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## Welcome readers to the world of climate actions.

On 25th October UN Climate Change published an [update](#) to the synthesis of climate action plans as communicated in countries' Nationally Determined Contributions ([NDCs](#)). 116 New or Updated NDCs from 143 Parties are included in the update of NDC Synthesis Report. The key findings of the NDC Synthesis Report confirms some [worrying trends](#) identified by the [full report](#), which was released on 17 September 2021

Regionally many countries are taking steps to update their NDCs. In Asia and the Pacific, [Japan](#), [Kyrgyzstan](#), [Myanmar](#) and [Tajikistan](#) submitted their new or updated NDCs in time for publication of an update of the key findings of the NDC synthesis report. [Pakistan](#) and [Nauru](#) also submitted recently in time for COP26. These include both conditional and unconditional targets within their national circumstances. As state and non-state actors gear up their efforts to enhance Climate Action, RCC Bangkok provides support to these actors in the region.

In this newsletter, amongst other topics, you will find information about concluded events by RCC Bangkok and partners that targeted a wide range of stakeholders - Youth, governments, private sector, etc. In addition, you will find the information an opportunity to "Participate in a new Events Industry Initiative: Net Zero Carbon Events".

Read on for more!

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

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## REPORTS FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS

### The CDM Executive Board (CDM EB) Met for Its 111th meeting on 30 August to 1 September and 7- 9 September 2021



At the recently concluded 111th meeting of the CDM EB, the Board considered issues ranging from governance and management to regulatory matters and also provided case-specific rulings. In particular, the Board agreed on its annual report (from 15 December 2020 to 9 September 2021) to CMP 16. It also adopted some revised regulatory documents, such as the CDM project cycle procedure for project activities and for programme of activities and decided to make

them effective on 7 October 2021.

Additionally, The Board also considered a draft CDM two-year business and management plan (MAP) 2022–2023 and continued at its 112th meeting, which took place from 26 to 29 October

You can access the Meeting Report and annexes [here](#)

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## Advancing NDC Implementation and Strengthening Long Term Strategies in Asia and the Pacific

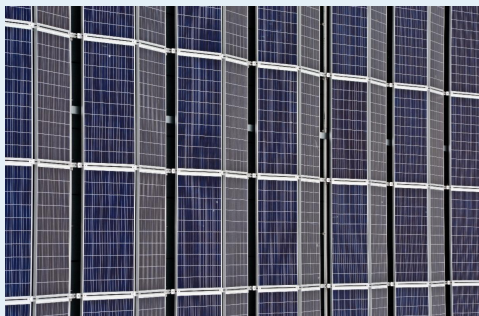


Long-term Low Emission Development Strategies ([LT-LEDS](#)) are a guiding force for climate action over the coming years and decades. In our efforts to continuously support Parties and non-Party stakeholders, UN Climate Change secretariat and RCC Bangkok co-organized the Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Partnership Forum (ALP Forum), led by the ALP Secretariat and LEDS Global Partnership (LEDS GP) and other partners, to further the urgency to act fast in mitigating the impacts of changing climate. The ALP Forum was organized for 3 weeks from 23 August - 9 September 2021, with more than 1,500 attendees worldwide.

You can find more information, including concept notes and session summaries, [here](#)

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## Role of Fiscal Policies in A Green Covid-19 Recovery



In Asia-Pacific, there is significant room for more ambitious action on carbon pricing and subsidy reform and this was discussed at the "[Green Fiscal Policy Network \(GFPN\) regional workshop](#)" on 14-15 September. RCC Bangkok contributed to a session to explore the potential role of carbon pricing and fossil fuel subsidy reform to contribute to a green recovery in Asia-Pacific countries by sharing their experience on "Regional Dialogues on Carbon Pricing in Asia-Pacific".

The session also focused discussions around domestic revenue mobilization through the aforementioned schemes and efforts, and how identified relevant political challenges and barriers can be overcome in the region.

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## Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) Reviewed the Progress of Implementation of Its 2021 Workplan

At the [sixth meeting](#) of the CGE, which took place virtually on 2-3 September 2021, the group reviewed the implementation of its [2021 workplan](#) and also considered its 2021 progress report to the SBI, including information on the regional virtual training workshops and webinars organized over the last 2 years, as well as



the technical report on problems, constraints, lessons learned and 2021 survey results on capacity-building needs of developing country Parties.

The CGE will organize a side-event at COP26 to present the activities it has conducted as part of its 2021 and provide an opportunity to hear directly from its stakeholders on emerging areas that require technical assistance and support.

For additional details on the outcomes of the 6th meeting of the CGE, please visit this [link](#).

## Turning the Climate Crisis into Business Opportunities in Thailand ahead of COP26




In Thailand, momentum is growing among businesses to join the Race to Zero and take ambitious climate action. Following up from the successful [webinar](#) on **23 August**, which explained the key concepts on the Race to Zero and carbon neutrality, the Global Compact Network Thailand ([GCNT](#)), in partnership with RCC Bangkok, the [UN Resident Coordinator's](#) Office in Thailand and the [UK Embassy to Thailand](#) co-organized a webinar titled, “*Build Forward Better: Turning the Climate Crisis into Business Opportunities*” on **28 September**. More than 77 leading companies in Thailand have participated to discuss climate action and the importance of an enabling policy environment to increase ambition and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

A recording from the event is available [here](#).

Following this, the [GCNT Forum](#) was organized on **11 October**, where Global Compact members signed the declaration of intent to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by 2050 or no later than 2070. The Forum was attended by the Prime Minister of Thailand, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the United Nations Coordinator in Thailand and the CEO of the GCNT, among others.

The press release and recordings from the event are available [here](#)



# Consultation Workshop: Building Capacity for Climate Action by SMEs in ASEAN on 26 October 2021



**Consultation Workshop - Building SMEs' Capacity on Climate Action in South-East Asia**  
26 October, Tuesday, 13:00-17:30 BANGKOK time (GMT+7)

- Breakout Session 1: Climate-risk informed strategies and investment plans by SMEs (UNFCCC)
- Breakout Session 2: Climate actions in the time of the pandemic – voice from the SMEs (UNIDO) [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Breakout Session 3: SME climate action in the ESCAP region (ESCAP)

It is critical for SMEs to both find ways to mitigate emissions, and to be prepared to deal with future climate impacts by enhancing adaptive capacities. More information at: <https://bit.ly/3lgzHGz>

In building the capacity for climate action by the SMEs, there are four types of needs that can be addressed: i) understanding and incorporating climate risks into business operations; ii) tapping into financial opportunities which include understanding instruments and how to access dedicated funding; iii) practical measures to climate proof business and tap into new business opportunities and iv) general understanding of the policy frameworks and their relevance, for example, NDCs, LTS, NAPs, etc.

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

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### RCC Bangkok is Recruiting: a Climate Finance Expert



RCC Bangkok is looking for a Climate Finance Expert supporting climate finance mobilization in our [Needs-based Finance projects](#) in Central Asia and South Caucasus and South East Asia. For an overview of the Needs-based Project, please visit the project webpage [here](#).

#### **How to apply:**

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

Candidates, whose qualifications and experience match what we are looking for, please send your resume, a letter of motivation (1 page), and cover letter to **Ms. Ariel Yu** at [yu@unfccc.int](mailto:yu@unfccc.int) by copying [regionalcentre-HR@iges.or.jp](mailto:regionalcentre-HR@iges.or.jp)

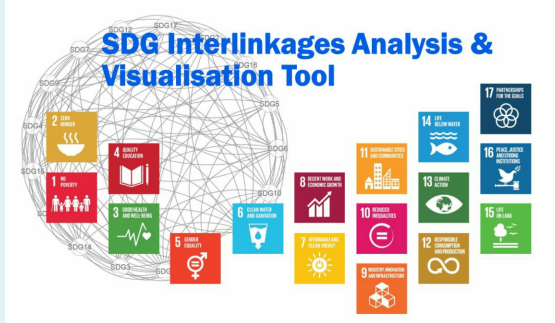
Please indicate “**Climate Finance Expert**” in your email subject.  
Deadline for application is **14 November 2021**

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## OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

### Participate in a New Events Industry Initiative: Net Zero Carbon Events





charge. The tool now offers improved methodology and an enhanced interface, among other new features. Since 2015, IGES has developed the SDG Interlinkages Analysis & Visualisation Tool to support integrated SDGs planning and it enables users to visualise the quantified causal links between SDG targets and identify potential synergies and trade-offs. Version 4.0 provides new functions that enable users to save selections and add new targets.

More information on the new tool [here](#)



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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