

Greetings from RCC Bangkok

Dear Stakeholders,

Greetings from RCC Bangkok! We are pleased to share with you our first newsletter since our establishment in September 2015.

RCC Bangkok is a partnership between IGES-Institute for Global Environment Strategies and UNFCCC and is housed in the IGES Regional office in Bangkok. Its responsibilities include providing support to mitigation actions, in particular the clean development mechanism to 56 countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

As this is the 1st newsletter, we would like to provide a glimpse of some of the activities we have organized in 2016. We would also like to draw your attention on the latest update on carbon pricing initiative and announcement for call for new members of CDM expert groups, details of which are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to working closely with all of you.

Your Team in RCC Bangkok.



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Latest news

RCC launching a carbon pricing initiative **"Collaborative instruments for ambitious climate action"**

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During the COP22, the Regional Collaboration Center unveiled a new initiative to help in putting a price signal on emissions to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions.

Putting a price signal on carbon is a straightforward approach to address the climate crisis: it discourages emissions and/or incentivizes emission reductions. In short: it helps countries getting on the path set by the Paris Agreement. In addition, it can be a tool to curb emissions at a lower cost, with more flexibility and collaboratively. The recent World Bank report on carbon pricing shows achieving climate targets jointly could cut the cost by 32%.

The initiative from RCCs intends to support 10 countries (or about two in each region) to set-up a carbon pricing instrument. This could be either a carbon market, a carbon tax and/or a domestic carbon fund. The project will run over two years and will focus on:

- The development of carbon pricing proposals (in accordance with countries' priorities and needs).
- The practical implementation of the carbon pricing proposal.
- Support to the adoption and use.

Efforts to put a price on carbon are currently underway in many countries, with many others considering this policy. The initiative will increase global and regional participation in carbon pricing. It will also build up regional expertise on carbon pricing.

The project also intends to align the carbon pricing approaches with emerging instruments under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and climate finance. Finally, the project will explore regional synergies and collaborations through alignment, convergence and multi-country approaches.

The project is currently supported by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, the Government of Norway and the Government of Switzerland. At the moment, the project is looking for potential host countries interested in developing and implementing a price signal on carbon emissions.

For more information, please consult the [project brochure](#) and/or get in touch with RCCs.

Glimpse of activities organized by RCC Bangkok in 2016

February 2016

Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Integrating Market Mechanisms to the Implementation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions

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The first workshop for the year began with the Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Integrating Market Mechanisms to the Implementation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) on 15 February 2016 in Bangkok.

A total of 41 policy makers and experts from the region involved in the development and implementation of INDCs attended the workshop. The participants primarily consisted of UNFCCC national focal points, other government officials, representatives of donor organizations, UN agencies, private sector, and technical experts.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- Facilitate sharing of experiences on development of INDCs and understanding about the role of market mechanisms in achieving INDCs;
- Facilitate understanding on the role of market mechanism in the Paris Agreement;
- Identify opportunities/sectors suitable to be supported through the market mechanisms; and
- Identify opportunities and challenges to implement the INDCs in the region.

Further information and presentations are [here](#)
News covered in NAMA news is [here](#)

March 2016

3rd CITC Regional Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development: "How to Accelerate Climate Actions in Asia through Capacity Building and Climate Finance"



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In March, RCC Bangkok was happy to co-organize the 3rd CITC Regional Conference on Climate Change and Sustainable Development: *"How to Accelerate Climate Actions in Asia through Capacity Building and Climate Finance"* during March 30 - April 1, 2016 with Climate change International Technical and Training Center (CITC) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

UNFCCC news on the event can be found [here](#).

Thailand Greenhouse gas report on the event can be found [here](#).

Presentations made at the event can be accessed [here](#).

June 2016

Reports on the Regional non-state actor dialogues on Paris agreement published

The synthesis report for the regional non state actor dialogues on article 6 of the Paris agreement can be found [here](#).

The report for the Asia Pacific non-state actor dialogues on article 6 of the Paris agreement can be found [here](#).

UNFCCC news on the event can be found [here](#).

June 2016

Asia LEDS Forum 2016: Financing Implementation of Priority Mitigation Actions



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The Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Forum serves as the premier gathering of policymakers, donors, practitioners, and other experts involved in enabling low-emission, climate-resilient development in Asia. Themed "Mobilizing Finance for Priority Actions," the Asia LEDS Forum 2016 was held on June 27-29 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

RCC Bangkok organized a deep dive track 3 on Developing and using market mechanisms on 28 June and also presented on "Overview of role of market mechanism in the Paris agreement" and "the use of market mechanisms in NDCs in the Asia-Pacific region". Lastly, RCC Bangkok participated in the open space session showcasing sources of finance, technical assistance, related tools, and/or related cases of implementation, in an informal setting.

More on this event [here](#)

The event was also covered in NAMA news [here](#).

September 2016

CDM Training during the Asia Pacific Carbon Forum



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[The Asia Pacific Carbon Forum](#) was held in Jeju, S.Korea, from 5-7 September 2016.

The Carbon Forum was attended by more than 300 participants, from 60 countries, for three days of panel discussions, meetings and presentations.

During the forum, DNAs from the region also attended a CDM training organized by RCC Bangkok and the Nairobi Framework Partnership working sessions.

While the CDM training focused on the policy updates of the CDM including training on CDM Sustainable Development (SD) tool, Climate Neutral Now Platform, Automatic and Micro scale additionality, the NFP working sessions involved brainstorming on the project ideas identified during the survey conducted earlier in the year and fine tuning the project proposals in preparation for the Global DNA forum session in Marrakesh.

Presentations for the event can be found [here](#).

September 2016

Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan and RCC Bangkok join hands to deliver a training on the Clean Development Mechanism

A CDM training for stakeholders in Pakistan was organized by RCC Bangkok in joint cooperation with the Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC), the designated National authority (DNA) of Pakistan on 27 September 2016.

The training was attended by more than 80 stakeholders representing both the private and public sector. Mr. Irfan Tariq, CDM E.B Member and DG of MoCC opened the event which included training on standardized baselines and updates on CER purchase programmes by Anil Raut, RCC. The event also included presentations and sharing of experiences from Mr. Sajjad Haider Yaldram, MoCC, former Co-Chair of the Global DNA forum, who spoke on the "Status of CDM projects in Pakistan and institutional arrangements in Pakistan". This was followed with a presentation by Mr. Bilal Anwar, CDM Expert on the "Status of Carbon market in Asia and opportunity for Pakistan" and on the potential for CDM projects on forestry sector by Mr. Kamran Asif.



Announcements:

Subject: Call for new members of CDM expert groups

The CDM Executive Board, at its ninety-second meeting, agreed to launch a call for new

members for the following expert groups:

- CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP)
- CDM Methodology Panel (MP)
- CDM Small-scale working group (SSC WG)
- CDM Registration and issuance team (RIT)

The terms of reference, required qualifications and conditions of service are available on the CDM website: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/index.html>

Interested experts possessing required qualifications are invited to apply. You will be requested to complete a questionnaire and submit a UN-standard Personal History Form (P.11).

The call is open until 18 December 2016, 24:00 GMT and accessible at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/index.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jens Radschinski <JRadschinski@unfccc.int>.

RCC Bangkok Team

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Left to right: Gaem, Anil, Benita, Ariel

We take this opportunity to wish Anil and Benita good luck on their return to their respective teams in Bonn and extend our warm welcome to David Abbass, Team Lead and Jens Radschinski, Technical Officer to Bangkok. Seasons greetings from all of us in RCC Bangkok.

David Abbass

Jens Radschinski



For 2017, RCC Bangkok commits to continue working on the following;

- I) Technical and procedural support to developers of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects and PoAs throughout the project cycle.
- II) Technical and procedural support on the development of Standardized Baselines and promote the use of Climate Neutral Now initiative, sustainable development tool, amongst others. Facilitate the discussion between the project developers and CDM credit buyers.
- III) Capacity building activities on CDM project cycle, CDM methodologies, Standardized Baselines and use of CDM standards as Monitoring Verification and Reporting (MRV) tools.
- IV) Capacity building via workshops and other forms of training on different issues related to actions to implement and fulfill the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- V) Collaboration with Designated National Authorities (DNAs), Implementing Agencies and relevant national, regional and international entities.
- VI) Cooperation with other development partners to reach out to maximum stakeholders to enhance their capacities to fight against climate change

We look forward to hearing from you!
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