



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Greetings from RCC Bangkok!

Sharing knowledge and experiences on climate action can be a powerful tool to increase climate ambition. The **UN Climate Action Summit**, to be convened in September 2019, will be one of the largest gatherings to boost ambition and accelerate action to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change leading to COP25. In advance of this landmark summit, the Asia-Pacific region is committing to climate action.

In this latest edition of our newsletter, we bring you information on climate action in 2018 with the UN Climate Change Annual Report; platforms for exchange of knowledge on climate action from around the region; reports on climate finance, technology needs and the better measurement of GHG emissions; and some exciting news from the New York Yankees!

Read on for more.

Your partner in climate action
RCC Bangkok

Committing to Climate Action

The UN Climate Change Annual Report for 2018



UN Climate Change recently launched its Annual Report, highlighting the progress made on tackling climate change in 2018 and the ways in which the international community can raise ambition and achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The report reminds us of all that the global community has accomplished in 2018 when it comes to climate action. However, in the words of UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa, "we must not forget that this is only the beginning of a new era of climate ambition. We must do much more, and we must do it now."

Read more [here](#)

Source: *UN Climate Change*

2019 Global Youth Video Competition Now Open for Applications



Young people from around the world are encouraged to submit videos to the 2019 Global Youth Video Competition showcasing positive solutions on three themes: Nature-based Solutions for Food and Human Health; Cities and

Local Action to Combat Climate Change; and Nature-Based Solutions to balance the use of land for people and ecosystems.

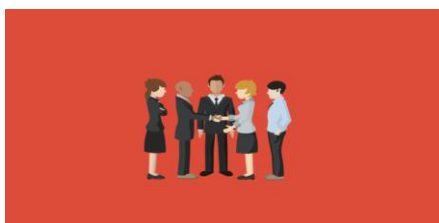
One winner will be selected from each category and the three winners will attend the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile, in December 2019. The winning videos will be screened in front of a global audience at the conference.

Entrants must be between 18 and 30 years of age and should submit a maximum 3-minute video by **28 July 2019** on one of the themes outlined above.

[Find out more here.](#)

Source: *UN Climate Change*

Bridging Knowledge Gaps to Scale Up Adaptation



The first phase of the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative (LAKI) identified **85 priority adaptation knowledge gaps** across six subregions: Andean, West Asia/Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), North Africa, Southern Africa, Indian Ocean islands, and Hindu Kush Himalayan.

The next phase of the LAKI was welcomed by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to UN Climate Change in May 2018, and work has already begun to narrow priority knowledge gaps identified in the first phase.

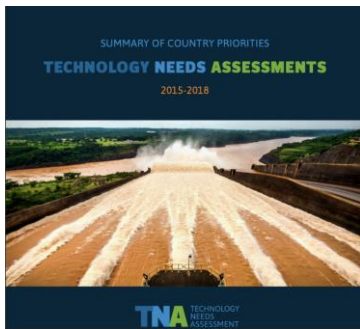
Are you/your organization interested in closing adaptation knowledge gaps in developing regions and small island states?

Adopt an adaptation knowledge gap and help scale up climate ambition today!

[Find out more here](#) or write to nwp@unfccc.int for further details.

Source: *UN Climate Change*

Understanding Technology Needs a Starting Point for Effective Action on Climate Change



Before investing in technologies for climate change mitigation and adaptation it is essential to assess a country's specific needs and circumstances. This information can then be used to set priorities and identify the appropriate technologies for investment.

Technology Needs Assessments (TNA) are designed to do precisely this, and then guide a country towards implementation of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement. Through the TNA project, UN Environment and UN Climate Change, together with UNEP DTU

Partnership, helps developing countries assess their technology needs for mitigating and adapting to climate change.

An overview on 21 countries' climate technology priorities, identified in their TNAs and Technology Action Plans prepared between 2014 and 2018 has been published by UNEP DTU Partnership and the UN Climate Change secretariat.

Read the overview brochure [here](#).

Source: UN Environment and UN Climate Change

What's New

Understanding Finance Needs in Melanesia



The secretariat of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG), in close collaboration with the UN Climate Change, hosted a workshop on 10-11 April 2019 at the MSG headquarters in Port Vila, Vanuatu, on validating climate finance assessments, needs and priorities to finalize the **MSG Needs-based Climate Finance Strategy**, and to develop a Means of Implementation Framework.

This project will enable greater access and mobilization of public and private finance both domestic and international for climate adaptation and mitigation programmes and projects in the Melanesian states.

The development and implementation of the strategy including organization of workshops, are jointly supported by the Sustainable Development Mechanisms (SDM) and Finance, Technology, and Capacity-building (FTC) programmes of the UNFCCC secretariat. RCC Bangkok was also engaged in the process and will continue to provide regional coordination, intelligence, and support in the next phases of the project.

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

[Read more from the MSG here](#)

Source: MSG Secretariat

Energizing Entrepreneurs to Tackle Climate Change



The UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee (TEC) acknowledges the important role of entrepreneurs in developing technologies, business models and services that society can use to achieve low-emission and climate-resilient sustainable development.

In this regard, the TEC published a new brief entitled "**Energizing entrepreneurs to tackle climate change: Addressing climate change through innovation**". The policy brief suggests ways of encouraging, guiding and supporting entrepreneurs in their efforts to innovate climate technologies.

Read the brief [here](#).

All about Korea Global Adaptation Week



Korea Global Adaptation Week: Supporting countries' efforts to raise adaptation ambition

Read more about the exciting events that took place at Korea Global Adaptation Week, 8-12 April 2019, including the [National Adaptation Plan \(NAP\) Expo 2019](#), [Adaptation Forum](#), [GCF Technical Expert Meeting on Adaptation](#), and [Resilience Frontiers](#), which is a UN inter-agency effort on collective foresight to maximize climate resilience beyond 2030.

Korea Global Adaptation Week was hosted by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and co-organized by UN Climate Change, the Korea Environment Institute (KEI) Korea Adaptation Centre for Climate Change (KACCC) and the Incheon Metropolitan City.

Source: UN Climate Change

Upcoming Regional Events



[2019 MENA Regional High-Level Forum on Green Economy | 2 - 4 July | Manama, Bahrain](#)

The conference offers an open and conducive knowledge sharing setting aimed at support participants in enhancing their understanding on the trends and opportunities on the way towards advancing Green Economy agenda in the MENA Region.

[2019 Europe/CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy | 8 - 10 July | Tashkent, Uzbekistan](#)

RCC Bangkok will organize a high-level session at the conference on 9 July entitled **Regional Coordination on Climate Action: Facilitating the transition to a climate friendly green economy in Europe/CIS region**.

Highlights from Bangkok

Green Economy Solutions for Asia and the Pacific Region

WGEO Asia-Pacific Regional High-Level Forum on Green Economy | Bangkok, Thailand | 10-12 June 2019

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) 2019 Asia-Pacific Regional High-Level Forum on Green Economy was convened in Bangkok with the goal of raising awareness by showcasing and scaling up the impact of successful evidence-based green economy solutions crafted and tested by countries in the Asia-Pacific region.



RCC Bangkok organized a special session during the Forum where representatives from national governments, international and regional organizations, and the private sector shared their perspective on how to make the transition to a green economy a reality.

Read more about the Asia-Pacific Regional High-Level Forum on Green Economy [here](#).

RCC Bangkok working with Cambodia and Laos to better measure climate action in the region

CDM Standardized Baseline Workshop | Phnom Penh, Cambodia | 4 April 2019

Cambodia, in collaboration with RCC Bangkok, is laying the groundwork for advancing climate action, specifically for advancing their capacities to more accurately measure climate action undertaken in their country by developing a Standardized Baseline for its national grid emission factor (GEF).



Establishing an approved GEF will make it easier for project developers to determine baseline emissions from the Cambodia power grid for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects. Furthermore, an established GEF brings various other benefits to a country, including accurate measurement of emissions and reductions for the purposes of reporting on NDC achievement, results-based climate finance and NAMA projects.

Find the presentations from the workshop [here](#).

Supporting Increased Understanding of GCF Financing Instruments

ONEP, GIZ, IGES Regional Workshop | Bangkok, Thailand | 26-27 March 2019

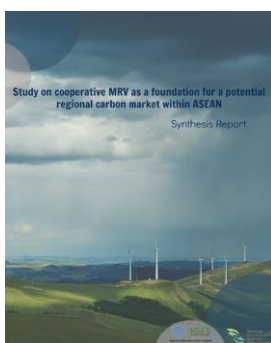


Financing instruments under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) can provide crucial support for nations to achieve their emission reduction targets under the Paris Agreement.

Thailand's Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), IGES, together with the RCC Bangkok team, and GIZ Thailand organized a workshop to support Thai financial institutions leverage funding opportunities from the GCF.

Read the summary of the workshop [here](#).

Study on Cooperative MRV as a Foundation for a Potential Regional Carbon Market within ASEAN



In 2017, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States agreed to explore the possibility of developing a harmonized approach to measuring, reporting and verifying (MRV) greenhouse gas emissions as a first step towards further regional collaboration on carbon markets.

As part of the ASEAN-CIACA collaboration framework, the UNFCCC/IGES Regional Collaboration Center in Bangkok has completed a study on cooperative MRV as a foundation for a potential regional carbon market within ASEAN.

You can read the country reports and the synthesis report [here](#).

For more information about the CI-ACA initiative and to find out what it has achieved globally, check out the article **Towards Carbon Pricing in Developing Countries** in the latest edition of the [Carbon Mechanisms Review](#).

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Finance for Climate Action

A Call for Action: Climate change as a source of financial risk



The climate-focused Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), a coalition of 34 central banks which was formed in 2017, released its first major report in April 2019.

The report, entitled A Call to Action, makes recommendations for central banks, supervisors, policymakers and financial institutions to enhance

their role in the greening of the financial system and the managing of environment and climate-related risks.

Check out the summary of recommendations [here](#)

Read the full report [here](#).

Source: NGFS

PFAN Call for Proposals



PFAN has issued a special call for proposals for projects that deliver **adaptation-related and climate resilience benefits** in low- and middle-income countries.

In the coming months, PFAN will be soliciting applications from businesses with commercially viable projects that can demonstrate that they contribute to a decrease in climate vulnerability and/or an increase in climate resilience.

The deadline for submission of proposals for the Asia and the Pacific region is **16 August 2019**.

More information [here](#).

Source: PFAN

Signing off

Our Planet in Our Hands



Narrated by Sir David Attenborough, this eight-part series showcases the world's natural wonders, iconic species and wildlife spectacles that still remain and the impacts of climate change on these wonders. This series reminds us that we must act now to safeguard the future of our pale blue dot. There is no Planet B.

Learn more about Our Planet and what you can do to help [here](#).

Climate Neutral Now



[The sports world scores for climate action!](#)

On 21 April, the New York Yankees baseball team joined UNFCCC's **Sports for Climate Action Framework** and announced this at the beginning of a game with representatives of the United Nations. That same day, Real Betis from La Liga soccer league in Spain announced its participation in UNFCCC's

Climate Neutral Now initiative and played with a special shirt to celebrate.

Since then, multiple sports organizations, such as Norway's Ski Jump and Ice Hockey National Teams and the National Basketball Association (NBA) of the United States, have

joined others, including FIFA, the International Olympics Committee, Formula E, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympics and many others, in accelerating climate action through the sports framework.

Gamified climate action in Asia!

Citizens in Republic of Korea and China can now take individual action on climate and be recognized for it, while also enjoying, sharing and learning.

The UN Climate Change, through Climate Neutral Now, has launched a collaboration with [W-Foundation](#) of Korea and [Lvdoya](#) of China to incorporate compensation of emissions in their Hooxi and Lvdoya apps respectively. Through the apps, individuals learn how to reduce their emissions and are challenged to take action in a fun way. They also receive benefits for reducing their emissions, which they can use to purchase goods and services. They can also compensate for their emissions using certified emission reductions from Clean Development Mechanism projects.

Join the action! Join the Climate Action!
Join [Climate Neutral Now!](#)

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