



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

*Greetings from RCC Bangkok!*

Join us in welcoming Yossi Zahar and Lee Cando to the growing RCC team. Yossi has joined us as Senior Climate Finance Advisor and Lee is joining as the Regional Specialist for Asia and Pacific for the NDC Partnership which is hosted at RCC Bangkok. We are excited to be working with them and look forward to increasing our capacity to support you in these important areas.



In this latest edition of our newsletter, you will find key highlights from some of the activities we are engaging in and the partnerships we are building to drive climate action in the region. You will also find information on an interesting MRV training and how you can be heard in the Talanoa Dialogue.

Happy reading!  
The RCC Bangkok Team

## Committing to Climate Action

### CDM Executive Board Elects Chair and Vice-Chair



At EB 98, the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism has elected Mr. Arthur Rolle (right) of the Bahamas as its Chair and Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki of Poland as Vice-Chair for the year 2018. We welcome Mr. Rolle and Mr. Dombrowicki to their new roles!

In its 98th and 99th meetings, among other issues, the Board adopted the revised "CDM accreditation standard", agreed to make more information about the status of accreditation of DOEs available on the CDM website, and looked into potential areas for simplification of the process for the development and approval of Standardized Baselines.

Find the reports of EB98 and EB99 [here](#)

Source: CDM EB

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## Save the Date for Asia Pacific Climate Week 2018



The second Asia Pacific Climate Week (APCW) will be held in Singapore from 9 to 12 July, 2018. The focus for this edition of the APCW will be on market-based approaches, economic instruments and climate-aligned finance to drive investment in climate action.

Registration for the event will open shortly.

[Read more about APCW 2018 here](#)

Source: Nairobi Framework Partnership

## What's New

### Be Heard in the Talanoa Dialogue

Ambassador Luke Daunivalu, COP23 Chief Negotiator, and Minister Inia Seruiratu, Fiji's High-Level Climate Champion, explained what the Talanoa Dialogue will be like at the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (Bonn, 30 April-10 May) and answered participants' questions.



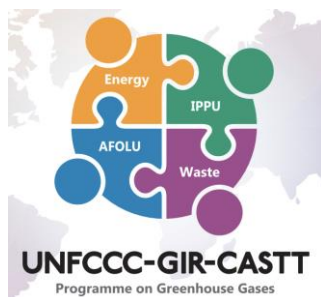
[Listen to the webinar](#) that took place on 18 April 2018 - and view Minister Seruiratu's presentation - to learn more about the methodology and approach to the dialogue.

[Read more about the Talanoa Dialogue process here](#)

Source: UNFCCC

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## Greenhouse Gas Inventory Training: Apply Now!



UN Climate Change and the Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Research Center of Korea (GIR) are offering a training programme on supporting the transparency of climate action. The programme will provide professional training on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories to national experts from developing countries.

Government officials, consultants and researchers in the fields of greenhouse gas emissions, emission reductions or more generally in the response to climate change should apply by 7 May, 2018.

[Read more and learn how to apply here](#)

Source: *UN Climate Change*

## Accelerating Climate Tech



Experts from the tech sector met in Bonn earlier this year, to explore how to boost climate tech incubators and accelerators in developing countries.

The goal was to identify how to scale up the efforts of these initiatives, which provide vital life-support to

small climate tech firms and entrepreneurs.

Such initiatives play a key role in the innovation of new climate technologies that we need to achieve the Paris Agreement.

[Read more and watch the webcast of the event here](#)

Source: *TT:Clear*

## Highlights from RCC Bangkok

### International Market Mechanisms and Transparency under the Paris Agreement

Article 6 and 13 Workshop | Bangkok, Thailand |  
26-27 February, 2018



The Paris Agreement has opened the doors to greater cooperation and enhanced transparency; however, the shape of these cooperative and transparency mechanisms is currently under negotiation. To understand where countries in Asia and the Pacific region stand on these issues our partner [IGES](#), in

close collaboration with RCC Bangkok, hosted a workshop entitled "International Market Mechanisms and Transparency Under the Paris Agreement".

Read more about the outcomes of the workshop [here](#)

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## Accelerating Deployment of Renewable Energy and Improving Energy Efficiency in Asia and the Pacific

**Side-event at Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development | Bangkok, Thailand | 30 March, 2018**

To highlight the urgent need to accelerate and scale-up clean energy innovation, RCC Bangkok, along with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), hosted a side-event at the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development.

The side-event explored innovative tools and instruments available to accelerate the transition to affordable and access to energy for all. Our panelists came from UNDP, UN Environment, IGES, NDC Partnership, SEI, SouthPole, AIT, and RCC Bangkok. You can access their presentations below.

[Find the presentations here](#)



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## Climate Neutral at APFSD 2018

**Interactive offsetting booth | Bangkok, Thailand | 28-30 March, 2018**



RCC Bangkok set up an interactive offsetting station at the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD). Participants to the forum were able to use the Climate Neutral Now Voluntary Cancellation 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.

[Offset your emissions here](#)

[Learn more about how you can contribute here](#)

## Finance for Climate Action

### Easier Access to GCF Resources for Smaller-Scale Activities



To simplify and streamline the approval of certain small-scale projects, particularly from direct access entities, the GCF's Board has recently approved a "Simplified Approval Process" (SAP). The new process is expected to reduce the time and effort required to go from project concept to implementation.

The SAP is now operational and accepting proposals.

[More details here](#)

Source: Green Climate Fund

### Reading Material: Banking on Sunshine



Solar energy dominated global investment in new power generation at unprecedented levels in 2017, according to a new report by UN Environment, that underlines that clean energy makes sense not only for the climate but for the global economy as well.

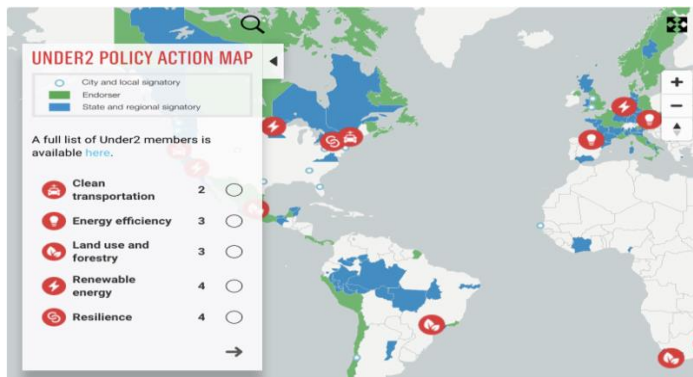
[Read the report here](#)

Source: UN Environment

# Signing off

## Navigate around the globe through the lens of climate action

The Climate Group has launched a brand new interactive Under2 Policy Action Map, illustrating the brilliant climate action being undertaken by so many states and regions around the world.



The Under2 Policy Action Map features case studies from Under2 signatories from around the world, covering a range of topics from renewable energy and resilience to clean transportation and land use.

It showcases concrete and innovative policies, programs and projects implemented by

leading states and regions to reach their climate targets.

Take a look and be inspired by these amazing examples of climate action!

[Try it out here](#)

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