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Promoting Climate Action in the
Middle East, North Africa and South Asia

Welcome to the RCC Dubai December 2020 Newsletter

In this final newsletter of 2020, we bring you information and resources from recent RCC Dubai events, the winners of the UN Global Climate Action Awards, the launch of exciting new initiatives and much more.

As 2020 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers for your engagement.

We wish you a happy, healthy and joyful year to come and look forward to continuing our collaboration in the new year.

Your partner in climate action,
RCC Dubai

Winners of the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Awards Announced



The recipients of the 2020 United Nations Global Climate Action Awards were announced recently, shining a light on some of the best examples of what people across the globe are doing to combat climate change.

This year's award-winning projects demonstrate leadership on climate change by nations, businesses, investors, cities, regions and civil society as a whole.

[**Read about the 2020 winners here...**](#)

RCC Dubai heartily congratulates all the winners, including from the region, RISE2030 in Lebanon and the Global Himalayan Expedition in India!

countries in Asia, the Pacific, Middle East and North Africa attended the Third Episode.

[More on the Third Episode here...](#)

More about the previous episodes of the Virtual Workshop for DNAs Series:

[First Episode of the Series on role of DNAs in the Modalities of Communication \(MoC\) and Letters of Approval \(LoA\) processes](#)

[Second Episode of the Series on Standardized Baselines \(SBs\) and their Applications](#)

CGE Virtual Training Workshop 2020



3-5 November 2020 - The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) organized a virtual regional hands-on training workshops on the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement for

MENA countries, as part of a series of regional workshops. The main objective of the virtual trainings was, inter alia, to enhance the technical capacity of experts from developing country Parties in implementing the existing MRV arrangements and understanding the modalities, procedures and guidelines (MPGs) for the ETF, with a view to facilitating developing country Parties' preparation for the implementation of the ETF.

[More on the trainings here](#)

Virtual Workshops - Gender Integration into National Climate Actions for MENA



14 October 2020 - To maintain momentum on the gender action plan, the UNFCCC secretariat organized virtual workshops on the gender integration into national climate policies,

plans, strategies and action between July and October 2020.

The workshop for Middle East and North Africa was organized in collaboration with RCC Dubai. The workshop began with a panel discussion between representatives of organizations that work on the gender and climate change nexus speaking to the reasoning for gender mainstreaming as well as providing insights on their work, successes, and most significant challenges. Following sessions centered on gender data and analysis for the purpose of climate planning; institutional arrangements; and alignment and coherence.

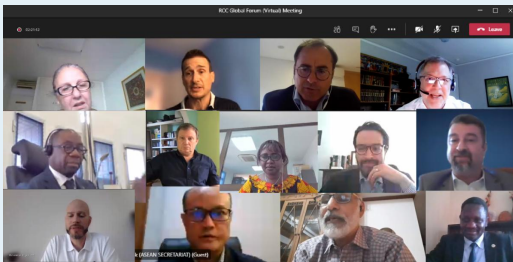
[More about the workshops here](#)

Planning with Net-Zero Scenarios: Moving from Political Ambition to Country-Level Pathways

On the 17th of December, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat organized a webinar that brought together global leaders and experts to discuss the importance of long-term energy scenarios (LTES) in guiding ambitious climate objectives, and how to better align LTES with the Paris agreement through LT-LEDS.

[More about the webinar here](#)

RCC Virtual Global Forum 2020 - Catalyzing Regional Climate Action



UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) leadership, steering committees of the secretariat and institutions that host the RCCs, and other regional partners met recently at the RCC Global Forum 2020 to exchange views, share progress on ongoing activities and identify emerging priorities and issues related to climate action for continued regional support.

Read more about the RCC Global Forum 2020 [here](#).

The CDM Executive Board Agrees on Temporary Measures to Address COP26 Postponement

The [Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism \(CDM\)](#) recently concluded its 108th meeting.

Read more on the meeting [here](#).
The full text of the 108th CDM Executive Board meeting decisions is available [online](#).



The 109th meeting of the Executive Board will take place in March 2021.

Communication of Long-Term Strategies

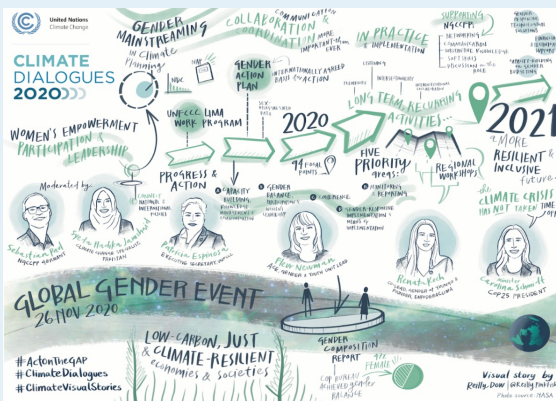
In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 19, of the Paris Agreement, all Parties should strive to formulate and communicate long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDS), mindful of Article 2 taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.



Parties who wish to communicate their long-term strategy to the secretariat are invited to send their submissions to LT-LEDS@unfccc.int.

[Explore the communicated LT-LEDS here](#)

Global Gender Event – Recap on 2020 and Way Forward



The Gender Global Event was held during the Climate Dialogues on 26 November 2020. The first part highlighted the action taken to implement the Lima work programme on gender in 2020 indicating a breadth of ongoing activities at national levels as part of the Gender Action Plan.

The second part of the event presented a live discussion of award-winning climate solutions that are being led by women around the world.

[More on the event here](#)

UN Climate Change Dialogues 2020

An important series of virtual events, the UNFCCC Climate Dialogues, designed to maintain critical momentum in the intergovernmental process in support of a robust international framework for climate action and increased climate ambition took place from 23 November to 4 December 2020.

The objective of the Dialogues was to provide a platform for Parties and other stakeholders to showcase progress made in 2020 and exchange views and ideas across the subsidiary bodies and COP agendas mandated for 2020.

[Watch the Dialogues here](#)

Global Global Closing Event - 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment

The 8th Action for Climate Empowerment Dialogue was held virtually through two global events and four

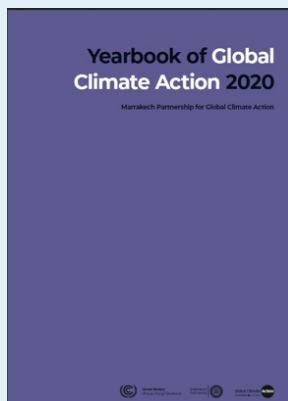


regional dialogues. The Global closing event on 2 December 2020 featured the eight co-facilitators from the four regional Dialogues who provided insights, learnings and recommendations from their regions. Representatives from YOUNGO, Ministries of Education, Ministries of Environment, ACE focal points and negotiators, UNFCCC focal points,

government officials responsible for updating the NDCs at the national level, and other stakeholders engaged in ACE issues participated in the event.

[More on the event here](#)

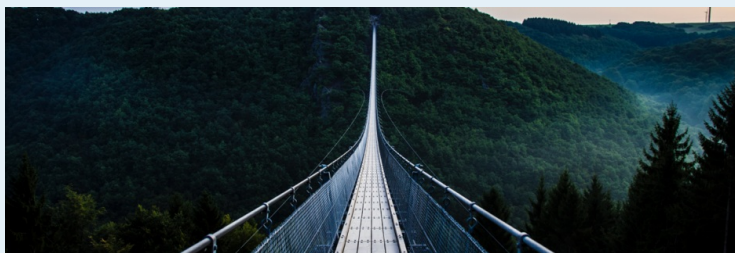
Launch of the 2020 Yearbook of Global Climate Action and reflections on the future of the Marrakech Partnership



The [2020 Yearbook of Global Climate Action](#) presents the range of progress and state of climate action by cities, regions, businesses, investors, and civil society, while also examining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and opportunities for a green-resilient recovery. The Yearbook also provides reflections from the Champions on the pathway to a 1.5^oC climate-resilient world and the future of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, taking into consideration the feedback provided by Parties and non-Party stakeholders ([reflections](#) and [summary of feedback](#)).

[Find the Yearbook here](#)

Launch of the Marrakech Partnership Climate Action Pathway ‘Action Tables’



The [Climate Action Pathway](#) ‘Action Tables’ identify the change levers and impact areas to transform various sectors of the economy to be net zero and climate resilient. They provide details to the Executive Summaries of the

Pathways released last month, which set out sectoral visions for a 1.5^oC and climate-resilience world by 2050. In 2021, the Champions will strengthen cross-cutting aspects such as just transition, gender-responsiveness, resilience and circular economy. A pathway for the finance sector and specific topics, such as the role of carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS), will be developed.

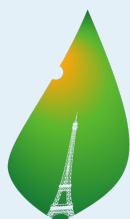
[More here](#)

Informal Consultations by the SBI Chair: Matters Related to the Review of the Doha Work Programme for Article 6 of the Convention

Parties at COP 18 adopted the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention (also referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment) and decided to undertake a review of the work programme in 2020. The informal consultations on the review were organized under the guidance of the SBI Chair on 3 December 2020 which provided a non-negotiating space for Parties to share their insights, reflections and recommendations on the discussions and inputs received through the 8th ACE Dialogue events and the two reports prepared by the secretariat.

[More on the event here](#)

5th Anniversary of the Paris Agreement



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This month we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement.

Five years ago, the global community came together in an unprecedented coalition to address climate change in order to build a clean, green, healthy and prosperous future for all people.

[Statement on Occasion of The 5th Anniversary Of The Paris Agreement, by UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa](#)

Climate Ambition Summit Builds Momentum for COP26



Global climate leaders took a major stride towards a resilient, net zero emissions future at the Climate Ambition Summit on 12th December 2020, presenting ambitious new commitments, urgent actions and concrete plans to confront the climate crisis.

Co-convened by the United Nations, the UK and France, in partnership with Italy and Chile, on the 5th anniversary of the Paris

Agreement, the Climate Ambition Summit marked a major milestone on the road to the crucial UN climate conference COP26 in Glasgow next November.

[Read more here](#)

Launch of the Race to Resilience

Launched at the [Climate Ambition Summit](#), the [Race to Resilience campaign](#) of the Champions and a sibling to the Race to Zero aims to catalyze action from non-Party actors to make 4



billion people from vulnerable communities more resilient by 2030. It will be rolled-out at the Climate Adaptation Summit on 25 January, but its mission is to catalyse a step-change in resilience, reinforcing UN Secretary-General António Guterres' statement that: "the Race to Resilience is as important as the Race to Zero."

[Read more here](#)

Update of the Race to Zero



The Champions announced that the [Race to Zero campaign](#) now numbers over 2,500 members, representing a 30% increase since launching in June. To date, 23 subnational regions, 524 cities, 1,397 companies, 569

universities, and 74 investors are now part of Race to Zero, along with countries under "The Climate Ambition Alliance". These actors all meet stringent criteria, which includes submitting a plan in line with the science and setting interim targets, creating a more consistent and transparent approach towards achieving net-zero emissions.

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