Board approves new standardized baselines for Kenya and Namibia.

Baseline woody biomass consumption for households in Namibia and Kenya

This standardized baseline provides the values for baseline woody biomass consumption per person for household cook stoves to estimate emission reduction from project activities for efficient cook stoves in Namibia and Kenya. To access the standardized baselines, go to [Namibia](#) and [Kenya](#).

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