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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Welcome to 2022 - a year full of hope!

In 2021, climate action in developing countries was underlined as one of the top three global issues requiring urgent attention. As climate crisis remains the biggest long-term threat facing humanity, according to the 2022 [Global Risks Report](#), the agreements and deals made by the 196 nations in Glasgow nudged the world a little closer towards the path to keeping global temperature rises below 1.5C and avoiding the worst of the climate crisis's impacts. Urgency is being ejected by countries by emphasizing shorter-term targets such as halving emissions by 2030 to achieve net zero by 2050.

António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, reiterated the urgent need for the international community to “*go even further and much faster to close the energy access gap and keep the 1.5 degrees goal of the Paris Agreement alive*”, citing the targeted phase out of coal as [climate priority number one](#) at the Virtual World Economic Forum on 17-21 January.

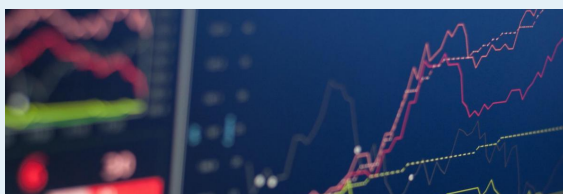
As the world looks forward to the guidelines for how the Paris Agreement is delivered, RCC Bangkok will work together with our regional partners, to help countries and stakeholders enhance their understanding of stronger and well-aligned NDCs and long-term strategies, the carbon market mechanisms, implementing climate actions and promoting building resilience as well as support the achievement of a just transition.

Read on for more!

Your partner in climate action,
RCC Bangkok Team

REPORTS FROM UNFCCC NEWSROOM

UNFCCC Partners with the AirCarbon Exchange to Promote Carbon Offsetting



A key outcome from Glasgow – governments agreed guidelines for how the Paris Agreement is to be delivered, including on Article 6 that establishes a framework for countries to exchange carbon credits through the United Nations and will give market access to all countries

that want to attract green investment through the global carbon market. In this regard, [the partnership](#) of UNFCCC with [AirCarbon Exchange \(ACX\)](#) - **the first exchange in Asia** – will allow ACX clients representing 30 different countries to purchase and retire CERs for their carbon offsetting purposes. RCC Bangkok, in coordination with the Secretariat, will

support countries from the region to enhance their understanding of carbon market mechanisms.

Read more [here](#)

REPORT FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS

The 3rd Capacity-building Hub at COP26 Showcased Efforts toward Greater Climate Actions



RCC Bangkok, RCC Dubai and RCC Kampala along with their regional partners organized and event, titled: [*“Are SMEs ready for Climate Action: sharing global experiences on capacity-building?”*](#)

This event was part of [*the 3rd Capacity-building Hub*](#), which took place at COP 26 on 3-10

November in Glasgow, Scotland. Hosted by the PCCB, the Hub showcased efforts made towards greater climate actions in 2020 and 2021 through the lens of capacity-building. More than 4,700 people attended the Hub in-person or online across six thematic days and 42 sessions.

Learn more about the 3rd Capacity-building Hub and the report [here](#)

NDC UPDATES FROM THE REGION

COP26 Brings Attention to Critical Decade for Climate Actions



At the conclusion of COP26, nations adopted the [*Glasgow Climate Pact*](#) which emphasizes that the 2020s are a critical decade for climate action and support. NDCs, LT-LEDS, and mitigation pledges need to now be urgently translated into real action and transformation on the ground.

The Glasgow Climate Pact calls on countries to “revisit and strengthen” the 2030 targets in their NDCs by the end of 2022 to align them with the Paris Agreement’s temperature goals. It also urges all countries that have not yet done so to submit by COP27 long-term strategies towards just transitions to net zero emissions by or around mid-century.

With Cambodia officially submitting their LT-LEDS on 30 December, there are 13 submissions from Asia and the Pacific, out of the 50 LT-LEDS that have been submitted to the Secretariat in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 19, of the Paris Agreement.

Parties who wish to communicate their long-term strategy to the secretariat are invited to send their submissions to LT-LEDS@unfccc.int

UPCOMING EVENT

**Virtual Event Series: The Asia Regional NDC Clinic
from 15 December 2021 to 8 February 2022**

ONLINE EVENT

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As part of the [Asia Regional NDC Clinic](#) series led by RCC Bangkok's regional partners, UNEP and UNDP under the NDC Action Project and in collaboration with the NDC Partnership, this 2-hour virtual session is designed to allow countries to pose questions, share concerns and challenges they've encountered, as well as share their experience.

Session 3: Promoting Low Emission Sustainable Urban Cooling on 1 February 2022 14:00 - 16:00 pm (GMT+7)

This session aims to provide country policymakers and practitioners with essential information and advice on technical, policy, and financial considerations so they can effectively define and deploy sustainable cooling plan and in due time to incorporate these mitigation measures in future NDC update and other climate, energy and urbanization related strategies.

Register [here](#)

Session 4: Mobilizing Financial Resources and Strengthening Capacity to Invest in NDC Priorities on 8 February 2022 14:00 - 16:00 pm (GMT+7)

This 2-hour virtual session is designed to allow countries to pose questions, share concerns and challenges around financing NDCs. It aims to provide country policymakers and practitioners from financial institutions with essential lessons learned from early movers and policy recommendations on assessing, piloting and utilizing various financial instruments.

Register [here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

MENA Climate Week Registration Now Open



Register Here

Registration for the first-ever Middle East and North Africa Climate Week is now open. MENACW 2022 will be held from 28 February to 3 March 2022 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. This planned in-person meeting kicks off the Regional Climate Weeks 2022 and a new era of cooperation on climate in the region. This is an opportunity for governments, the private sector, cities, indigenous communities, youth and civil society to engage in solution-oriented dialogue, find common ground and collaborate on climate action.

Interested participants are encouraged to register as early as possible by visiting the

NEW RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

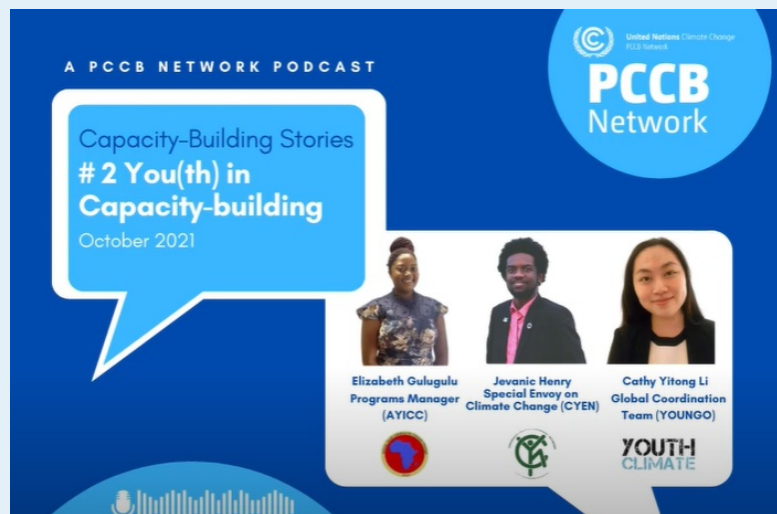
Needs-Based Finance Project (NBF)'s Technical Assessment of Climate Finance in Southeast Asia is Now Published



[Download PDF Here](#)

RCC Bangkok and the UNFCCC Secretariat, through the Needs-based Climate Finance project, in collaboration with the ASEAN secretariat, supports the implementation of the AWGCC Action Plan under the programme area 4 (Climate Finance). This publication informs the readers of the climate finance needs of ASEAN Member States (AMS) to support their national priorities for climate change, highlights the need for targeted and systematic support and the engagement of the AMS in setting up carbon markets and carbon pricing. Results-based finance is a viable option for deriving new and additional sources of climate finance.

Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Network Podcast Episode on Youth Capacity Building is Now Available



Capacity-Building Stories is a podcast by Paris Committee on Capacity-building's Network (PCCB Network) aim to create a space for capacity-building experts, practitioners and enthusiasts of the PCCB Network to share their work, experiences and best practices around climate-related capacity-building.

In this 2nd episode, the three youth representatives, who were speakers at [PCCB side events at 2021 Asia-Pacific Climate Weeks](#), discussed an overarching theme of the role of youth in capacity-building in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, and Africa regions.

You can listen to the podcast [here](#)

New E-Learning Course “Building Resilience to the Risk of Compound and Cascading Disasters in the Context of Climate Change” Now Available on AP-PLAT

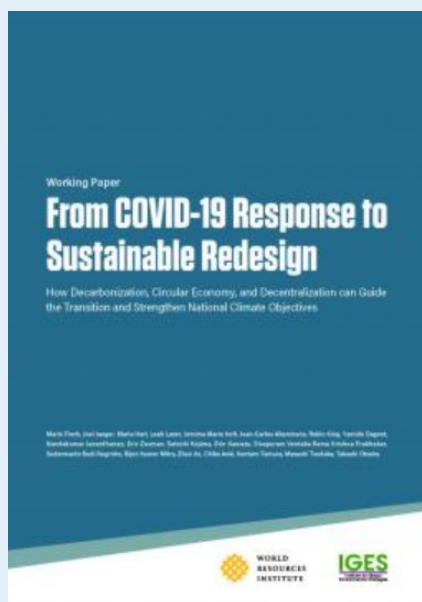


During this era that is defined by the climate crisis, we see a deepening risk of natural disasters. The Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ), along with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), RCC Bangkok host partner, developed an e-learning course titled *"Building Resilience to the Risk of Compound and Cascading Disasters in the Context of Climate Change"*.

This course, now available on [Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Information Platform \(AP-PLAT\)](#), sparking exchange among a broad range of stakeholders, and including discussions about gaps in capacity and needs to strengthen disaster management at the local level to reduce and prevent compound and cascading disasters.

You can find out more about this course, including registration method and learning materials [here](#)

Working Paper: “From COVID-19 Response to Sustainable Redesign: How Decarbonization, Circular Economy, and Decentralization can Guide the Transition and Strengthen National Climate Objectives” is Now Available Online



In this working paper, IGES, RCC Bangkok host partner, provides good practice examples of strategies that governments have already implemented to contribute to a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 and to a longer-term redesign of their economies, aligning with global goals and making recommendations for further action. It draws on information within the Platform for Redesign and external research to examine three transitions that help reframe and prioritise policies to enable a sustainable recovery and redesign: decarbonisation, circular economy, and decentralization

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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.

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