

## The Common Path

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*RCC Bangkok links the Paris Agreement with the SDGs at 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Summit on the Environment which took place in Bangkok from the 5-8, September, 2017*

How does the Paris Agreement facilitate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?

This was the question on everyone lips at the side-event organized by RCC Bangkok at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on the Environment, the theme for which was Towards a Resource-efficient and Pollution-free Asia-Pacific.



Answers came from a panel of experts and practitioners in the field of climate action. They agreed that the Paris Agreement and the SDGs share a common path, particularly with regard to the reduction of pollution and resource efficiency.

The discussion spanned from energy efficiency in transport, including transport reduction and smoothing proposals, to making sure Clean Development Mechanism methodologies that contribute to SDG co-benefits are reflected in the Paris Agreement's emission trading mechanisms.

The panel concluded that well-designed climate action can greatly contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, particularly related to pollution prevention and enhancing resource efficiency, noting that measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) will be key to success.

To support our side-event, RCC Bangkok also set up a booth at the Pavilion of Partnerships to promote the activities that the RCC is undertaking in the region along with an interactive offsetting station.

Participants used the Climate Neutral Now [Voluntary Offset Platform](#) at the booth to calculate their personal impact on the environment and offset their emissions. The booth served to drive home the point that we can all take part in climate action on an individual level, every day.



A total of **158 tCO<sub>2</sub>e** was offset over the course of the 4 days of the conference – equivalent to the emissions generated from over 200 round-trip flights from Bonn to Bangkok!

If you would like to know more about the event or booth, get in touch with Saudamini at [Sbagai@unfccc.int](mailto:Sbagai@unfccc.int).

