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Dear RCC Stakeholder,

Greetings from RCC Bangkok and welcome back from COP 26!

We are delighted to share with you our November 2021 Newsletter. In this edition, we begin with a report on COP26 and other RCC Bangkok events. We also include two funding opportunities as shared by the NDC Partnership and four important recent resources.

COP26 deliberations [ended on 13 November 2021](#) in Glasgow. Under the UK presidency and with the support of the UNFCCC secretariat, nations of the world forged agreements that strengthen ambition across three pillars of collective climate action. Adaptation, mitigation and finance are all strengthened in a complex and delicate balance supported by all Parties.

In addition, a key outcome is the conclusion of the Paris rulebook. Agreement was reached on the fundamental norms related to Article 6 on carbon markets, which will make the Paris Agreement fully operational. This will give certainty and predictability to both market and non-market approaches in support of mitigation as well as adaptation. Negotiations on the Enhanced Transparency Framework also concluded, providing agreed formats for accounting and reporting progress on targets and emissions.

Regional collaboration was in focus at COP26, with a [Regional Climate Weeks 2021 COP26 Communique High-Level Event](#) to hand over key takeaways from the Weeks to the COP26 Presidency. The Glasgow Pact calls on all stakeholders to use the Regional Climate Weeks as a platform to strengthen credible and durable climate action.

Building momentum for whole-of-society climate action is something that RCC Bangkok is working towards. At the [UN High-Level Event for Global Climate Action](#), “Racing to a Better World”, the High-Level Climate Champions reported on non-state actor progress and set out [a five-year plan to accelerate delivery](#) this decade.

We hope you enjoy our latest RCC Bangkok Newsletter.

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

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## [REPORTS FROM COP26](#)

[Regional Climate Weeks 2021 High-Level Communique](#)



Throughout 2021, [the Regional Climate Weeks 2021](#) convened more than 12,000 participants and helped build momentum towards COP26. A Global High-Level Event at COP26 in Glasgow recognized the contribution of all Regional Climate Weeks 2021 stakeholders by bringing together the COP President, host government ministers, and heads of global organizing partners – UN Climate Change, UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme, and the World Bank.

At the event, the organizing partners presented a Regional Climate Weeks 2021 COP26 [Communique](#) and a package of Regional Climate Weeks 2021 outputs to the UK COP26 Presidency as a resource for implementation.

Read more about RCW COP26 Communique [here](#)

You can watch a recorded webcast of RCW Global High-Level event [here](#)

***RCC Bangkok supported the organization of the Asia Pacific Climate Week 2021 and we are looking forward to meeting you again in 2022!***

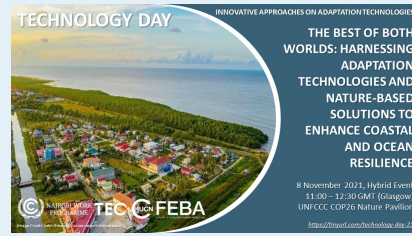
## Are SMEs Ready for Climate Action? — Event to Highlight SMEs' Roles in Climate Actions Successfully Concluded

An event poster for the 3rd Capacity-building Hub at COP 26. The title is 'Are SMEs ready for Climate Action: sharing global experiences on capacity-building?'. The event is moderated by Mr. Alejandro Kilpatrick. The poster lists seven speakers: Mr. Kaveh Zahedi (UNESCAP), Ms. Sanda Ojiambo (UN Global Compact), Mr. Kareem Hassan (UNESCWA Technology Centre for Development), Ms. Rehmah Kasule (CEDA International), Mr. Stein Hansen (UNIDO, Asla and the Pacific), Mr. Santiago Alba-Corral (IDRC), and Mr. Alejandro Kilpatrick (UN Climate Change). The objective is to enhance understanding of SMEs' climate actions and capacity-building needs. The event is on 8 November 2021, 10:15-11:15 GMT. It can be attended in-person at the Capacity Building Hub at COP26, virtually on the COP 26 platform, or via a live webcast. Logos for IGES, eadp, and IDRC-CRDI are also present.

Regional Collaboration Centres in Bangkok, Dubai, and Kampala and UN Climate Change Secretariat in collaboration with regional partners jointly concluded an event at COP26 on 8th November that reiterated SMEs are not only the key economic drivers on their own but also impetus into Multinational companies (MNCs) and larger business supply chains. Hence, SMEs can pave the way for greening entrepreneurship, mitigating climate change, enhancing adaptive capacities, and building climate resilient actions by addressing the capacity building needs and gaps for Climate Action.

Watch the recorded webcast and access the summary report of this event [here](#)

# Needs-Based Finance and Innovative Solutions Highlighted at COP26 Side Events



## High-Level Event on the Needs of Developing Countries Highlighted Progresses Made on Climate Finance Access and Mobilization

In 12 participating regions, over 100 countries are engaged in a strategy design process for the mobilization of climate finance to support the implementation of priority mitigation and adaptation needs. [The High-Level event](#) was given an opening remarks by the UNFCCC Executive Secretary and the LDC Chair from Bhutan. It also highlighted an account of the support provided and progress made in facilitating access to and mobilization of climate finance under the [Needs-Based Finance Project](#).

You can find the latest update on the NBF project [here](#)

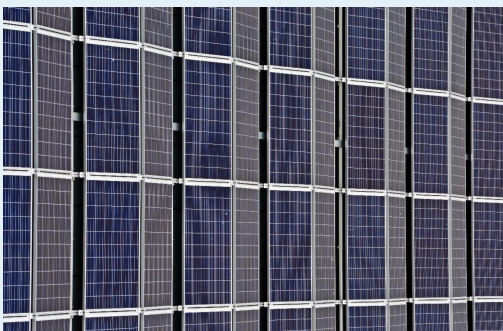
## Harnessing Adaptation Technologies and Nature-based Solutions to Enhance Coastal/Ocean Resilience

This hybrid event at COP26 focused on policy integration, finance, capacity building, and other aspects of the enabling environment for implementation to accelerate the uptake and scaling-up of integrated adaptation solutions that harness the best of both nature-based solutions and technology to build ocean and coastal resilience. The Technology Executive Committee ([TEC](#)) plans to continue organizing Tech Day events on various topics and invites interested development partners to collaborate in the future.

You can watch event recordings [here](#)

## REPORT FROM CONCLUDED EVENT

### The CDM Executive Board Met for Its 112th Meeting on 26-29 October 2021



At the recently concluded 112th meeting of the CDM Executive Board (CDM EB) on 26 - 29 October 2021, the Board considered issues ranging from governance and management to regulatory matters and also provided case-specific rulings. In particular, the Board adopted the CDM two-year business and management plan (MAP) 2022–2023. On regulatory matters, the Board approved a revision to one tool (TOOL27: Investment Analysis) and one small-scale methodology (AMS-III.BK on feed supplementation in the smallholder dairy sector).

The Board further extended the period in which the DOEs may apply alternative measures of validation/verification to mandatory on-site inspections by DOEs because of travel restrictions caused by COVID-19 until 30 June 2022.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED



### Members of The NDC Partnership Announce the Partnership Action Fund to Help Developing Countries Implement their NDCs

At COP 26, The NDC Partnership launched the [Partnership Action Fund \(PAF\)](#), with the at-launch commitments of \$33 million that members will be able to access in order to quickly respond to a developing country's needs. By pooling funds and making them readily available, the PAF enables a wide range of Partnership members to respond rapidly to country needs, with funding deployed to amplify members' impact.

Read more [here](#)



### Call for Proposals: Regional Accelerator for Agriculture, Climate and Energy (RAACE) - Regional Expert required

The LEDS GP has designed the Regional Accelerator for Agriculture, Climate and Energy (RAACE) under which regional embedded experts will play a facilitating and advisory role in assisting project developers and government officials in securing financing for priority projects and low-carbon investment.

Interested candidates can find more information on this position [here](#)

NDC Partnership and RCC Bangkok are working together in this region and part of the RCC Bangkok team!

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## NDC UPDATES FROM THE REGION

### New Report Available: Is 1.5°C within Reach for the Region? Ambition and Potential of NDC Commitments of the Asia-Pacific Countries

This report provides a scenario-based assessment of the collective NDC commitments of countries in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as their commitments to action including net-zero goals, carbon pricing commitments and removal of fossil-fuel subsidies. It also explores the steps countries in the region have been taking to build up the capacity to enable more action, such as climate finance budgeting, and



monitoring and reporting.



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## Unlocking Renewable Energy Access in the Pacific



The NDC Partnership, with funding from the UK Government, is supporting the Government of Fiji in developing a private sector-led renewable energy funding facility. The goal of the funding facility is to expand the pipeline of renewable energy projects in the region through highly capitalized, blended financing. It also aims to attract private sector investment at scale and provide an end-to-end investment solution for renewables in Fiji

and throughout the Pacific.

Read more [here](#)

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## NEW RESOURCES AND MATERIAL

### Ambitious New Targets for Sports for Climate Action Announced



A number of ambitious emissions reductions targets were announced by the UNFCCC's [Sports for Climate Action Framework \(S4CA\)](#) on 3 November 2021. These include reaching Net Zero by 2040 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030 at the latest. [Signatories](#) including the International Olympic Committee, FIFA, Athletics Kenya, BBC Sport, the Premier League, Formula E and Munster Rugby, have signed up to these new targets

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## UNEP's Emissions Gap Report 2021 Now Available

The Emissions Gap Report 2021 shows that new national climate pledges combined with



other mitigation measures put the world on track for a global temperature rise of 2.7°C by the end of the century. Carbon markets could also help slash emissions. But that would only happen if rules are clearly defined and target actual reductions in emissions, while being supported by arrangements to track progress and provide transparency.

[Access Report Here](#)

## New Publications Launched at COP26

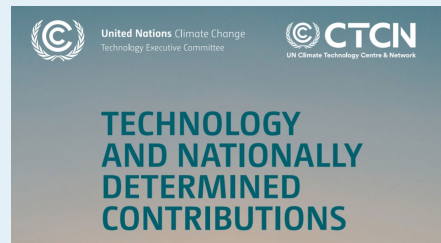


### New Scoping Paper on Managing Climate Risks Through Nature-Based Solutions

[Full Report Here](#)

During COP26 in Glasgow in November, experts discussed actions to manage climate change risks, including those related to forests and grasslands as well as ocean and marine ecosystems.

A new scoping paper on how forest and grassland biodiversity can strengthen countries' resilience to the effects of climate change was published, in close cooperation with the secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity ([CBD](#))



### Technology and NDC: Stimulating the Uptake of Technologies in Support of NDC Implementation

[Full Report Here](#)

This joint publication was launched at the COP 26 by the UN Climate Change Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and UN Climate Technology Centre and Network ([CTCN](#)).

It presents the joint findings on the roles of technology in NDC implementation and recommendation on how to further stimulate the uptake of climate technologies to accelerate Parties' efforts towards achieving their NDC targets.



*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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