



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear Stakeholders,

We are happy that more and more of our readers are responding to our newsletter. We're pleased you find the information useful, and always eager to hear from you with news items and suggestions. In this edition, we present some of the latest developments in climate change, together with news of past and future.

Happy reading!

RCC Kampala team.

Update on Paris Agreement ratification

Status of Ratification



As of 25 August 2017, 160 Parties have ratified the Paris Climate Change Agreement, of the 197 Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. On 5 October 2016, the threshold for entry into force of the Paris Agreement was achieved. [Read more.](#)

Events and Publications

Upcoming events

East African Pre-COP Training 18th October 2017, Kigali

In order to fill the information gaps and optimize the outcomes of the upcoming climate negotiations for the East Africa region, East African Community (EAC) secretariat with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre (UNFCCC RCC) and the UNEP-DTU Partnership will organize a one day workshop for selected climate negotiators of the EAC region and Ethiopia. The objective of the workshop will be to enhance the technical capacity of negotiators so they can effectively participate in international climate change processes and positively influence the outcomes of negotiations.

African Consultative Expert Dialogue on Carbon Pricing 5th - 6th October 2017 Nairobi

The expert dialogue aims to create an interactive discussion between thought leaders, practitioners and other relevant experts on the potential role of carbon pricing for African countries. Thirty-six African countries explicitly refer to carbon pricing, carbon markets or market-based mechanisms in their Nationally Determined Contributions. Some African countries are already actively exploring carbon pricing as a cost-effective policy option in their efforts to achieve low-carbon and climate-resilient development. Recently, the V20 countries, which include six African countries, announced their intention to adopt carbon pricing by 2025. Supporting these countries and including more jurisdictions with potential interest can expand the use of such policies among developing countries.

The dialogue is organized by Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition (CPLC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) carbon markets programme, Germany government, African Development Bank, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate (UNFCCC) Secretariat, Regional collaboration centres Kampala and Lomé.

Recent events



Africa Carbon Forum, 28-30 June, 2017

Growing Importance of Cities and Business in Implementation of Paris Agreement

(Cotonou, 30 June 2017) - African countries must work closer together when implementing national climate action plans under the Paris Climate Change Agreement and mobilizing climate finance, whilst better integrating climate action into sustainable development planning. This was the key conclusion of ministers and key delegates who convened for the Africa Carbon Forum in Cotonou, Benin.

Over 600 practitioners, experts and policy makers, including ministers from governments across Africa and other high level participants, met in Cotonou to take stock and align strategies on how financial resources should be mobilized to ensure sustainable development and emissions reduction on a continent-wide scale.

"Africa is the continent most affected by climate change. Two-thirds of Africans make their living off the land, consequently, it is critical that the continent secures a climate-resilient economic and development path. Hosting this Africa Carbon Forum on the topic of collaborative climate actions for sustainable development demonstrates Benin's own commitment to the national climate action plans and the broader concern of Africa to promote collective actions for the climate," said Abdoulaye Bio Tchane, Senior Minister in charge of Planning and Development of Benin. For more information [click here](#).

Source: UNFCCC Newsroom

UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT Programme on Greenhouse Gases Seoul, 26th June - 20th July 2017

This was a professional training programme on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, offered in collaboration with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Research center of Korea (GIR). The training was structured to develop the skills of trainees that are supporting their countries' national GHG inventories. Content focused on an introduction to measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) requirements for non-annex I countries as well as practical steps involved in preparing GHG inventories such as institutional

arrangements, best practices in data collection, archiving, quality control, quality assurance; and sector estimation using guidelines from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).



These topics were covered in detail and hands-on exercises were used to enable participants to practice the different concepts. The diversity of the trainees also created a rich and creative learning environment for the trainees through shared experiences.

Join the National Adaptation Plan Global Network



Through National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes, developing countries are building their resilience to climate change impacts and integrating adaptation considerations into all relevant policies and strategies.

The NAP Global Network aims to enhance national adaptation planning and action in developing countries through coordination of bilateral support and in-country actors.

To achieve this, the Network:

- Facilitates sustained peer learning and exchange through [Targeted Topics Forums](#) and our [South-South Peer Exchange Program](#);
- Supports national level action through its [Country Support Hub](#) that provides free expert advice and short-term, targeted in-country technical support;
- Enhances bilateral support through donor coordination.

Initial financial support for the Network has been provided by [Germany](#) and the [United States](#). The Network's secretariat is hosted by the [International Institute for Sustainable Development \(IISD\)](#).

To join the Network or make a request for assistance related to the NAP process, please visit: www.napglobalnetwork.org/

*Source: International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
Secretariat for the NAP Global Network*

African Youth Conference on Climate Change and UN Sustainable Development Goals 28 Sept - 2 Oct 2017 Kampala, Uganda

This 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 popularize the Paris Agreement and outcomes of COP22, 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.

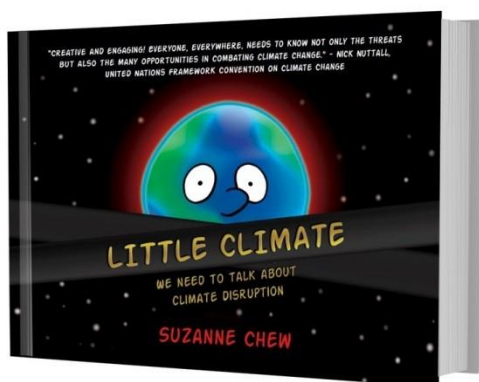
The conference will also include a UN SDGs Run, an initiative spearheaded by the Ugandan UN-Youth Delegates. The aim of the run will be to create awareness towards the implementation of the SDGs. During the conference there will also be a launch for the Presidential Environmental Youth Awards. The African 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 participate in providing solutions to adverse effects to climate change in Africa.

If you would like to know more about or sponsor the conference please contact Mr. Edwin Muhumuza, Email; yeuganda@gmail.com, Telephone: +256 701-030673

Source: Uganda Youth Go Green

Publications



Little Climate: We need to talk about Climate Disruption

An interactive, digital book of over a hundred climate cartoons based on the United Nations IPCC reports, as well as published journal papers, is now being offered as a free resource for climate educators and communicators.

This book aims to encourage the dissemination of basic climate knowledge

of climate science, impacts and solutions, and has received positive reviews from a wide range of development practitioners. Please click [here](#) to access the book.

The book is published by Little Climate, an initiative that focuses on communicating climate change in creative ways to empower climate action. To find out more, visit their website at www.littleclimate.com or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Source: Suzanne Chew
Little Climate

Linking the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) with the Green Climate Fund: Insights from Practitioners and Decision Makers in Africa



This publication gathers perspectives from practitioners and decision-makers in Africa on whether and how the Green Climate Fund (GCF) could make use of elements of the CDM's pipeline of activities and infrastructure to strengthen the robustness of its funding activities and facilitate the allocation of funding to mitigation activities in Africa. The views expressed are based on interviews with a diverse range of stakeholders with expertise in the topic at hand, including CDM project developers, GCF Accredited Entities, governmental focal points for the GCF and the CDM, the UNFCCC secretariat, and the GCF Board and Secretariat,

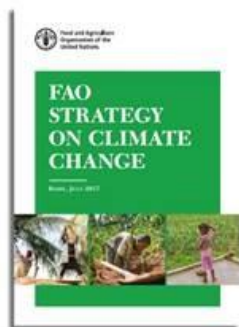
amongst others.

To access the report [click here](#).

Source: *Climate Focus*

UN Food and Agriculture Organization Strategy on Climate Change





Climate Change is a top corporate priority for FAO. Through this newly-endorsed Strategy on Climate Change, FAO aims to enhance the institutional and technical capacities of Member States, improve the integration of food security, agriculture, forestry and fisheries within the international climate agenda and strengthen the internal coordination and delivery of FAO's work.

To access the strategy [click here](#).

Source: FAO

Update on Climate Finance

Renewable Energy

An update of Lake Turkana Wind Power Project



As Lake Turkana Wind Power Project approaches its initial target completion date, it is an opportune time to assess the progress made to date in this remarkable investment into renewable energy.

Lake Turkana Wind Power Project is a massive electricity generating wind power plant that comprises the biggest single investment in Kenya's history, at approximately USD 680 million.



The project boasts 365 wind turbines that are situated between Lake Turkana (which has a relatively temperate climate) and higher desert lands (which have high daily temperature fluctuations), where differences in local climates generate reliably strong wind streams. These air currents are then funneled and thus accelerated between Mount Kulal and Mount Nyiro to the Lake Turkana Wind Power Project. Each wind turbine has a capacity of 850kW, thereby totaling 310MW electricity generation capacity, representing 15% of Kenya's installed capacity at present. [Read more](#)

Source: EADB

Nordic Climate Facility NCF7 application guidelines published



The [Concept Note Application Guidelines](#) of the [Nordic Climate Facility](#)'s seventh call for proposals (NCF7) have been published on the NCF [website](#). The application guidelines inform interested applicants about expected project results, eligibility and selection criteria, as well as submission details. Co-financing requirements have been further clarified.

The Nordic Climate Facility (NCF) is a challenge fund that finances innovative climate change projects. NCF financing is allocated on a competitive basis with calls for proposals arranged annually. Since 2009, six calls for proposals have been organized, with over 70 projects implemented across three continents.

In addition, a [Project Implementation Manual](#) describing the implementation requirements for NCF7 projects and a Glossary explaining the most commonly used vocabulary for NCF have been uploaded.

NCF's seventh call for proposals will be open from 28 August to 29 September 2017. The theme of this year's call is Climate as Business-Testing innovative green business concepts. The call focuses on testing innovative climate-related business ideas that have the potential to become commercially viable.

The NCF team is organizing a road show to present the upcoming call for proposals in the Nordic capitals. The first of the events [successfully took place 17 August in Helsinki](#), and NDF warmly thank all those who took part in the event. During the following weeks NCF7 will be presenting similar events in Reykjavik, Stockholm and Copenhagen. If you are interested in one of the upcoming events, visit the NCF [website](#) for more information.

Source: Nordic Development Fund

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