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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Welcome readers to the world of climate actions! We hope you are staying safe during this extraordinary time.

The 30th July marked the cut-off date for the submission of new or updated nationally determined contributions ([NDCs](#)) to be included in a synthesis report that will be issued later this year, ahead of COP26. The IPCC's update on the physical science basis of climate change, published in the beginning of this month, clearly reminds us that the level of ambition reflected in those national climate action plans still needs to be enhanced.

Countries can, of course, continue to enhance the ambition of their respective NDCs. If needed, an update of the report's key findings may eventually be prepared to take account of information received after 30 July.

Some encouraging news from the region include submission of the Indonesian Long-term Strategy for Low Carbon and Climate Resilience 2050 (LTS-LCCR 2050) on 22 July 2021, last month's submission of Samoa's 2nd NDC and updated NDC submission by Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Find more below in our "NDC Updates from around the region".

A climate warning that shouldn't go unnoticed - deadly floods have upended life in both China and Germany. [Climate-proof housing](#) and infrastructure will be expensive, but the cost of inaction is higher. As highlighted in the recent [IPCC report](#) and by the UN Secretary General; the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk. Global heating is affecting every region on Earth, with many of the changes becoming irreversible. The internationally agreed threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius is perilously close.

Read on for more!

Your partner in climate action,
RCC Bangkok

**New Report highlights the Accomplishments of
the Global Network of UNFCCC Regional
Collaboration Centres in 2020**

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The UN Climate Change secretariat launched the RCC Annual Report 2020 titled **"Making a Difference: Enabling Action and Ambition for the Paris Agreement"**. The report shows how regional collaboration in 2020 helped address climate change internationally and helped build momentum towards the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow in November of this year.

In 2021 and beyond, RCC Bangkok looks forward to more engagement with stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific. For inquiries, please contact: rccbangkok@unfccc.int

REPORT FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS

NDC Implementation: Good Practices in the Pacific Successfully Concluded



Over 80 participants, including representatives from the Ministries, development partners, and finance institutions from twelve countries from Pacific SIDS participated at the 2-day workshop on **"NDC Implementation: Good Practices in the Pacific"** organized by RCC Bangkok, the NDC Partnership, and the Regional Pacific NDC Hub. This workshop provided an avenue for Pacific SIDS to identify areas where implementation can be fast-tracked to help ensure NDC targets are realized, as well as share good practices on NDC implementation and identify areas of cooperation between countries and development partners.

Read more [here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

The UK Issued Visa Application Guide in Preparation for COP26 in December

Are you planning to attend COP 26? It is less



than 90 days to go! [The UK Office of Visa and Immigration](#) has issued a **COP26 Visa Application Guide**.

Check [here](#) if you require a VISA to travel to Glasgow and apply immediately. For a quicker decision, delegates can use the UK priority services for an additional fee.

[Delegates who are exempt](#) from immigration control are also strongly encouraged to apply – free of charge – for an exempt vignette to confirm their exemption status

[Access Visa Guide Here](#)

Write A Letter to World Leaders – Get Your Voice Heard!



If you could write a letter to world leaders, what would you say? The Champions believe everyone should have a stake in our future. If you feel you can give a voice to the underrepresented, unheard and/or most affected by climate change, [send us a letter](#), which will be posted every day in the last 100 days to COP 26. Letters are accepted from now **until September 1, 2021**.

Race to Zero – Consultation Process

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF RACE TO ZERO

[A year after launching the Race to Zero campaign](#), the High-Level Champions for climate action, Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz, have launched a 10-week [public consultation](#) in which the Champions are calling for [written responses](#) from the public, particularly stakeholders from developing countries to strengthen the campaign and ensure it takes into account regional and developing country context. The Champions will then launch next steps for the Race to Zero on the road to COP 26.

The public consultation will be open **until 3 September, 18:00 ICT**.

Funding Opportunities to Get Involved – Adaptation Fund

[The 2021 Readiness Grants](#) are open from **20 July-20 September**. This includes [Technical Assistance Grants](#) aimed at strengthening the capacity of National Implementing Entities (NIEs) in the areas of



environmental, social and gender risk management as they design, develop and implement concrete adaptation projects and programmes. The grants are also open to countries that need support during the accreditation process, through an NIE that will provide peer support.

For more information, please access [here](#)

NDC UPDATES FROM AROUND THE REGION

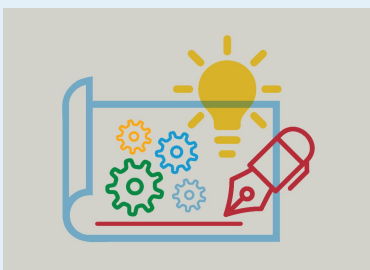
113 New or Updated NDC Submissions before July 31st and Indonesia LT-LEDS



[Indonesia](#), [Solomon Island](#), [Malaysia](#), [Samoa](#), and [Sri Lanka](#) submitted their new or updated NDCs in July. In total, [113 Parties](#) submitted new or updated NDCs before the end of July. The UN Climate Change secretariat is preparing the final version of the NDC Synthesis Report to be published in advance of the pre-COP meeting scheduled on 30 September – 2 October 2021. Additionally, Indonesia also submitted [their Long-Term Low GHG Emissions Development Strategies \(LT-LEDS\)](#) in July.

You can find more information [here](#)

Cataloging Requests to Identify Trends: How the NDC Partnership Manages Knowledge to Accelerate Climate Action



[The NDC Partnership](#) has received more than [4,000 individual requests for NDC enhancement and implementation support](#) since 2017. Looking at the aggregate collection of requests provides key insights on country priorities and support needs, as well as where support is flowing and where it is still needed. This, in turn, helps the Partnership better target its efforts, allowing countries to more efficiently accelerate climate action.

Read more [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENT

Ecosystems and Technology: Innovative Approaches to Strengthening Coastal and Ocean Adaptation



As a part of “Technology Day,” UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee ([TEC](#)), the International Union for Conservation of Nature ([IUCN](#)), the Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation ([FEBA](#)) network in collaboration with the [NWP Expert Group on Oceans](#) is organising an event on “Ecosystem and Technology: Innovative approaches to strengthening Coastal and Ocean Adaptation”. **This event will take place on 6 September 2021 at 14:00 - 15:30 PM (CEST).**

The session will explore and promote innovative approaches to scale adaptation technologies to build resilience in the ocean and coastal settings. This event is organised in conjunction with [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#).

You can find out more about this event by access [here](#)

[NEW RESOURCES AND MATERIALS](#)

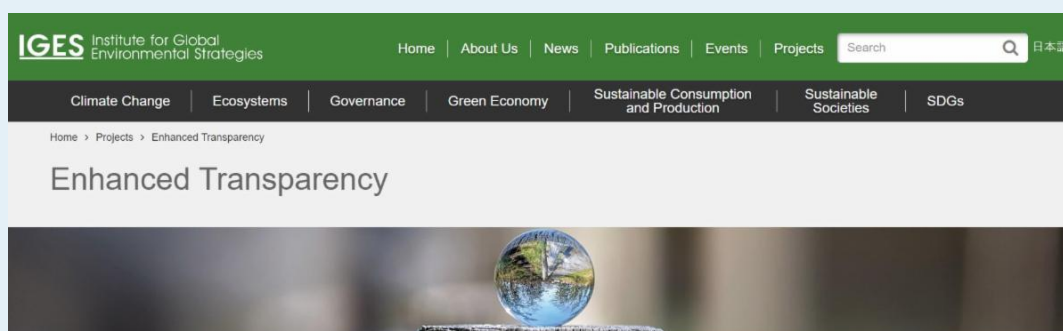
[Video Launch of the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme](#)



A video has been launched with stories from partners to promote the UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme. Check out the video to learn how graduate students are working closely with local, national and regional partners to undertake a research project as a part of their master's theses.

You can watch the video and read more about the partnership programme [here](#)

[Launch of the Special Webpage on Enhanced Transparency Framework](#)



Based on the Paris Agreement's [enhanced transparency framework \(ETF\)](#), countries regularly provide information on their progress with national climate actions. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies ([IGES](#)) supports full implementation of the ETF by all countries, especially in Asia. This [webpage](#) introduces IGES activities on ETF, such as the Mutual Learning Program for Enhanced Transparency (MLP), among other capacity building activities, and also links to relevant research papers and databases.



The RCC Bangkok website is a great resource to find out the ways in which you can contribute to climate action. You can also learn

more about our work in the region and keep abreast of the upcoming events, both virtual and otherwise.

[Visit Our Website Here](#)

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