

Dear RCC Kampala Stakeholders,

As we celebrate our five-year anniversary, RCC Kampala team is delighted to bring you our May 2018 news edition. In this edition, you will find a showcase of events and activities that drive climate action in the region and as you read through, you will also find calls for proposals. Finally, it avails ways you can contribute to global climate action. Join us in celebrating our wooden anniversary!

Happy reading.

The RCC Kampala Team

### RCC Kampala celebrates five years!!

The Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Kampala together with its host partner the East African Development Bank (EADB) will be marking their five-year anniversary in May this year. RCC Kampala has made great achievements in prospering Climate action on the ground which include forming instrumental partnerships, conducting capacity enhancement activities, and has an ambitious future ahead to catalyze an effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals in up to 24 African Countries. Happy anniversary!! For further information, please contact <u>UNFCCC RCC Kampala</u>

### Excerpt from Africa Climate Week

#### Africa's First Talanoa Dialogue

The first regional Talanoa event took place as part of the Africa Climate Week in Nairobi, Kenya where delegates had discussions on Finance, Carbon markets, Energy, Technology, and achieving Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs).The <u>Talanoa Dialogue</u> was launched at the UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn (COP 23), Germany, in November 2017. Please find more details on the discussion <u>here</u>.

#### Defining the needs and priorities for Africa in the transition from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement

13 April 2018: UNFCCC RCC Kampala together with GIZ, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), and Carbon Africa held a workshop on Enhancing climate action in Africa - The transition from Kyoto to Paris. Find details <u>here</u>



### **Clean Development Mechanism**

#### Peddling for climate: Earn Credits from Bicycle projects



UN's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Board now allows projects that increase bicycle use to earn carbon credits. At the 99th Executive Board meeting, a methodology was approved for calculating emissions reductions achieved by projects that establish bicycle lanes, bicycle parking, and

bicycle sharing programmes. Find the full report here

# Finance and Technical Support for green projects

# Applications Now Open for Climate and Nature Conservation Projects in Developing Countries



United Nations QIAO Plan on Climate Change and Nature Conservation, established as a Partnership between the UN Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the Beijing Qiaonyu Foundation has made available funds for organizations working in developing countries. Funds with an initial amount of USD 13.5 million will be made available for projects between 2018 and 2023 under the themes of Scaling Up Sustainable Energy Solutions, Nature Conservation with Climate Co-benefits, and Business and CSOs Climate Innovation for Sustainable Development. Find details and how to apply here.

Source: UNOSSC Website

#### Call for Proposals for Climate & Clean Energy Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia

The Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) has published a call for proposals for climate and clean energy projects and businesses in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia to help entrepreneurs develop and refine financially viable and socially and environmentally sustainable business plans.



Projects are to receive no-cost coaching benefit from PFAN's Investment Facilitation services. Entrepreneurs initiating or scaling-up energy and other climate change-related projects are invited to apply. Kindly note that this is an open-ended call without a deadline. For details, please visit <u>PFAN website</u>

Source: PFAN website



# Green Challenge for startups completion 2018

Postcode Lottery is helping start-ups from around the world to bring their CO2 reducing innovations to the market. This will be the 12th international competition to be organized with the 2017 Green Challenge won by the Rwandese start-up EarthEnable which presented a sustainable alternative to cement. Green entrepreneurs can submit their business plans until 1 June of which five entries will be selected for the finale in Amsterdam on 13 September 2018. A tune of €500,000 is up for grabs as first prize and all finalists will receive over six months of expert coaching to optimize their business opportunities. Find out more about the challenge here and apply

#### Innovative window to open for clean energy projects

The Energy and Environment Partnership covering Southern and East Africa (EEP Africa) has announced an innovative window providing early stage grant and catalytic financing to innovative clean energy projects, technologies and business models to be open on 15 May 2018. Funds between EUR 200,000 and EUR 1 million will be available in this window. Submit applications by the end of June 2018. For details about the call, kindly visit <u>here</u>.

### **Take Climate Action!**



#### **Sustainable Development Co-Benefits Tool**

Showcase the sustainable development benefits of your Clean Development

Mechanism (CDM) project to potential buyers and other stakeholders through the <u>Sustainable Development (SD) co-benefits platform</u>.

# Online platform to reduce your footprint while supporting a green project

Contribute to climate action through the voluntary cancellation platform in just a few quick steps! This unique offer helps to support projects that contribute to sustainable development in developing countries and reduce greenhouse gases. Receive a customized UN offset certificate now by visiting the <u>voluntary cancellation platform</u>.

## Join the Global Climate Action through Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA)!

A global platform that captures the commitments to climate action by companies, cities, subnational regions, civil society organizations and investors. NAZCA plays a key role in providing visibility and tracking the diversity of climate action and mobilizing broader engagement to help countries achieve and exceed their national commitments. Find information on who is acting and how you can join here.

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