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## Welcome readers to the month that celebrates Women's equality !

The UN Observance of International Women's Day happened on 8 March. This year's [International Women's Day celebration](#) was in recognition and celebration of the women and girls who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation and response, and to honor their leadership and contribution towards a sustainable future.

*"We cannot exclude the voices, knowledge, perspectives, and expertise of 50% of the population...We must have women, in all their diversity, involved at all levels – from climate negotiations to boardrooms to forests and fields, especially in sectors and regions hit hard by the ravages of climate change."* - Patricia Espinosa, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary, in [Why Climate Action Needs Women](#)

One of the major areas of work on women and girls' education and empowerment under the UN Climate Change process is [Action for Climate Empowerment \(ACE\)](#). ACE includes climate education and training in its six elements and its [Gender Action Plan](#). In this edition we are pleased to share the details of our engagement and encourage women and girls to seek out opportunities in our ongoing research work, training sessions and upcoming events.

RCC Bangkok is working with partners to engage with and elevate the voices of youth and women wherever possible. We also encourage women entrepreneurs to sign up for the UN Global Compact's **Climate Ambition Accelerator 2022**.

Read on for more!

Your partner in climate action,  
**RCC Bangkok Team**

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## RCC BANGKOK HIGHLIGHTS

### Second International Conference for Implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement



The 2nd event of the [webinar series](#) was organized on 7 March 2022 by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies ([IGES](#)), with support from UNFCCC Secretariat and COP26/COP27 Presidencies. It focused on specific needs of related governments and the private sector related to the development of institutional and governance framework and capacity and identify issues for the early implementation of market mechanisms.

Regional Lead of RCC Bangkok, Jens Radschinski presented on behalf of the UN Climate Change secretariat and its six Regional Collaborating Centres (RCCs). He shared examples of support for early implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement with a focus on the RCCs experience in capacity-building with aim to accelerate collaboration with stakeholders.

You can access the video recording of this event [here](#).

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## UN Climate Change Universities Programme



[The UN Climate Change and Universities Partnership Programme](#), coordinated by the [Nairobi work programme \(NWP\)](#), is an opportunity for graduate students to work closely with local, national, and regional partners to undertake a research project as a part of producing their master's theses. In January 2022, two student researchers of the NWP partner [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#) (Centre for the study of regional development) in New Delhi commenced a research project, aiming to address a priority knowledge gap on understanding the

impacts of climate change on water resources for the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region.

UN Climate Change (NWP Team), RCC Bangkok, [Global Water Partnership, South Asia](#), and the [World Meteorological Organisation](#) are providing technical inputs to the student researchers.

Read more [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MENACW 2022 Opens 28 March



**The first ever MENA Climate Week, MENACW 2022, opens on 28 March and will run through 31 March in Dubai.** The event features more than 100 thematic sessions, side events and Action Hub sessions. MENACW 2022 is also one of the first opportunities to carry regional momentum forward to COP27 in Egypt.

MENACW 2022 is hosted by the government of the United Arab Emirates and will be held at the Atlantis, The Palm hotel in Dubai. The [Event Programme](#) will help participants chart their MENACW 2022 journey. and an [Information Note](#) was published to help plan travel.

Click [here](#) to join the event in Dubai.

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## Fourth Capacity Building Talks



Building on the [side event at COP 26](#) and the [report](#) from the [Consultation Workshop](#) co-organised by RCC Bangkok in 2021, [the fourth Capacity Building Talk](#) will take place on **19 April 2022**. This event is part of the series “*Strengthening the capacities of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to engage in climate action seize new opportunities*” created by UNFCCC secretariat to facilitate the discussion and provision of information among actors and stakeholders involved in

climate capacity-building.

The series offer a space to exchange knowledge and share best practices, including with a view to strengthening the focus of and work on capacity-building within the UNFCCC process.

You can find out more information about this event [here](#).

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## Online Side Event on Climate Science Literacy in Asia-Pacific at APFSD9



To increase Climate Science Literacy across the Asia-Pacific, the United Nations in Asia-Pacific, through a joint UN working group under the umbrella of the [Issue-Based Coalition \(IBC\)](#) on Building Resilience and the IBC on Climate Change Mitigation and Air Pollution, is building climate science literacy among the public. UN Climate Change and RCC Bangkok are members of this Working Group.

This side event on Climate Science Literacy will take place virtually on **31 March 2022 at 12:45 pm –13:45 pm (GMT+7)** as part of [The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development \(APFSD\)](#). It aims to provide a space to discuss Climate Science Literacy as critically important for ensuring that we all speak with the same vocabulary and build on science-based knowledge when addressing climate issues.

You can register to participate in this side event [here](#).

You can find out more about the APFSD, including the details of this side event [here](#).

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## Save the Date: 2050 Pathways Platform Annual Meeting Virtual Series



The [2050 Pathways Platform](#) Annual Meeting series takes place on 6-13 April 2022. This year, there are four virtual sessions available, including (i) Laying the foundations for long-term [low-emission development strategies \(LTS\)](#); (ii) Engaging stakeholders to ensure a cross-societal buy-in; (iii) International funding for LTS design and implementation; (iv) Policy and development planning. Each session will be held respectively on 6-7 April and 12-13 April at 18:00 pm - 19:30 pm (ICT).

You can register to join [here](#).

## REPORTS FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS

### Support for Developing Countries in Reporting their Climate Action Enhanced



COP26 committed enhanced support for implementing the [Enhanced Transparency Framework](#), including guidance to the role of the [Consultative Group of Experts \(CGE\)](#). At the seventh meeting of the CGE, held virtually on 28 February and 1 March 2022, the group successfully developed its work programme for 2022 – 2026 based on its revised terms of reference, and also identified its key activities for 2022.

The CGE will continue to play a lead role in supporting implementation of the measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention and facilitating the transition to the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement.

Read more [here](#).

### Nationally Determined Contributions and Long-term Strategies (LTS): Two Sides of the Same Coin?

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**Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-term Strategies (LTS): two sides of the same coin?**

Wednesday, 16 March 2022  
13:00 CET | 8:00 EST

NDC PARTNERSHIP | United Nations Climate Change | 2050 PATHWAYS PLATFORM

The recently concluded webinar, organized by the NDC-Partnership, 2050 Pathways Platform and the UNFCCC secretariat, along with key global partners, invited participants to gain a deeper understanding of the LTS concept, its links to the NDCs, and the key challenges and opportunities countries are facing when developing the two in a consistent and coordinated way.



Country speakers shared their own experiences, highlighting knowledge gathered along the way and their support needs. This was complemented by presentations from institutional partners who dove into the opportunities to align NDCs and LTS, including discussion on where immediate efforts are best placed in 2022 and the lead-up to the next NDC update round in 2025.

You can watch the video recording of this event [here](#).

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### Call for Submissions in Response to the COP 26 Mandates



The UN Climate Change secretariat invites Parties and other stakeholders to share submissions as requested at various COP 26 sessions in Glasgow. Access the full list of calls for submission and respective mandates [here](#).

We are bringing to reader's attention the upcoming submission deadlines in March and April 2022 as listed below:

- [Fourth review of the Adaptation Fund](#) (by **31 March 2022**)
- [Gender and climate change](#) (by **31 March 2022**)
- [Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change](#) (by **31 March 2022**)
- [Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – 6.2](#) (by **31 March 2022**)
- [Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings](#) (by **29 April 2022**)
- [Response measures forum and its Katowice Committee on Impacts](#) (by **30 April 2022**)
- [Glasgow Sharm el Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation](#) (by **30 April 2022**)
- [Matters relating to the SCF – ways to achieve Article 2.1\(c\) of the Paris Agreement](#) (by **30 April 2022**)
- [Methodological issues under the Paris Agreement](#) (by **30 April 2022**)

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## Registration for Climate Ambition Accelerator 2022 is Now Open



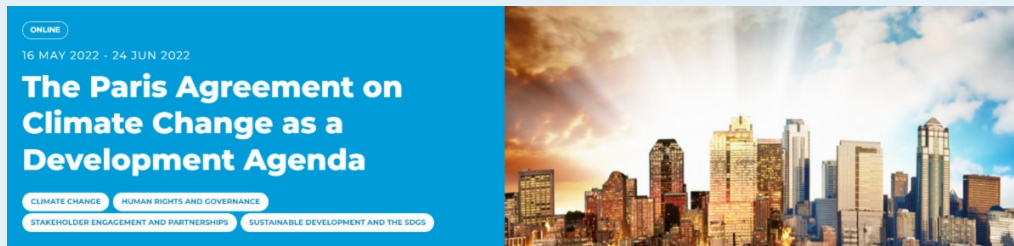
Led by the [United Nations Global Compact](#), the Climate Ambition Accelerator is a six-month accelerator programme designed to equip companies with the knowledge and skills they need to accelerate progress towards setting science-based emissions reduction targets aligned with the 1.5°C pathway, setting them on a path towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

The application will be open from **1 March – 30 April 2022**. Interested candidate can sign up to attend the information session on 31 March 2021 at 13:00pm GMT+7.

You can find more information [here](#).

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## Free Online Course on Paris Agreement Now Open for Registration



This joint UN Climate Change - UNSSC online course titled “The Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a Development Agenda”, offers a holistic and integrated approach to climate change and demonstrates the interlinkages and interdependencies between sustainable development and climate change to make informed policy choices towards carbon-neutral and climate-resilient sustainable development.

The duration of the course will be 16 May - 24 June 2022, with registration now open from today until **18 April 2022**.

More information on this course [here](#).

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## UN SDG Action Awards Open the Call for Applications and Nominations Now!



The UN SDG Action Awards is powered by the [UN SDG Action Campaign](#), a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General housed in the UN Development Programme, mandated to scale up, broaden and sustain the global movement of action for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Please find the announcement to a call for applications and nominations for the 2022 UN SDG Action Awards and hope that we can count on your support to find those who are

flipping the script and rethinking how we live and what progress and development look like. **Applications are open from today until 1 May 2022.**

More information on the awards and how to apply [here](#).

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## First Technical Expert Dialogue on NCQG on Climate Finance kicks off in South Africa



Parties decided by decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 53 to take USD100 billion as a floor to set a [new collective quantified goal \(NCQG\)](#) taking into account existing target, and needs and priorities of developing countries. The first from the four series of **technical expert dialogues**

this year will kick off in Cape Town, South Africa from 24 to 25 March 2022. The dialogue will be facilitated by the co-chairs of the NCQG, Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Federica Fricano appointed by His Excellency Alok Sharma, President of COP 26, CMP 16 and CMA 3.

The event will provide an opportunity for governments, the private sector, and other stakeholders to get together and exchange their views on this topic.

To register for this event, kindly complete the online registration form accessible [here](#). For inquiries, please contact the Climate Finance Team at [ClimateFinance@unfccc.int](mailto:ClimateFinance@unfccc.int)

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## NEW RESOURCE AND MATERIAL

### Materials from “The Second Zero Carbon City International Forum 2022” are Available for Download



Ministry of Environment Japan (MOEJ), the UN Climate Change secretariat, and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), RCC Bangkok host partner, co-organized [“Zero Carbon City International Forum 2022”](#) on 8-10 March 2022.

This forum aimed to discuss how multi-level governance can facilitate local and national climate actions. Subnational governments are playing an increasingly important role in setting out and implementing the framework of local climate actions to achieve the goal of net zero emissions. While this will not be an easy task, it gives opportunities to build back better from the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

You can find details and recordings from the forum [here](#).

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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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