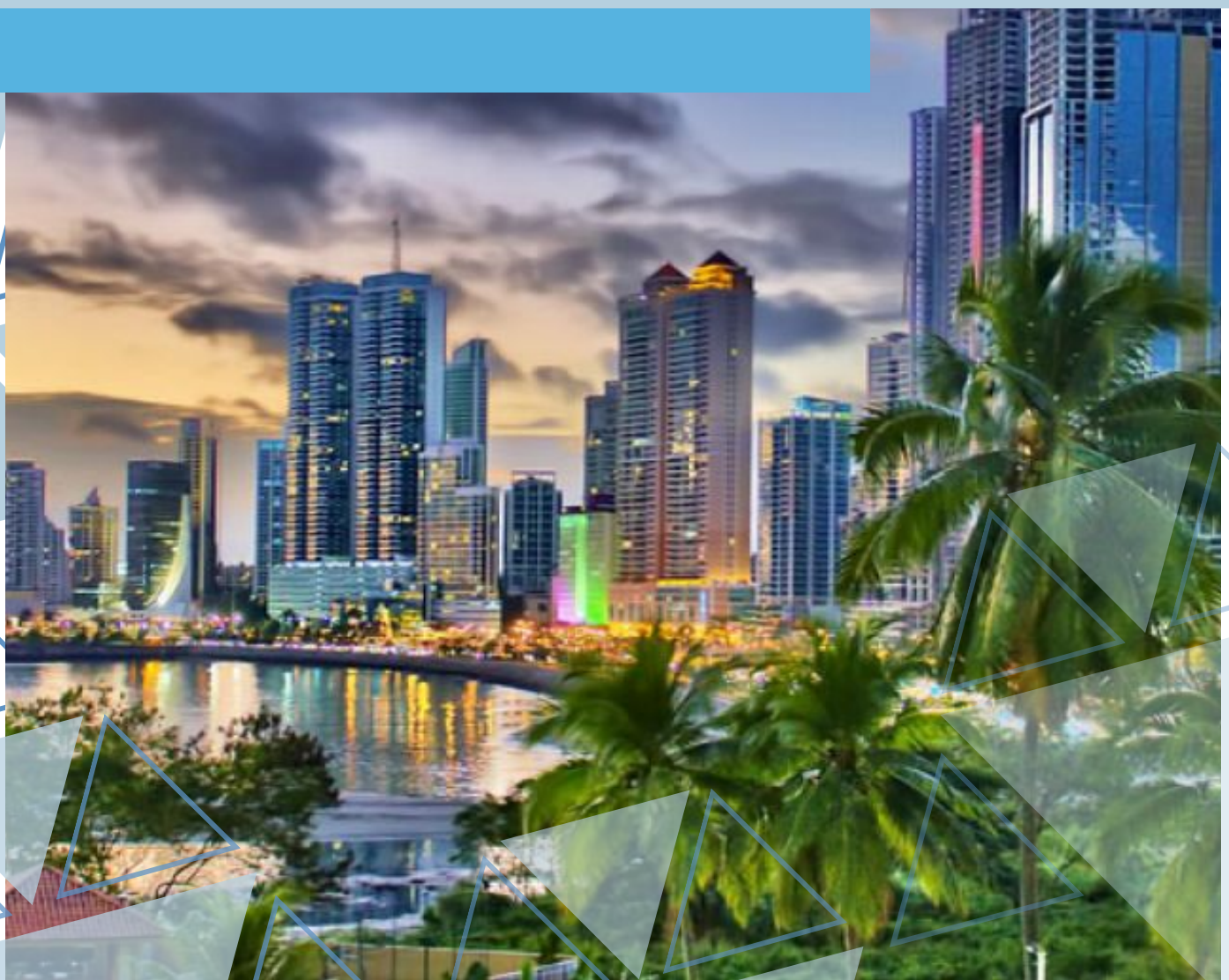


Catalyzing Climate Action



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Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America

The Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America (RCC Panama) was established in 2013 by the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat. It is hosted by UN Environment Programme (UNEP) regional office Panama.



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RCC Panama

The RCC Panama has been established in an effort to increase the regional distribution of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects by enhancing capacity building, reducing the risk for investors and providing hands-on support to governments, non-governmental organizations and businesses interested in developing CDM projects in Latin America.

After the adoption of the Paris Agreement in December 2015, the scope of the RCC's work has regionally oriented to facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement including the National Determined Contributions (NDCs) with a focus on mitigation, adaptation and climate finance consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals. The RCC Panama works in collaboration with UNFCCC divisions, UNEP and other partners to support governments, implementing entities, UN agencies, development banks, private sector, etc.

For more about RCC Panama, please visit:
<https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/rccpanama>

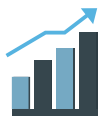


Benefits

Thanks to our global reach and regional expertise we provide unique advantages, including:



Opportunities for close collaboration (south-south cooperation).



Enhanced participation in UNFCCC processes.



Access to an active network of non-Party stakeholder partners, including project owners and investors.



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Matching of actions with sources of funding by building on our close partnerships with international financial institutions.



Capacity building and knowledge sharing regarding well established, as well as new and emerging market mechanisms, methodologies, and tools for mitigation.



On-the-ground, technical know-how and experience in the regional context.



Recognition of mitigation outcomes, actions, and climate neutrality for non-Party stakeholders in regional and global forums.

Areas of work

▶ **Adaptation**

- Facilitating the provision of climate data and information to Parties
- Support the formulation and implementation of NAPs
- Contributing towards the methodologies for assessing adaptation needs

▶ **Mitigation**

- Support the development, adoption and use of CDM approaches
- Provide technical and procedural support to CDM project cycle
- Support NDC further elaboration for achieving revised, more specific & more ambitious NDCs

▶ **Transparency**

- Supporting efforts to provide technical assistance and training to experts engaged in the reporting, review and analysis processes of the MRV (Measurement, Reporting and Verification)
- Supporting methodological issues
- Maintaining a transparency data hub

▶ **Means of Implementation**

- Climate finance: assist in activities related to region-specific strategic implementation plan on long-term finance and identify green investment opportunities and establish a project portfolio in a country-driven manner
- Technology: support circulation of communication products of Technology team at the regional and national level
- Capacity building

▶ **Sustainable Development and Participation**

- ACE (Action for Climate Empowerment);
- Raise awareness and participation in an environment conducive to change;
- Support regional activities aimed at raising awareness on issues related to gender, youth and indigenous peoples;
- GCAP (Global Climate Action Portal / NAZCA)



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About the RCCs

UNFCCC and six prominent partners are catalysing action on the ground through regional collaboration centres combining climate change expertise with in-depth local knowledge, in Bangkok, Dubai, Kampala, Lomé, St. George's-Grenada and Panama.

Set up to spread the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol, the RCCs have broadened their role since the adoption of the Paris Agreement to facilitate the implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions under that agreement.

The RCCs facilitate national climate action through capacity-building, technical assistance and strategic networking—mobilizing know-how and resources to drive sustainable development.

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About UN Climate Change

UN Climate Change is the secretariat to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Established in 1992, the Convention has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

The main goal of the Paris Agreement is to keep global average temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

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About UNEP

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

Their mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

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