



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Greetings from RCC Bangkok!

In this edition of the newsletter we bring you the latest global climate action news, a roundup of events from the region, the winners of the UN Global Climate Action Awards, and a call for adaptation proposals.

We would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome the [Regional Collaboration Centre Dubai](#) to the RCC family.

Read on for more.

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What's New

COP25 to be held in Madrid on 2-13 December 2019



COP25 will take place from 2 to 13 December 2019 at IFEMA - Feria de Madrid (<https://www.ifema.es/en>), Avda. del Partenón, 5 28042 Madrid, Spain.

The conference will take place under the Presidency of the Government of Chile and will be held with logistical support from the Government of Spain. The President-designate for the conference is Ms. Carolina Schmidt, Minister of Environment of Chile.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Regional Collaboration Centre Established in Dubai



RCC Dubai was launched, with support from the Government of UAE, at the opening ceremony of the Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, convened by WGEO, by Mr. Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change, and H.E. Saeed Al Tayer, Chairman of WGEO.

The launch took place on the margins of the [World Green Economy Summit](#).

Read more [here](#).

[Visit the RCC Dubai website](#).

APCW 2019: Asia Can Lead Global Transformation towards Low Carbon and Resilience



Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2019 concluded successfully in Bangkok, Thailand in September 2019.

Participants at APCW 2019 agreed to a set of key takeaways on what steps urgently need to be taken for the region to be able to profit from the advantages of the transition to low carbon and to be able to build resilience to the worst impacts of climate change.

They agreed that the transformation to low carbon and resilience in Asia can be driven not only by governments, but by dynamic subnational regions and cities, an innovative private sector, political leadership and finance.

Read more [here](#).

Source: *UN Climate Change*

Committing to Climate Action

Mobilizing everyday climate action through your credit card and savings account



Swedish fin-tech company [Doconomy](#) has launched the first credit card that not only helps users track and measure their CO2 emissions associated with their purchases, but also helps limit the climate impact of their spending by setting a GHG emissions

cap in their credit card.

Users are also invited to compensate for their greenhouse gas emissions, through projects meeting the criteria of [United Nations certified green projects](#) from the Clean Development Mechanism.

[Find out more here.](#)

Source: UN Climate Change

Values of Indigenous Peoples Can Be a Key Component of Climate Resilience



Indigenous peoples utilize the amassed knowledge and wisdom of their ancestors, embodying insights and experience distilled over millennia of close and direct contact with nature. The underpinning

values of indigenous knowledge and practice, if widely applied, can help transform societies to achieve long-term resilience for all.

The Resilience Frontiers initiative held an open dialogue on Indigenous Values for Future Resilience during Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2019. Experts including representatives of indigenous peoples from around the world met at this special dialogue and stressed the importance of values in the fight against climate change, notably in building long-term resilience to its unavoidable impacts.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

2019 CGE regional hands-on training workshops on institutionalization of data management for the national greenhouse gas inventory



The [Consultative Group of Experts](#) conducted three regional hands-on training [workshops](#) in 2019 on institutionalization of data management for the national greenhouse gas inventory. The workshops covered a wide variety of issues and problem areas related to data that are among the most persistent challenges faced by developing countries in their implementation of the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and preparation for the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement.

Participants had an opportunity to work on simulated cases and also to collaborate and learn from their peers, CGE members and other experts.

Read more about the workshops [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Decentralized solutions for smart energy and water use in the agri-food chain



The agri-food systems consume approximately 30% of the world's energy supply and account for about 70% of all water withdrawals globally. A **technical expert meeting** on mitigation, organized by Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in collaboration with the UN Climate Change during Asia-Pacific Climate Week (Bangkok, September 2019), presented and discussed decentralized solutions for smart energy and water use in

the agri-food chain, and how these solutions may contribute to reductions in GHG emissions and generate sustainable development co-benefits.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

2019 Regional Dialogues



UN Climate Change, in collaboration with the UN Development Programme and other partners, has overseen three [Regional Dialogues](#) this year.

The goal of the dialogues is to increase momentum for more ambitious and accelerated climate action and for enhanced nationally determined contributions.

Read more about the dialogues [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Highlights from Bangkok

A region with a mission to greening its economy

Technical Workshop on Climate Finance in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) | Quezon City, the Philippines | 29-30 October 2019



The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states are stepping up to address the challenge of mobilizing climate finance at the required scale to meet the targets set out in the Paris Agreement by coming together to develop the *ASEAN Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy* in collaboration with UN Climate Change.

The Technical Workshop on Climate Finance in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to kick off the development of the ASEAN Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy was organized under the auspices of the Needs-based Climate Finance Project of UN Climate Change with support from the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CI-ACA) project, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines (DENR), RCC Bangkok, and in collaboration with the ASEAN secretariat.

Read more about the workshop [here](#).

Synthesis Report

From Climate Ambition to Climate Action: Facilitating the transition to low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient economies and societies



UN Climate Change convened special sessions on climate finance, organized by the RCCs, during the five WGEO high-level ministerial conferences on green economy.

At the culmination of the regional sessions a special event was convened during the Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy in Dubai to present the regional needs and opportunities which emerged during the Regional Ministerial Conferences and to discuss potential actionable outcomes on the way forward in providing financial support to developing countries for their priority mitigation and adaptation needs.

The regional needs and opportunities as emerging from the regional conferences have been compiled in a synthesis report.

Read the report [here](#).

Green Economy Solutions for Europe/CIS region

WGEO Europe/CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy |
Tashkent, Uzbekistan | 08-10 July 2019

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) 2019 Europe/CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy was convened in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with the goal of raising awareness by showcasing and scaling up the impact of successful evidence-based green economy solutions crafted and tested by countries in the region.



RCC Bangkok organized a special session during the Conference where representatives from national governments, international and regional organizations, and the private sector shared their perspective on how to make the transition to a green economy a reality.

Read more about the Europe/CIS Regional Ministerial Conference on Green Economy [here](#).

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Finance for Climate Action

PFAN Call for Proposals



PFAN has launched a special Call for Proposals for projects that deliver **adaptation-related and climate resilience** benefits in low- and middle-income countries.

PFAN is soliciting applications from businesses with commercially viable projects that can demonstrate that they contribute to a decrease in climate vulnerability and/or an increase in climate resilience.

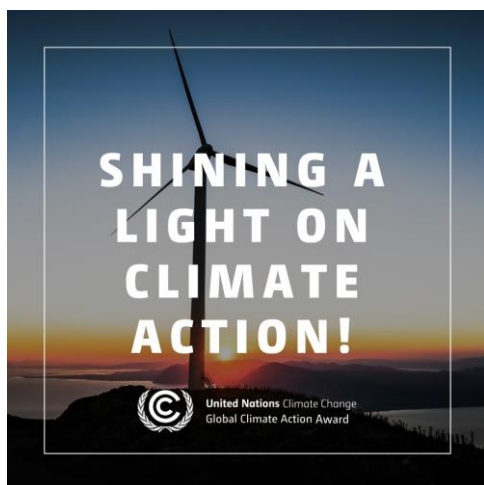
Projects with adaptation benefits from South & Southeast Asia are encouraged to apply by **3 December 2019**.

More information [here](#).

Source: PFAN

Signing off

Meet the 2019 UN Global Climate Action Award winners!



Fifteen ground-breaking projects from around the world have been announced as winners of the 2019 United Nations Global Climate Action Award. These projects are some of the world's best and brightest solutions to climate change, led by communities, governments, businesses and organizations.

The winning projects range from an in-app mini-programme that has been used to help plant over 122 million trees, to a "climate positive" burger that's taking the fast food industry by storm, to an innovative technology that produces clean electricity from the ocean.

Meet the winners [here](#).

Climate Neutral Now initiative reaches 200-participant milestone



In September 2019, the Climate Neutral Now initiative of UN Climate Change passed the **200 participants** mark. These companies and organizations are implementing concrete actions to address their climate footprint and accelerate the transition to a climate-neutral society, by

measuring their emissions, acting to reduce them, and compensating for the emissions that they could not avoid by supporting green projects in developing countries.

The Climate Neutral Now initiative applauds these pledges and invites all interested organizations wanting to accelerate their climate action to contact UN Climate Change at ClimateNeutralNow@unfccc.int.

Find out more about this milestone [here](#).

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