



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Greetings from RCC Bangkok!

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has [called](#) climate change the biggest threat to the global economy which requires a unified response of inclusive multilateralism. 2019 is emerging as the year we raise collaborative and unified ambition on climate action.

RCC Bangkok looks forward to working with you as we collectively boost ambition and accelerate action.

In this edition of our newsletter you will find a roundup of the major decisions from COP24, climate finance opportunities, and a chance to highlight your climate action at COP25. Read on for more.

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Committing to Climate Action

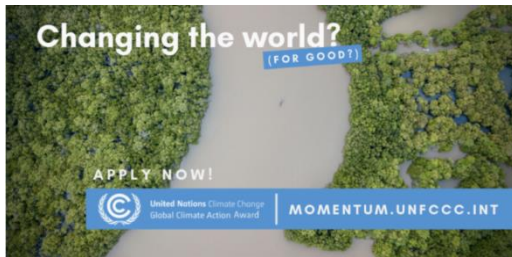
UNFCCC 25th Anniversary: Climate Action is More Urgent than Ever



March marked the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the UNFCCC, and a turning point in the history of global climate action. To celebrate this special moment in the history of global climate action, Patricia Espinosa, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary delivered remarks on this important milestone and encouraged greater ambition and action for a sustainable future.

Watch the video message and find out more about key milestones in the evolution of global climate policy [here](#)

Apply Now for the UN Global Climate Action Awards!



Organizations, cities, industries, universities, governments, and others taking bold leadership on climate change can now nominate their work for a UN Global Climate Action Award.

The award, the focus of United Nations Climate Change's [Momentum for Change initiative](#), recognizes the most innovative

projects in the field of climate action.

How to apply?

Applications for the 2019 UN Global Climate Action Award are being accepted from now until **30 April 2019**. [Click here to access the application](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

New Era of Global Climate Action to Begin Under Paris Climate Change Agreement



At COP 24 in Katowice, Poland, governments adopted a robust set of guidelines for implementing the landmark 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement.

The 'Katowice Climate Package' is designed to operationalize the climate change regime in the Paris Agreement, promote international cooperation, and encourage greater climate ambition.

Read the full article [here](#)

What's New

2018 Yearbook for Global Climate Action

Yearbook of Global Climate Action 2018

Marrakech Partnership

UN Climate Change secretariat and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action have published the Yearbook for Global Climate Action.

The yearbook considers approximately 9,000 commitments from cities, regions, businesses, investors and civil society, incorporating 128

countries, 240 states and regions, and more than 6,000 businesses representing USD36 trillion in economic activity.

The yearbook outlines ways to accelerate climate action through: strengthening finance; setting the right policies; sharing and creating knowledge about high-potential solutions; recognizing and showcasing existing action; and enhancing integration.

Check out the 2018 Yearbook [here](#)

Sign up for the Marrakech Partnership newsletter [here](#)

Source: UN Climate Change

COP24 Strengthens Climate Action of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples



Local communities and indigenous peoples are vulnerable to climate change impacts because of their dependence on the land, and in cases the fragile ecosystems they live in. At the same time, they bring in-depth local knowledge and climate frontline perspectives that constitute key components in finding climate solutions today and in the future.

At COP24, governments agreed to launch the work of a facilitative working group that will scale up consideration of the experiences of local communities and indigenous peoples with climate change and efforts to respond to it.

Read more [here](#)

For more information visit the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) [here](#)

A Step Towards Increased Transparency and MRV



As part of the "Katowice package" Parties agreed to the guidelines that will operationalize the transparency framework. This decision, titled "Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement", can be found [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Highlights from Bangkok

Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2019

Sixth Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development | Bangkok, Thailand | 27-29 March, 2019



The sixth Forum serves as a preparatory event for the 2019 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and engages member States, United Nations bodies and other institutions, major groups and other stakeholders in highlighting regional and subregional perspectives on the 2019 theme of the HLPF, "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality".

At the Forum, RCC Bangkok, in collaboration with UNISDR and UN Environment, organized a roundtable on the review and follow-up of SDG 13 (climate action), the outcomes from which will directly feed in to the HLPF.

Find out more about the APFSD [here](#)

Source: UNESCAP

Sharing Knowledge on Reporting and Transparency

Articles 6 and 13 Workshop | Bangkok, Thailand | 28-30 January, 2019

With the support of the Ministry of the Environment, Japan, IGES in collaboration with the UNFCCC-IGES Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific organized the "Asian Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop on International Market Mechanisms and Transparency under the Paris Agreement".



Policymakers and negotiators from six partner countries, notably Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam, and other invited experts shared their experience with reporting, including the use of international market mechanisms.

Read more, including a brief summary of the outcomes, [here](#)

Source: *Institute for Global Environment Strategies*

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Finance for Climate Action

Women MSME Fintech Innovation Fund: Call for Applications!



UNCDF and UNESCAP are launching an Innovation Fund on digital solutions for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in Asia-Pacific.

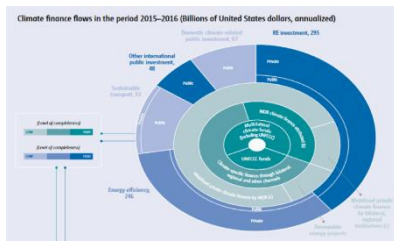
The Innovation Fund is seeking to **co-fund companies to pilot innovative digital and financial solutions** that improve access to finance and/or enhance operation efficiency of women-led MSMEs.

Projects must target **women-owned, managed or led MSMEs** in at least one of the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Myanmar, Nepal, Samoa, and Viet Nam.

For more information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, and to apply, click [here](#).

Source: *UNCDF*

Understanding Climate Finance Flows



The 2018 Summary and Recommendations by the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2018 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows (BA) is out. It provides an updated overview of climate finance flows in 2015 and 2016 and includes information on trends since the 2014 BA.

The 2018 BA considers the implications of these flows and assesses their relevance to international efforts to address climate change. It explores the key features of climate finance flows, including: composition and purposes, access and ownership, effectiveness and impact.

Check out the Summary and Recommendations [here](#).

For more information on the climate finance related outcomes from COP24, click [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

The KliK Foundation is looking for partner organizations for the procurement of ITMOs



The KliK Foundation has issued a first call for proposals, in order to source mitigation activities that will generate internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) after 2020. KliK will continue seeking Expressions of Interest from potential partners who are interested in planning and implementing activities suitable for the generation of ITMOs.

For more information, click [here](#).

They will use their newsletter to announce future calls and opportunities for partnerships. You can subscribe to the KliK Foundation Newsletter [here](#).

Source: KliK Foundation

PFAN Call for Proposals



PFAN is looking for proposals for climate and clean energy projects and businesses in Asia.

Selected projects will receive no-cost coaching by professional consultants and, once they are investment-ready, benefit from PFAN's Investment

Facilitation services.

Entrepreneurs looking to initiate or scale-up clean energy or other climate change-related projects and seeking an investment of up to USD 50 million are invited to apply. This is an open-ended call for proposals **without a deadline**.

[More details here](#)

Source: PFAN

Signing off

Speak Out for the Climate



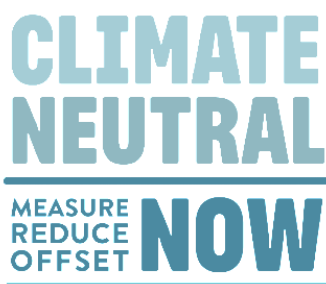
Don't miss Greta Thunberg's impassioned speech delivered at COP24 holding the international community accountable for responding to the climate crisis in an urgent, immediate, and radical manner.

Greta, a 15-year-old Swedish climate activist, started a school strike for the climate outside the Swedish parliament in August of 2018. Her strike has now grown into a global movement, with over 2000 cities participating in a global school strike on 15 March 2019. An estimated 1.4 million students from around the world took part in these events.

Listen to what she has to say [here](#).

Read more about Greta's school strikes for climate action [here](#).

Climate Neutral Now at COP24



COP 24 was a success not only due to the approval of the rules for operationalization of the Paris Agreement, but also due to the launch of significant new initiatives and pledges for climate action from non-Party stakeholders!

Among them, a [Sports for Climate Action Framework](#) was announced on 11 December, with participants such as UEFA, International Olympic Committee, FIFA, Formula E, and many other

organizations representing multiple sports around the world.

A second initiative is the [Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action](#), backed by some of the biggest brands in the world.

And **15 international organizations** representing communities around the world committed to **achieve climate neutrality** for their own operations, covering over 50,000 staff and representing more than 2 million tonnes of CO₂ in total emissions. More information [here](#).

Join the action! Join the Climate Action!
Join [Climate Neutral Now](#)!

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