



**Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala**  
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

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*Dear RCC Kampala Stakeholders,*

*On the count down towards COP22 Marrakesh and Paris Agreement coming into force on 4<sup>th</sup> November, Parties in Marrakesh this year will embark on clearing the road for implementation of the Paris Agreement priorities especially related to adaptation, capacity building, mitigation, loss and damages, technology transfer and transparency. East African Development Bank as the collaborative partner for RCC Kampala continues to support countries in the region at all levels to achieve their contributions towards the Agreement. In this newsletter we bring you developments regarding on-going initiatives and innovations in the region, climate finance and events organized in the region by RCC among others.*



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## News Update on Paris Agreement



### Status of Ratification

On 5 October 2016, the threshold for entry into force of the Paris Agreement was achieved. The Paris Agreement will enter into force on 4 November 2016. The first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA1) will take place in Marrakech in conjunction with COP 22 and CMP 12. As of 31st October 2016, there are 191 signatories to the Paris Agreement. Of these, 87 parties have also deposited their instruments of ratification. [Read more.](#)

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## News

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### Momentum for change lighthouse activities 2016

Thirteen game-changing initiatives from around the world were announced on 29th September 2016 as winners of the United Nations 'Momentum for Change' climate change award.



## SHINING A LIGHT ON CLIMATE ACTION

Each year, Momentum for Change recognizes inspiring action on climate change, selecting the most innovative and transformative climate solutions from around the world.

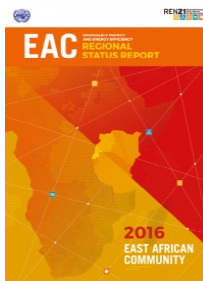


Winning activities include a Ugandan Women's empowerment for resilience and adaptation against climate change project that integrates gender into agriculture-related climate change activities and policy hence making rural women important agents of change and innovators, a Google-led project that could catalyze the rooftop solar market for millions of people across the United States; an ingenious net that harvests fog from the air to provide drinking water for

people on the edge of Morocco's Sahara Desert; and North America's first revenue-neutral tax that puts a price on carbon pollution. Learn more about all of these and more incredible climate solutions [here](#).

### The boat which drives with water

Hydrogen as energy carrier is the immediate future and essential for clean, electric mobility and climate and environmental protection. A young, dynamic entrepreneur from the city of Bonn lives his visions by building Hydra electric boats and ships powered by hydrogen and fuel cells. [Read more](#).



### The East African Community Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Status Report

East African Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Status Report reveals that the off-grid market is firmly established in the region and is helping to meet energy access needs. The mini/micro-grid sector also attracted significant investment. Report can be accessed [here](#).



### Linking the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Report.

The study examines the compatibility of CDM activities with GCF investment criteria and the operational modalities of both institutions, as well as proposing specific conceptual linkages models. The study finds that linking GCF and high-quality CDM activities with scaling up potential results in mutual benefits like Strengthening the results-orientation of the GCF by applying UNCCC-approved CDM monitoring, reporting and verification methodologies, thereby enhancing the transparency of verified mitigation outcomes, harnessing the mitigation potential of the CDM pipeline which is at risk from low certificate emission reduction prices, with GCF resources, Providing incentives for new private sector investments and providing bridge financing to support the transition from the current CDM to the new generation of Paris Agreement policy instruments without sacrificing lessons and human capacity built under the CDM. The report can be accessed [here](#).

## Update on Climate finance



**PILOT AUCTION FACILITY**

### Third auction of the Pilot Auction Facility for Methane and Climate Change Mitigation.

The third auction will sell a price guarantee for emission reductions of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) from industrial nitric acid plants. Emission reductions issued by the Clean Development Mechanism and Verified Carbon Standard will be eligible. (N<sub>2</sub>O) emission reductions from adipic acid are excluded. Eligible criteria for the Pilot Auction Facility has been posted on the [PAF website](#).

## Rich nations say on track for promised \$100 billion climate finance

Rich countries say they are still on track to keep their promise of providing developing nations with \$100 billion a year to tackle climate change by 2020, up from an estimated \$62 billion in 2014. Reuters [Read more](#).

### **Rwanda: Green Fund supports climate change**

Rwanda's commitment to a green economy is growing stronger as the next intake for the country's Green Fund reaches its ninth year. [Read more](#)



The Commonwealth

### **Commonwealth hub to unlock billions in climate finance for developing countries**

Vulnerable small islands states and developing countries stand to gain access to billions of dollars of climate finance with the aid of a new common wealth initiative. The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub hosted by the Government Mauritius, was officially opened on 20th September 2016. It will help governments dealing with the ravaging effects of climate change to draw down funding from a global fund target of \$100 billion a year by 2020. [Read more](#)

### **African Development Bank approves US \$141.71-million for the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit System Project**

The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group approved on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, two loans totaling US \$141.71 million to finance the second phase of the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System Project. The US \$97.42-million loan from the AfDB market window and the US \$44.29-million loan from the Africa Growing Together Fund (AGTF)\* will support Tanzania Government's efforts to decongest the city of Dar es salaam. It is expected to carry up to 495,000 passengers per day and reduce travel time. In addition, the use of modern BRT buses, which use cleaner fuels, will significantly reduce roadside concentration of greenhouse gas emissions thereby improving air quality and subsequently safeguarding people's health. [Read more](#).

## **Concluded events**

### **East African Regional Pre-COP workshop**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature, Buildings and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) in collaboration with the East African Community Secretariat (EAC) with support from the UNFCCC Regional Centre Kampala (RCC Kampala) organised a Pre-COP meeting with the aim to enhance the technical capacity and skills of junior and senior negotiators from East African member states and Ethiopia in preparation for COP22 in Marrakesh. Discussions centred around country actions towards operationalization of the Paris Agreement with emphasis on the provisions under article 6 of the Agreement. Participants were equipped with effective negotiating techniques including Intercultural communication and Consensus building in addition to a participative role-play that depicted the UNFCCC negotiating process as is under the Conference of Parties meetings. The workshop report and presentations will be availed at the [RCC Kampala web page](#) in due course.

