Regional Collaboration Centres

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1 - INTRODUCTION

Partners from the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) met at the Novotel Hotel in Katowice, Poland on 30 November 2018 for the annual RCC Global Forum. It has been practice, where possible, to organize the one-day forum alongside the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) to coincide with the CDM Executive Board meeting and some Partner engagements at the COP. The 2018 forum was attended by representatives from all five RCCs - Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), Panama, East African Development Bank (EADB), Kampala, West African development Bank (BOAD), Lomé, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Bangkok and the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF), St George's, Grenada.



Participants at the RCC Global Forum 2018: Front row from left to right – Carlos Ruiz Garvia, UNFCCC staff in Panama; James Grabert, Director, SDM; Brenda Rwamahe, EADB; Melissa Olympio, BOAD; Christophe Aguessy, Special Advisor to BOAD CEO; Moubarak Moukaila, BOAD; Back row from left to right – Randall Waechter, WINDREFF; William Otieno, UNFCCC; Muhammad Taimur, UNFCCC; Camillo Rojas, CAF; Arthur Rolle, CDM EB Chair. Not in picture – Yuji Mizuno, IGES.

■ The RCC Global Forum is an opportunity for the Partners and UNFCCC to meet, give feedback to the CDM EB and take stock, exchange ideas and introduce potential new ideas for the future work and continued collaboration. The agenda of the forum is appended as Annex 1.

2 - OPENING BY JAMES GRABERT, DIRECTOR SDM

■ The Director welcomed and thanked all the attendees for their participation at the Global Forum. He noted that this re-affirmed the continued interest and commitment by all in continuing the important work the RCCs are doing in the respective regions towards catalysing initiatives from different organizations into specific joint activities, thus ensuring there is no duplication at the regional or country level, while creating important networks of stakeholders working on climate change related issues. Below is the Director's verbatim statement:

"Dear RCC host partners and guests, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and thank you for joining us here in Katowice for the 2018 RCC Global Forum.

With your continued support, we have all made tremendous strides and several important achievements on climate action in 2018, and I thank you for that. A few notable examples are the recent meeting of high-level stakeholders held in Grenada for all

participating countries in the Caribbean MRV hub and the scoping study on needs to enhance and harmonize MRV towards a potential regional carbon market for the Association of South-East African Nations.

The RCC's are clearly a positive model and we intend to continue the current partnerships and have also received several requests to open more RCCs.

Without taking a direct implementing role, the RCCs are catalyzing initiatives from different organizations into specific joint activities, thus ensuring there is no duplication at the regional or country level while creating important networks of stakeholders. A few

examples of such initiatives include the NDC Partnership, GCF, UNDP/UNEP and Adaptation who have placed their experts in the RCCs.

Despite the great potential of RCCs, we must recognize the challenges we face in the future, in particular, having the RCC's fully recognized by Parties to the convention. We call upon you, as host partners, to support us by engaging with Parties whenever you get the opportunity, to spread the message on the importance of the RCC's to ensure that they gain the desired recognition as the main agents of regional engagement for Climate Change.

This global forum therefore is a very important platform for us to share and exchange ideas, and look for synergies and opportunities for collaborations amongst all partners where possible. I also take this opportunity to invite all partners to use the RCC as a platform to promote ambition and climate action by engaging with the UNFCCC counterparts and providing key inputs for the 2019 workplans.



James Grabert (third from left), Director UNFCCC SDM

As RCC partner representatives, I invite you to actively participate in this meeting, and look forward to your presentations on highlights of the work RCCs have done to support CDM and Climate Action in 2018 and areas where we can strengthen our work going forward.

I wish you a successful Forum!

Thank you."

- In an open session with the RCC Partners related to the future of CDM in relation to new mechanisms, he informed the Partners that even though the discussions are ongoing, what is certain is that regardless of a mechanism, there will always be need for a good measurement of targets and building capacity and the RCCs will still have a role in that.
- In contributing to the remarks from the Director, BOAD informed the forum that in order to encourage stakeholders on the continued potential of CDM, the bank has established a fund that would buy their CERs in the event that there is no CDM mechanism or before a new mechanism is put in place. BOAD further reiterated to the Director that the bank is highly committed in continuing supporting the collaboration but requested UNFCCC and the CDM EB to consider increasing resources in the RCCs to cope with the high demand for support on climate change issues from countries in the region. RCC Lomé also drew attention of the Director to a need to get support from the secretariat to support an initiative on forming a youth Academy that is being established in the region.
- The Director re-affirmed that the resource issues in all RCCs are being reviewed considering the expanded role and increase in activities the RCCs are required to undertake. He also reiterated that the role of UNFCCC staff deployed to RCCs have evolved to relationship managers and are no longer just technical experts for a specific area of work.

 RCC Panama suggested that since the role of the RCCs is now addressing the complete spectrum of climate change related issues, a consideration should be made to rename the centers "Regional Climate Change Centers. Another suggestion was to consider establishing an MRV hub that would be used to track NDC queries.

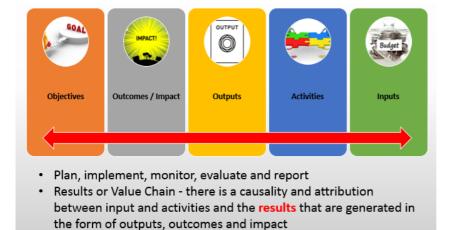
3 - RCC WORKPLANS: MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

William Otieno from the RCC Bonn team gave a presentation on the efforts and tools that have been put in place to harmonize the work of the RCCs, increase efficiency in planning, monitoring and reporting and improve visibility of the achievements made on the ground. With regards to the planning, the objectives of the RCCs are based on 5 goals – which gives the RCCs an opportunity to tailor activities based on regional needs and demands while anchoring them to one of the 5 goals.



RCC activities are based on 5 common goals

■ In 2018, the RCCs started using a new Work and Resource Planning tool that is based on Results Based Management (RBM). This has provided an opportunity to better plan, monitor and report on activities and resources deployed at the different RCCs. The RBM looks at the value-add of RCC activities and reviews this at the end of the year using a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework that strives to measure the impact (outcome) of the activities undertaken to meet defined objectives.



RCC Results Based Management

See Annex 2 for the full presentation.

4 - RCC HOST PARTNERS OPEN DIALOGUE WITH CDM EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR

The RCCs Partners gave presentations of the achievements from their regions to the Director and EB Chair highlighting the extent of their activities and achievements in 2018 and plans for 2019. The RCCs recognize that with new developments in the climate change landscape, RCCs through its partners have proven their potential to effectively support strategic areas of the UNFCCC secretariat's work on the ground. From the strategic partnerships point of view, RCCs and its partners are not only connecting the programmes but also connecting the secretariat with other organizations and initiatives at the working level (e.g. NDC-P, MRV, etc.).







Brenda – RCC Kampala



Moubarak, Christophe and Melissa – RCC Lomé



Camillo and Carlos - RCC Panama

Full presentations from the RCCs are annexed at the end of this document (Annex 3).

5 – MESSAGE FROM CDM EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR, ARTHUR ROLLE

The importance of the work of the RCCs was further evidenced by the presence of Arthur Rolle, the CDM Executive Board Chair for the full morning session to interact with the RCC colleagues and listen to their experiences and outlook for future work of the RCCs. The verbatim message from the chair is appended below:

"Dear RCC host partners and guests, I am glad to have the opportunity to address you today as the Chair of the CDM Executive Board.

I'm certainly no stranger to the great work of our regional collaboration centers — otherwise known as RCCs.

As a slight refresher, the Board has established five centres to support developing countries in developing and implementing CDM projects and thereby improve the regional distribution of CDM projects and programmes. The first centre was established in Lomé, in 2013 and was followed by centres in Kampala, Saint George's, Bangkok, and Panama City.

These centres directly supported almost 1,000 CDM projects and programmes, the development of 139 standardized baselines and provided capacity-building and training at the national level.

One of the main achievements of the RCCs is to maintain interest and momentum in the CDM and I would like to thank you for your continuous support to the CDM, to the RCC initiative and to the global fight against the effects of climate change.

To those here representing RCCs, I just want to say that we recognize and appreciate your efforts. Thank you for all your hard work.



Arthur Rolle – CDM EB Chair

Regular reports to the Board on RCCs are keeping the Board updated on RCC achievements.

Recently, the Board held its 100th meeting in Bangkok. To mark this milestone, the Board launched a report on the achievements of the CDM to date.

The report shows that CDM's achievement and contribution have demonstrated its potential as a successful tool for mobilizing finance in climate action and as a driver for sustainable development.

Many think that the CDM is dead, but it is not. You may be aware that despite low demand there is still quite some interest in the CDM. New opportunities for demand are likely to emerge under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), to be launched in 2021.

Further, discussions on the CDM guidance under the CMP and the ongoing negotiations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the SBSTA here in Katowice may open up new opportunities for RCCs.

The Board has been following very carefully the evolution of the RCCs as it appreciates the importance of the initiative – an initiative that has the primary objective of supporting the development of the CDM in underrepresented countries.

I am convinced that RCCs will continue to play an important role in supporting the CDM. I also see RCCs continuing in the future subject to additional resources for non CDM work.

As RCC partner representatives, you are invited to actively participate in this meeting, and together prepare for continued work to support the CDM in the future.

I very much look forward to your presentations on highlights of the work RCCs have done to support CDM in 2018 and what you would like to undertake related to CDM in future.

I wish you a successful Forum!

Thank you."

- Following the remarks from the CDM EB Chair, Randall Waechter, RCC St. Georges, moderated a session where each RCC Partner had the opportunity to inform him of how the RCCs can continue to support CDM projects, SBLs and Climate Finance; Other areas that RCCs can explore to work on addition to the 3 above and the major challenges for CDM in their regions.
- The RCCs provided the following summaries on what they are working on towards supporting CDM projects, SBLs and Climate Finance:
 - Regional round tables/webinars should be organized to keep the project developers updated on the latest info and trends of the CDM.
 - Engage more at country level. Several Letter of Approvals have been issued by the DNAs upon requests and interventions of the RCC (a discussion with Tanzanian DNA is ongoing as well)
 - Financing/refinancing CDM projects through development banks and/or other regional and international financial institutions
 - Support CDM projects through innovative financing instruments (crowdfunding, climate finance desk/facility etc.)

- Engage more with the national and regional development banks to promote CDM projects and future market mechanism under Art. 6
- o Identify potential areas for SBL development, for example RCC Kampala is discussing about the development of SBLs in Refrigeration and AC (RAC) sector with Kenya, Namibia and Mauritius. Furthermore, RCC Kampala have been supporting several charcoal and cookstove (non renewable biomass) SBLs in the region.
- Impact assessment of the NDC Implementation, and SBLs in order to help countries to calculate and track
 the sectoral emission targets. A regional survey covering 24 countries conducted on the NDC
 implementation to determine how SBLs have helped countries so far and what support needed for
 improvement.
- Continue promoting the CDM and its greater potential and ensuring that the knowledge and lessons learned from the "learning-by-doing" of the CDM is shared as broadly as possible;
- Continue providing support to the development banks in setting up an operational and institutional framework for using the CDM in climate finance, also drawing examples and lesson learned from the other activities;
- Continue assisting development banks in completing information on CDM projects, as identified by the banks as suitable opportunities for their climate finance programmes; and;
- Continue providing technical support to CDM projects regarding regulatory implementation and process support.
- Other areas that the RCCs outlined that they could explore supporting in addition to the 3 above are:
 - SBLs can support NDC implementation and to assess the impact of the actions/activities towards achieving
 NDC targets. RCCs should promote SBLs in other sectors like RAC, transport and fossil fuel switch sectors etc.
 - o Promote innovative climate finance instruments to support CDM and future mechanism projects under Art 6
 - Engage more with the regional and international stakeholders to promote carbon pricing and CDM
 - Promote national carbon trading platforms. Kengen (Kenya Electricity Generating Company) has approached RCC Kampala to support in establishing a carbon trading platform/desk. Hence, such initiatives should be supported and explored further.
 - o Engage more with the countries to convince them to ratify Doha Amendment
 - Continue providing support to CDM projects through innovative financing instruments (crowdfunding, climate finance desk/facility etc.).
 - Continue supporting the NDC Implementation planning and in this context, the potential use of the CDM;
 - o Continue providing support on development and renewal of SBLs;
 - Continue promoting national and regional carbon neutral schemes that allow use of CDM (e.g Huella Chile, Costa Rica carbon neutral programme V2.0.). Interest in voluntary cancellation and corporate carbon neutrality is increasing supporting partnerships between Climate Neutral Now initiative and others;
 - Continue engaging with carbon pricing initiatives. This new development is boosting new demand for the CDM. There is an increasing interest among governments and the private sector to use market-based mechanisms, including the CDM, as a means of attaining carbon neutrality and promoting sustainable development benefits;
 - Broader establishment of regional platforms for finance of mitigation projects, including establishment of community of good practices, platforms for structuration of mitigation projects and facilities for capacityand expertise-building on the use of climate finance.

- On the question of major challenges the RCCs face for CDM in their regions, the following examples were highlighted:
 - Tanzania is not issuing LoAs for entities registered outside the country. It is mandatory that a project developer is registered in the country to request for an LoA. Engage more with the countries in explaining the benefits of carbon markets particularly CDM projects.
 - Low carbon price: support carbon pricing studies and activities in the region to make countries more aware
 of the positive impacts of the carbon pricing initiatives.
 - Lack of clarity of what will happen with the mechanism after 2020 undermines the ability of the mechanism to attract further investments in emission reductions.
 - o The current demand for CERs and price remain low.
- Additional general points outlined by the RCCs are;
 - RCCs are the "ears on the ground" working with partner countries and technical needs, feeding information back up the chain to the Secretariat.
 - RCCs shifted from technical expertise to "relationship building" and network maintenance outreach in the regions much like global corporations have regional and local offices to reach partners
 - o Ongoing demand for standardized baselines human resources demand is significant
 - Measurement expertise that is standardized is required no matter what the market mechanism happens to be going forward.
 - o Innovative financing mechanisms clarity in the face of uncertainty. Individual countries and regions can put together carbon trading mechanisms in the interim, and this is already happening in some places (i.e. "grassroots" efforts). As long as these regional mechanisms are based on sustainable development, that will always be a driving factor and unlikely to be pushed aside by the Parties and whatever market mechanisms they finally decide upon.
 - The RCCs can partner with other global institutions (i.e., GCF, GEF/World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, etc.) on the needs of the individual countries and release funding for the countries and their activities - RCCs as brokers.
 This is already happening in some cases.
 - Use the skills and tools the RCCs have established to bring in / engage other partners such as WHO/PAHO.

6 - CROSS PROGRAMME COLLABORATION: PROJECTS FOR 2018-2019

- Carlos Ruiz Garvia from RCC Panama, on behalf of other RCC colleagues, presented a compilation of the extensive regional efforts RCCs have undertaken in support of Paris Agreement implementation in collaboration with other programmes of the secretariat.
- To appreciate the full extent of the activities and achievements, the presentation is appended to this document as
 Annex 4.

7 – WORKING BETTER: RCC HOST PARTNER DISCUSSION

- This segment called for an open discussion on the structuring of the RCCs (staff, resources, communication, work planning); Logistical and administrative experiences and areas for improvement; Scope of work; Collaborations with other entities and value addition; MoU renewal process; Steering Committee; Communications and Outreach.
- The RCC Bonn Monitoring and Evaluation Officer requested the Partners to consider starting the process of reviewing the MOU's at an early stage so that in case there will be need for amendments, the process should allow

- the legal teams of both parties ample time to agree on anticipated changes. On matters related to monitoring, evaluation and reporting, the Partners were informed of the formal process that is now in place that allows them to provide input on matters related to the collaboration using the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.
- The need for a dedicated Communications Expert came up as a role that needs consideration. RCC St. Georges expressed concern that there has been no physical presence of a UNFCCC resource in their RCC for an extended period of time and also advised that with the recent deployment of MRV and GCF resources, there is no additional space in that RCC.
- All RCC staff were encouraged to make use of the issues log in the Work and Resource Planning tool to highlight issues that may hamper their operations.

8 - RCC PARTNERSHIPS: CURRENT AND FUTURE

On behalf of Luca Brusa, the RCC Team Lead, Muhammad Taimur from the SDM Director's office gave a brief oral report on the different partnerships between the RCCs and other organizations such as WHO, WMO, UNEP FI, GIZ, UN Economic Commissions, Finance 4 Climate, CI-ACA, NDC Partnership, MRV Hub, GCF, ParlAmericas and OLADE. These partnerships are key in supporting a wide range of initiatives and activities in the regions and also eliminate the potential duplication of effort in the same areas. The partnerships are a significant boost in the value-add of the RCCs considering that they bring a very wide range of expertise to the regions with the RCC acting as a connector.

9 - CONCLUSION

All participants agreed that this was a useful session and welcomed the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas as well as get feedback from the Director and the CDM EB Chair. The secretariat thanked all the Partners for their participation and looks forward to the continued engagement and collaborations.

Regional Collaboration Centres Global Forum Katowice, 30 November 2018

The NOVOTEL KATOWICE CENTRUM - ROOM RUMBA

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AGENDA

09:00-09:15	Arrival of the RCC host partners	
09:15-09:30	 Opening Introduction UNFCCC vision, strategy and the role of RCCs 	William Otieno – UNFCCC RCC Bonn James Grabert, Director, UNFCCC SDM
09:30-10:00	RCC initiative workplan	William Otieno
10:00-11:00	Peedback and introduction of priority areas for partners/expectations, new initiatives with RCCs, Interest areas to focus in the future Expectations of the RCC host partners from the RCC Global Forum	Participants Moubarak MOUKAILA (BOAD) Christophe AGUESSY (BOAD) Camillo ROJAS (CAF) Yuji MIZUNO (IGES) Randall WAECHTER (WINDREF) Brenda Rwamae (EADB)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:00	 Message from the CDM Executive Board Chair Report from Partners to the CDM Executive Board Chair 	 Mr. Arthur Rolle, Chair, CDM Executive Board Interactive session by all Partners moderated by Randall Waechter
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00	Cross Programme Collaboration: Projects for 2018-2019 with RCCs Adaptation Finance, Technology and Capacity Building Mitigation, Data and Analysis	- Carlos Ruiz Garvia - UNFCCC - Muhammad Taimur Ali Khan Gandapur - UNFCCC
14:00-15:30	Working better: RCC host partner experience so far in meeting expectations Discussion on improving the RCC structure: Feedback on Structuring of the RCCs (staff, resources, communication, work planning); Logistical and administrative experience and areas for improvement; Scope of work; Collaborations with other entities and value addition; MoU renewal process; Steering Committee; Communications and Outreach.	Participants All RCC Partners and UNFCCC staff
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45-17:00	RCC partnerships: current and future WHO, WMO, UNEP FI, GIZ, UN Economic Commissions, Finance 4 Climate, CI-ACA, NDC Partnership, MRV Hub, GCF, ParlAmericas.	Luca Brusa – UNFCCC RCC Bonn
17:00-17:30	Closure	Luca Brusa – UNFCCC RCC Bonn

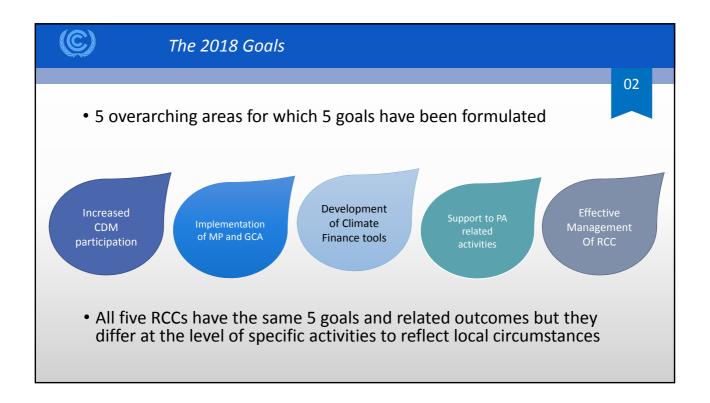


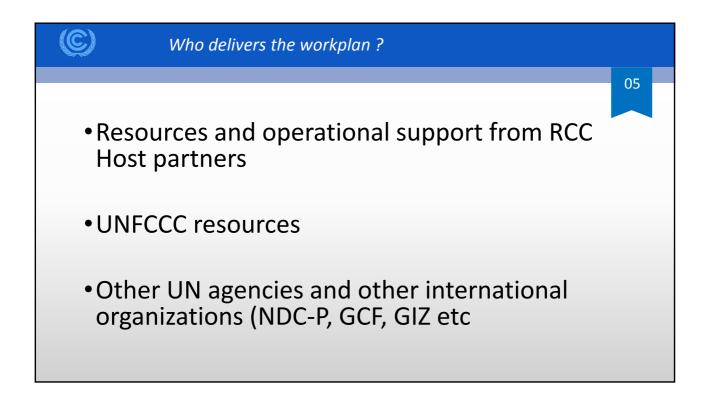
Regional Collaboration Centres 2018 Workplan and M&E activities William Otieno – RCC Bonn



The RCCs workplans

- The RCCs deliver their work through yearly workplans
- The workplans are developed to reflect guidance from CDM EB, COP, UNFCCC Management as well as discussions with RCC partners, UNFCCC programmes and other UN agencies
- The workplans are jointly approved by both secretariat and host partner managements and include collaborations, partnerships and financial and human resources elements
- The WPs are regularly monitored and adjusted to respond to delays in implementation or reflect newly introduced activities







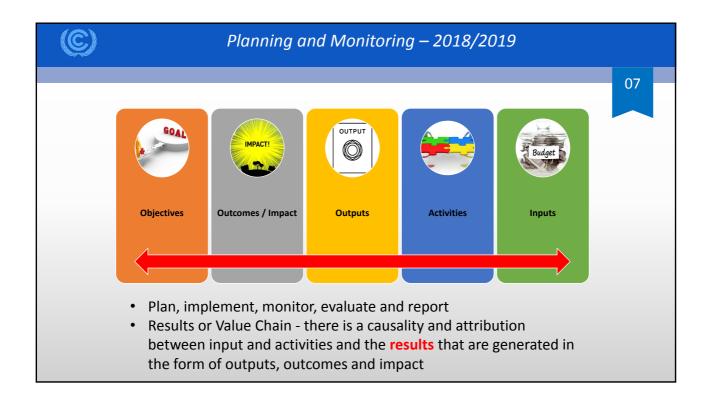
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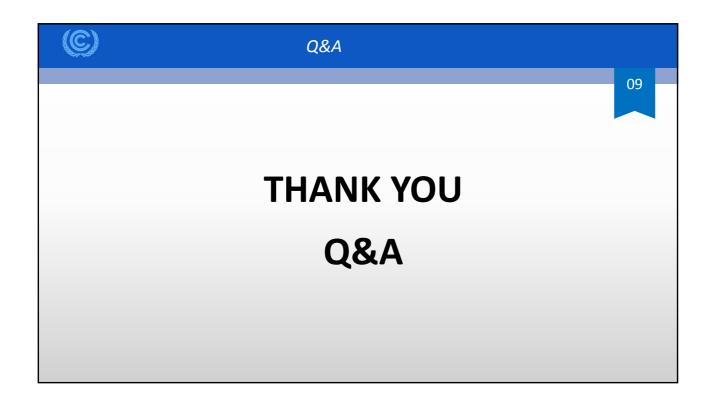
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RCC initiative and its activities are widely promoted: newsletters, websites, newsrooms and other public websites.

In addition quarterly reports are published on the UNFCCC website and information is also included in the CDM mid term report, UNFCCC Capacity Building report and EB report to the COP

RCC are regularly monitored to ensure their effectiveness using a Results Based Management approach





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Key points

- ❖CDM support (Projects and SBL)
- **❖**WAACMCF
- ❖MRV Network
- ❖Support to BOAD
- ❖Partnerships
- ❖Perspectives 2019



Key activities in 2018

CDM support (projects and SBL):

SBL Development:

- √ Cameroon SBL on waste data collection
- ✓ Sao Tomé and Principe Review of GEF factor Dealing with the recruitment of the consultant
- √ Benin FNRB Need finance for update
- √ Ghana exchanges about RAC SBL development
- √ Gambia Relevant data for cookstove development
- ✓ Liberia and cape verde- held missions to train national teams and identify new SBLs



Key activities in 2018

CDM projects

- √ Management of RCC Lomé pipeline;
- ✓ Collected early 2018 in April with the support the Secretariat the points of view of project developers;
- ✓ Assisted Togo Energy Electricity Company (CEET) and Fédération pour le Développement du Monde Rural (FDMR) du Burundi (3 PC entered in the pipeline);





West African Alliance

Activities 2018:

Alliance management

- ✓ Steering committee meetings (Bonn, June and Bangkok, September);
- ✓ Member meetings (January in Saly- Senegal, July in Lomé – Togo) briefing member meeting held during climate negociation in May;
- ✓ Legal documents (membership, rules and procedures, validation of these documents will be in 2019);
- Established working groups(Market ,non market and carbon pricing; Climate finance; Transparency; Technology transfert);



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West African Alliance

Activities 2018:

Market climate negotiations and related thematic of interest for the Alliance

- √ Workshops;
- √ Mapping of carbon activities;

In-country Article 6 readiness support

√ Togo and Nigeria are supported for this purpose.



THE WEST AFRICAN SOUTH-SOUTH NETWORK ON MRV AND TRANSPARENCY

2018 activities :

Peer to peer activities



- Assessment of national MRV system for 14 countries through surveys to better understand gaps and need for each member country;
- Quality Assurance (QA) of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Management System and National Greenhouse Gas Inventories of Ghana (March 2018), Benin (October 2018), Nigeria (November 2018);
- Support in organizing the Francophone Cluster regional workshop in Cameroon (May 2018) on monitoring and assessment of adaptation projects.
 8 member countries participated, namely: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo



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THE WEST AFRICAN SOUTH-SOUTH NETWORK ON MRV AND TRANSPARENCY

2018 activities :

WEST AFRICAN SOUTH-SOUTH Network on MRV and Transparency

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- Facilitating the participation of 1 focal point from Senegal to the UNFCCC-GIR-Climate Action and Support Transparency Training Programme on Greenhouse Gases in South Korea on GHG Inventory Compilation (June-July 2018);
- Access to online trainings about 2006 IPCC guidelines (roughly 30 participants);
- Webinars:
- ✓ Good practices and lessons learned: Reporting information on financial support needed and received in NC/BUR (November 2018)
- ✓ MRV Systems and Database (November 2018)
- ✓ CGE webinar on institutional arrangements for the MRV process (April 2018)

NETWORK MANAGEMENT

Annual meeting in Istanbul with UNDP GSP, UNFCCC Secretariat and RCC Lome to define the strategy for the last quarter of 2018 and first half of 2019 (September 2018



Direct support to BOAD

- Assisting the Bank on its green bond programme(framework and pipeline of projects);
- ❖Providing the point of view to revise Mali rural electrification project;
- ❖NDC implementation in WAEMU countries (technical missions held in Sénégal, Burkina, Mali and Benin;



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Partnerships

- ❖Aéra Group with the Bank;
- ❖ UNSSC;



Perspectives 2019

- CDM support (project and SBL);
- ❖Climate finance green bond programme;
- ❖MRV and Transparency;
- ❖Alliance activities ;
- ❖Global climate action Develop youth academy on climate change;
- ❖ African Climate Week activities in Ghana.

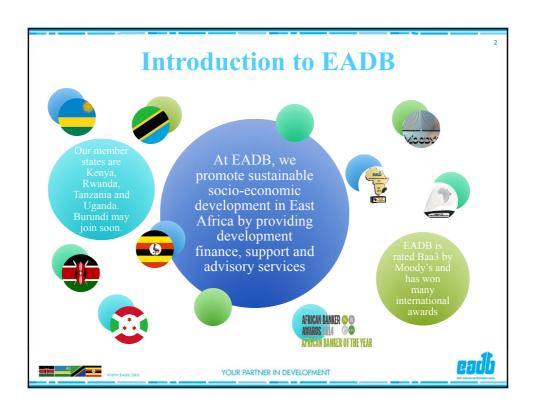


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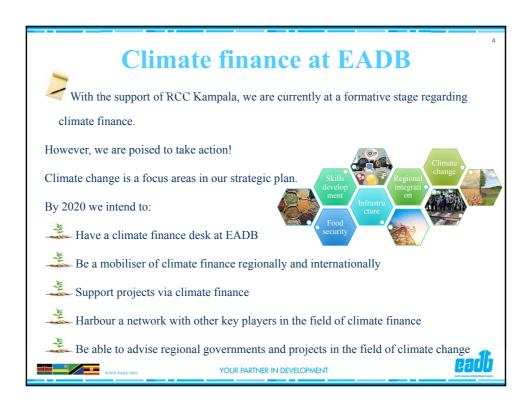


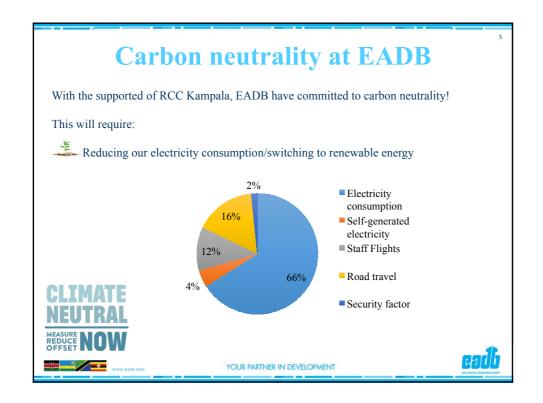


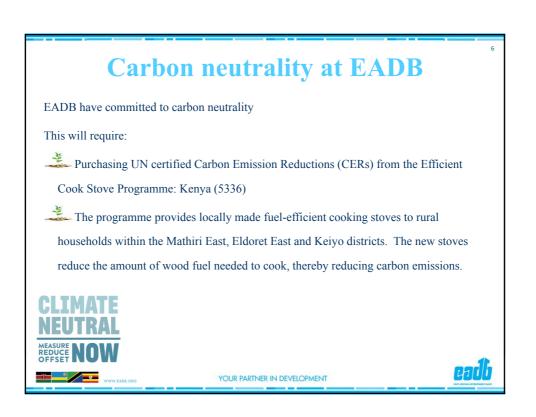


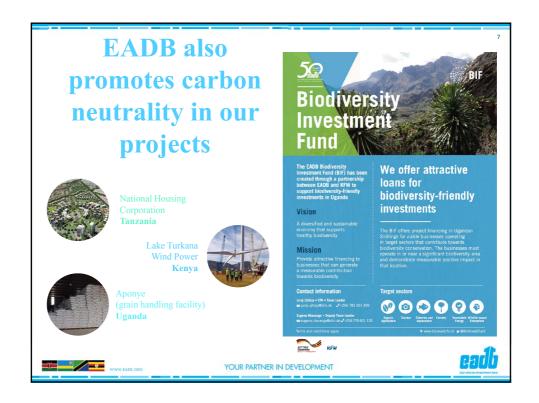




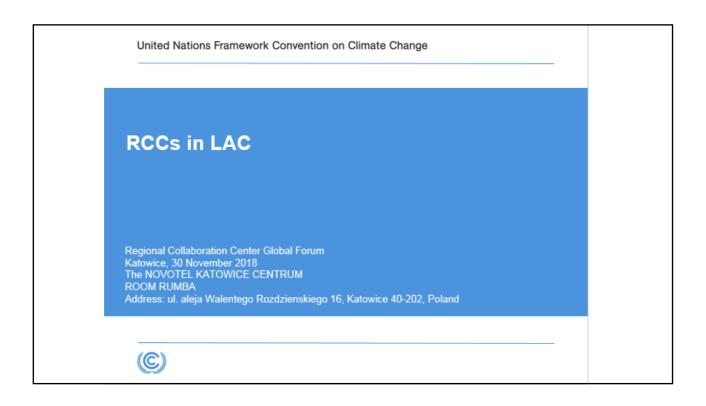


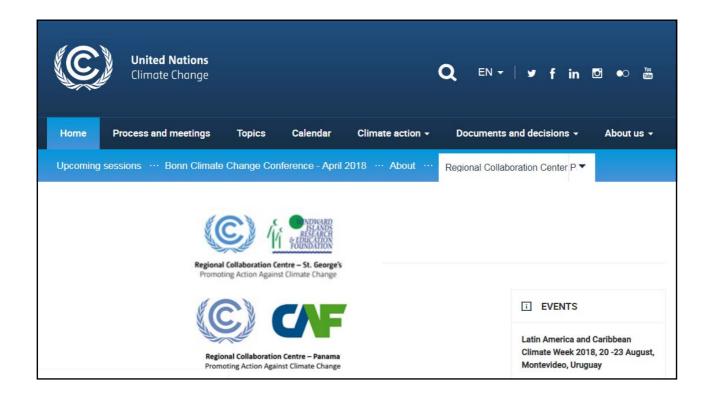






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2018 Achievements

Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

Work started to establish the Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub. A meeting with high-level government stakeholders from all the participating countries in the Caribbean is planned. The work is ongoing on the framework of the MRV West African network, which has the objective of supporting countries of the Economic Community of West African States in establishing sound MRV systems by 2020. Under the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CI-ACA)¹ initiative a scoping study started on needs for enhancing and harmonizing MRV towards a potential regional carbon market for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations countries.

Implementation of NDCs

The regional NDC Coordinators are hosted and supported by RCCs. Partnership plans for NDC implementation is finalized for Honduras, and in progress for Colombia, St. Lucia, the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica. Work just started for Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda and Uruguay.

Capacity-building



RCCs continued to provide capacity-building support to a wide range of stakeholders, including designated national authorities (DNAs), to promote the use of the CDM as a tool for MRV of emission reductions, as well as to monitor sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs). Until October, RCCs co-organized 25 capacity-building events for CDM stakeholders in the form of trainings, workshops and webinars and provided technical support to 159 CDM project activities/programmes of activities and 23 new standardized baselines.

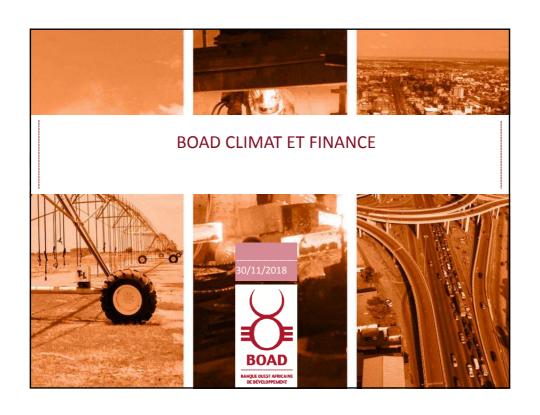
Finance for Climate

RCCs are working with governments, financiers, project owners and financial institutions to support finance for climate. The Green Investment Catalyst (GIC)² is a key tool for this activity. A green finance framework was established in Zimbabwe with the aim to encourage sustainable financial products such as green sustainable bonds and loans. This framework acts as an investment promotion instrument to implement the NDCs.



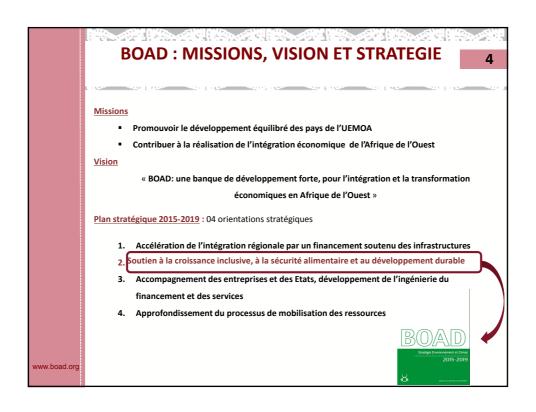
Regional Climate Weeks

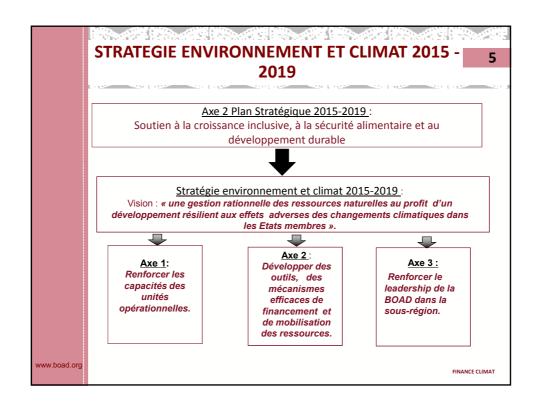
Regional Climate Weeks in 2018 have been showcasing ground-breaking actions that are underway across the globe to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to build resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change. To support these events in Nairobi, Singapore and Montevideo, RCCs engaged with national and regional stakeholders, generating a number of outcomes, including inputs related to Talanoa dialogue, climate change technology, climate finance, transparency, implementation of NDC and sustainable development goals and post-2020 climate action. It is expected that these regional climate weeks will help pave the way for many more engagements at next year's Regional Climate Weeks.

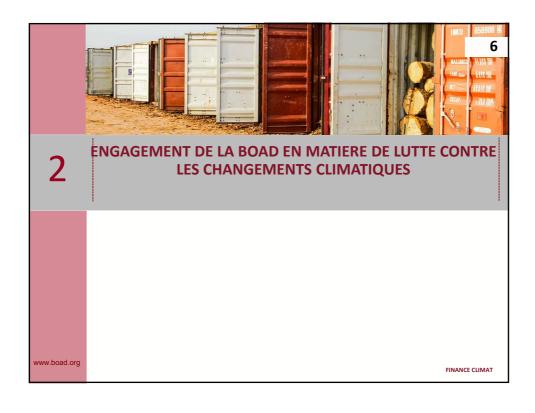


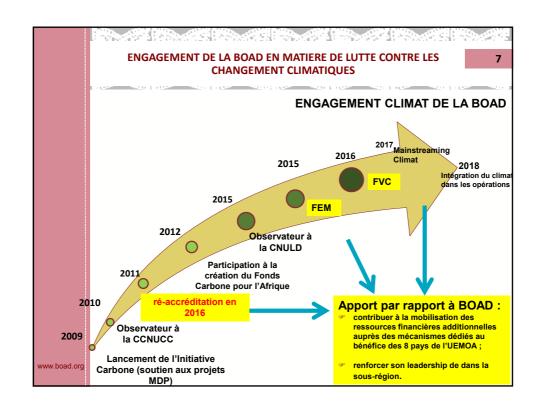


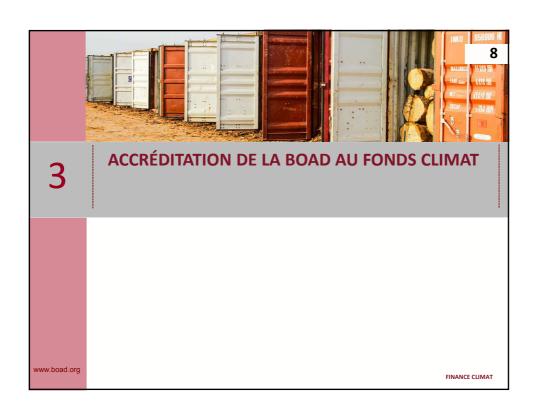




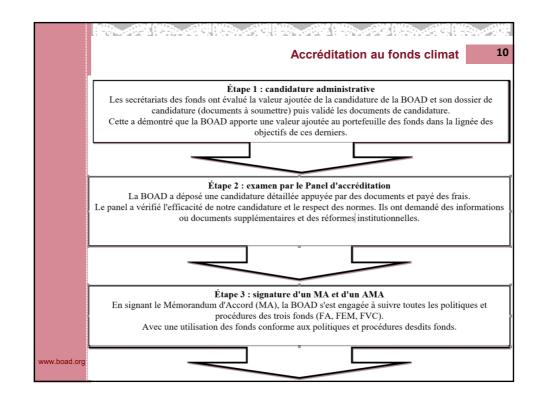


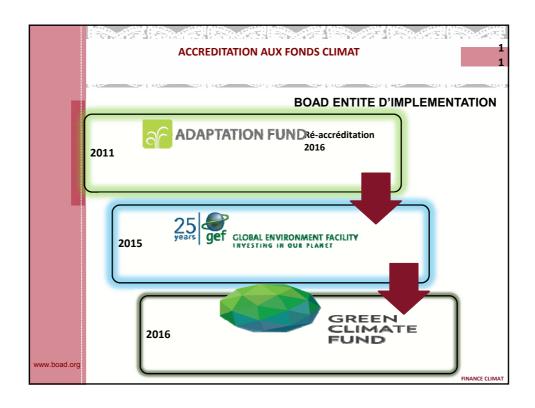


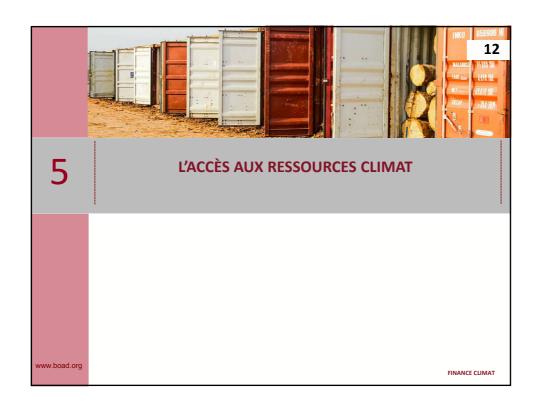


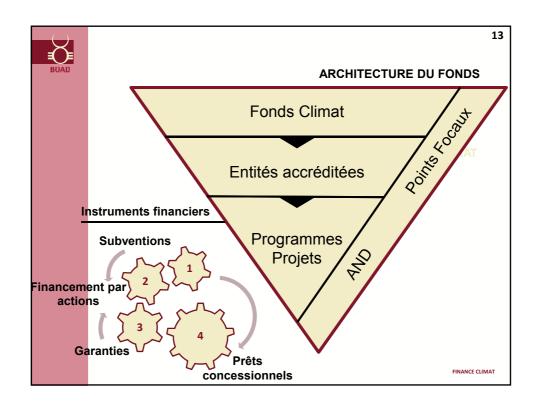


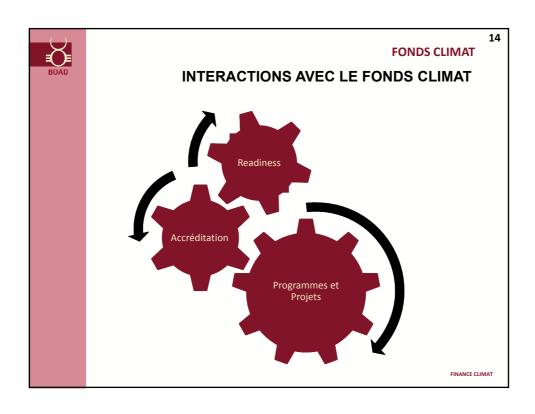
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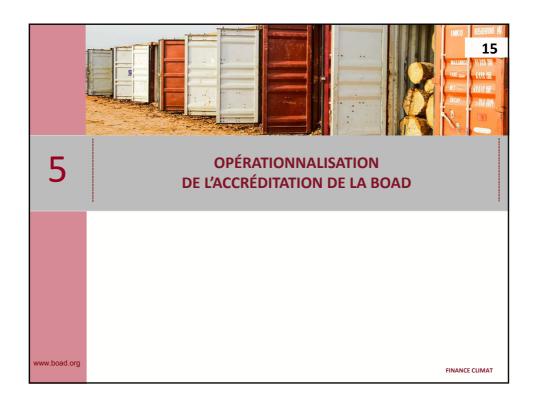
















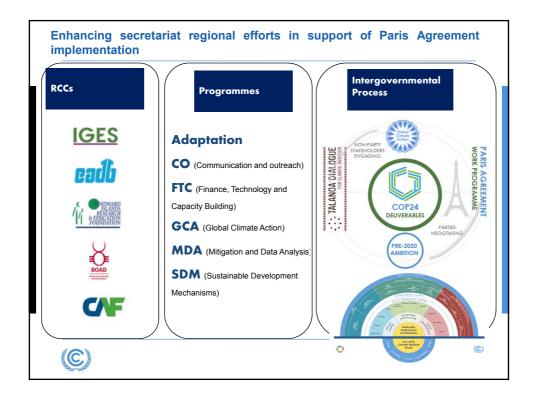
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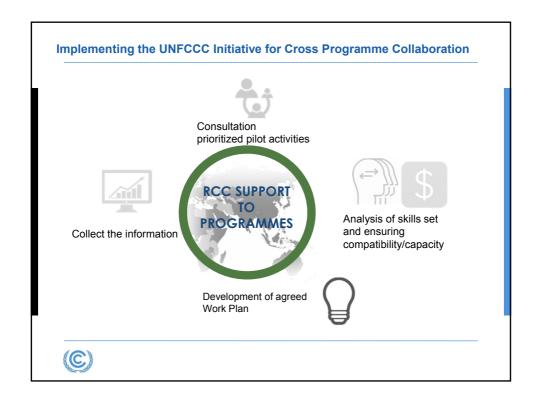
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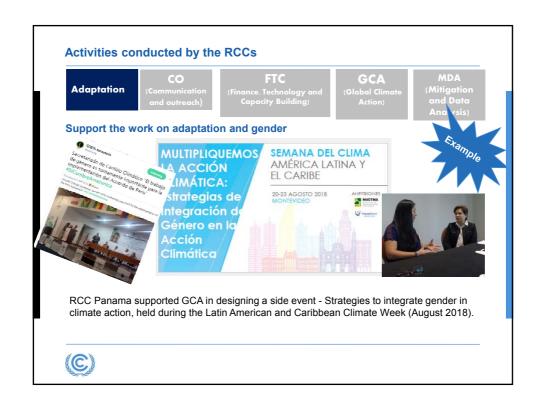


















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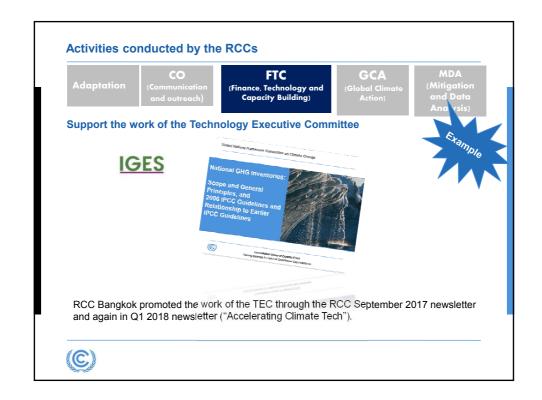
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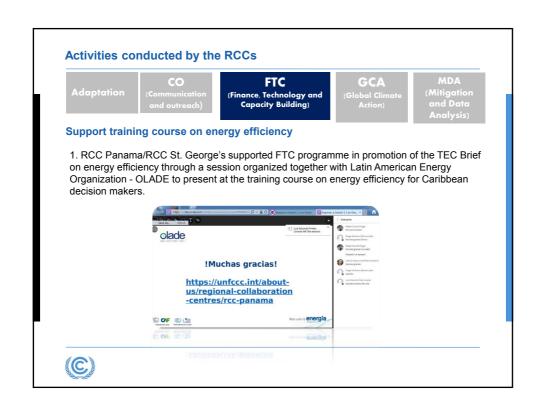
















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Support training course on energy efficiency





RCC Panama/RCC St. George's supported FTC programme in promotion of the TEC Brief on energy efficiency through a session organized together with Latin American Energy Organization - OLADE to present at the training course on energy efficiency for Caribbean decision makers.



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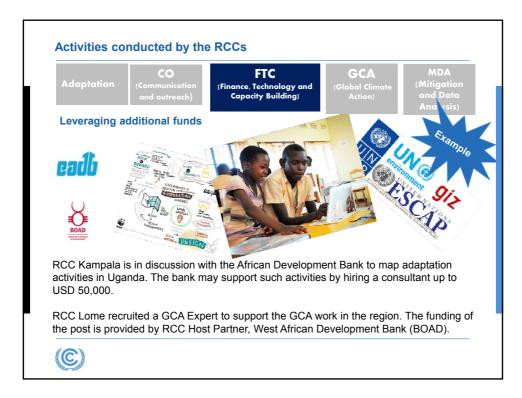
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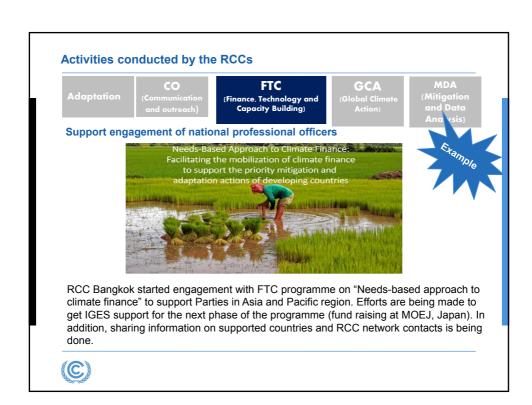
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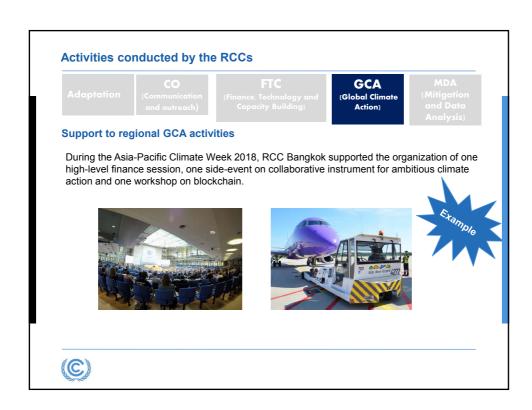






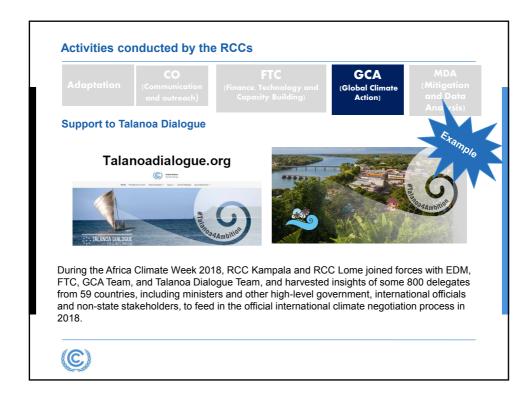


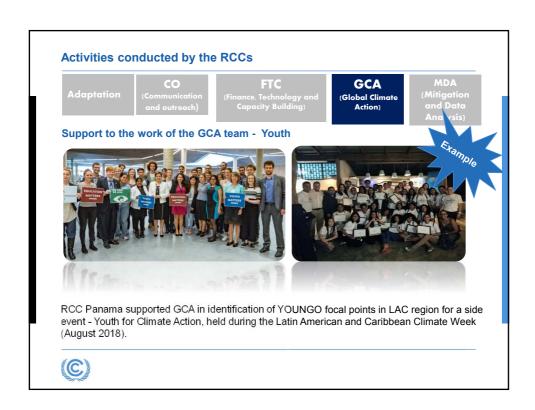








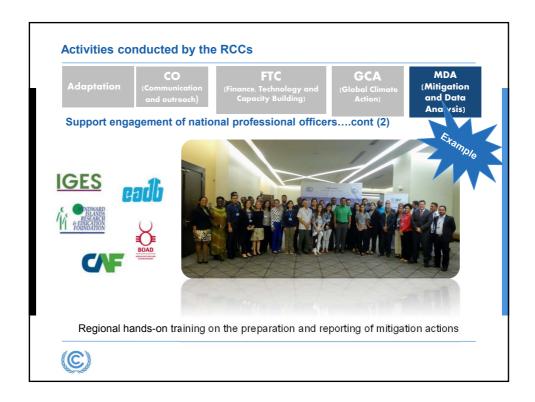
















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Support the work on adaptation

- RCC Bangkok collected information on adaptation related initiatives, programmes and organizations in the region. Made contacts with UNDP and UN Environment on NAP related activities (currently following up in detail and sharing with Adaptation programme).
- RCC Bangkok provided Adaptation programme information on UNESCAP's technical working group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (attended by RCC Bangkok), which focuses on Sendai Implementation and climate change adaptation for the 2018 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Ulaanbaatar (June 2018). Further, it shared information on local website designers to support a project the programme is considering (September 2018).
- 3. RCC Panama supported the workshop "Dialogue on disaster risk reduction" organized by Parlamericas in February 2018 in Panama City. RCC presented the links between the disaster risk reduction agenda and the Nationally Determined Commitments under the Paris Agreement, and the ways in which parliamentarians can accelerate implementation through adaptation plans and mitigation actions.







Adaptation (Communication and outreach) FTC (Finance, Technology and Capacity Building) (Global Climate Action)

Support the work on adaptation and gender

- 1. RCC Bangkok facilitated Adaptation programme in conducting activities/events relating to capacity enhancement of countries. RCC Bangkok identified the opportunity, established contact and organized the UNFCCC Skype Session for the Training Programme on "Mainstreaming Gender Considerations in Climate Change Adaptation Projects" by the Adaptation programme, together with Gender focal point at a training workshop at Asia Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok in Q4 2017.
- RCC Panama supported GCA in designing a side event Strategies to integrate gender in climate action, held during the Latin American and Caribbean Climate Week (August 2018).



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Support the work on adaptationcont

- 4. RCC Panama supported two workshops "Regional Health Workshop of National Adaptation Plans to Climate Change: Central America and South America" that took place in Panama during February and in Buenos Aires (webex) in March 2018, it was organized by the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO). RCC presented an overview of the NDCs, the importance of health sector in adaptation component and the technical guidelines for the NAP process.
- RCC Panama/RCC St. George's introduced PAHO/WHO to the LAC Climate Week partners with the idea of having one session on NAP-H during this LAC Climate week in Montevideo. PHO/WHO is analyzing the possibility of having a high-level session inviting Ministries of Health from LAC.
- RCC Panama supported Adaptation programme in preparation for a workshop -Health and Climate Change, during the Latin American and Caribbean Climate Week (August 2018).
- RCC Panama represented Adaptation programme in NAPExpo, Latin-American (October 2018) by providing a speech during the opening ceremony.







Adaptation (Communication and outreach)

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Support the work of momentum for change

- 1. RCC Bangkok published newsletter article: "Momentum for Change Launches Interactive Annual Report", for MfC team in Q3 2017.
- 2. RCC Bangkok continued to collaborate with GCA to feature their news in regional newsletter Climate Neutral Now; Momentum for Change; NAZCA, Talanoa Dialogue (March, July, September 2017; January, April, July 2018).
- 3. RCC Kampala worked with CO programme, MfC team, to disseminate information related to Momentum for Change initiative among the stakeholder in the region.
- 4. RCC Lome published newsletter articles on the "Momentum for Change" as well as provided expertise in reviewing 20 project proposals for the 2017 edition. RCC Panama and RCC St. George's included an article in their newsletter about "Momentum for Change" (English and Spanish) and directly invited one rural solar project which complies with MfC criteria to submit its proposal.



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Support the work of the Technology Executive Committee

- 1.RCC Bangkok promoted the work of the TEC through the RCC September 2017 newsletter and again in Q1 2018 newsletter ("Accelerating Climate Tech").
- 2. RCC Kampala worked with FTC programme to disseminate TEC's products and promotion of TT: CLEAR using RCCs newsletters, communication products, workshops, network meetings, RCCs missions at national and sub-national levels and RCC booths at major events at regional level.
- 3. RCC Kampala shared updates from TEC meeting with regional stakeholders through its October 2017 newsletter.







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Support the work of capacity-building

- RCC Bangkok identified an opportunity on participating in capacity-building activities together with AIT for FTC.
- RCC Bangkok in cooperation with its hosting partner IGES, initiated discussions with other regional partners and stakeholders regarding the possible establishment of a capacitybuilding center within RCC Bangkok office.
- RCC Bangkok provided information to FTC programme on capacity-building initiatives in the region and countries; i.e. the fourth Climate Change International Technical and Training Center (CITC was established by Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization) Regional Conference 2018 "Accelerating the Paris Agreement Implementation through Climate Finance, Technology and Capacity Building" held in Bangkok in July 2018.
- 4. RCC Bangkok also provided FTC programme information on regional South-South Cooperation examples, ongoing conference in Bangkok, a recently finished GIZ programme and examples for W-T-E project to facilitate a session organized by the programme during the Asia-Pacific Regional Climate Week 2018.
- RCC Lome is preparing for the launching of a two-week long "Africa Youth Climate Leadership and Diplomacy Academy" training programme to be hosted by the West African Development Bank (BOAD).



Activities conducted by the RCCs

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Support climate finance meetings

- RCC Kampala co-organized and facilitated a climate finance training workshop, held in Kigali in August 2018, to help Rwandan sector experts strategize effectively on NDC implementation. The workshop provided opportunity for experts to discuss project identification and development of bankable projects which form part of the NDC, LEDs NAPs with clear links to MRV frameworks.
- RCC Lome provided backstopping to FTC programme in climate finance meetings, particularly in the GEF Extended Constituency workshops in Swaziland in 2017, and the eighteenth Board Meeting of the GCF in Cairo in 2017.
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Support to the work of the GCA team

- RCC Bangkok supported the GCA team during the Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2017 to culminate a Regional Climate Action Agenda to: promote more ambition prior to 2020 and to promote take-up of carbon pricing instruments and policies and improve access to finance.
- 2. RCC Bangkok is working on mapping GCA relevant non-Party stakeholders in the region to support Asia-Pacific Climate Week 2019 (ongoing).
- RCC Kampala is ensuring visibility and progress of the activities of the Marrakech Partnership
 in the region through newsletters and meetings/bilateral with stakeholders in the region. For
 example, poster presentation during the Africa Climate Week 2018.
- RCC Kampala engaged with civil society in Uganda to support operationalization of the Marrakech Partnership.
- RCC Panama supported GCA in identification of YOUNGO focal points in LAC region for a side event - Youth for Climate Action, held during the Latin American and Caribbean Climate Week (August 2018).
- RCC Panama presented on behalf of GCA in an event Fostering Climate Action in the Americas and the Caribbean: The Role of Parliaments within the Climate Agenda (October 2018).



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Leveraging additional funds

- RCC Kampala is in discussion with the African Development Bank to map adaptation activities in Uganda. The bank may support such activities by hiring a consultant up to USD 50.000.
- RCC Lome recruited a GCA Expert to support the GCA work in the region. The funding of the post is provided by RCC Host Partner, West African Development Bank (BOAD).
- One Annex I donor provided fund with which IGES together with RCC Bangkok, carried
 out the project "International Market Mechanisms and Transparency Under the Paris
 Agreement" in the beginning of 2018. The project focused on greater cooperation and
 enhanced transparency.
- 4. Donors provided funding for Asia and West Africa regions to support capacity-building on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- Several donors are currently supporting direct technical support activities to those Parties interested to use cooperative mechanisms to enhance ambition under their NDCs.
- Other UN agencies and intergovernmental organizations are providing funds and inkind support to initiative to strengthen MRV capacity-building and peer-to-peer support.







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Support engagement of national professional officers

- Adaptation programme is engaging national professional officers through the RCCs to support specific activities of the programme.
- 2. RCC Bangkok has been supporting Adaptation programme in the recruitment of local and regional experts (ongoing). Additionally, due to the host partner's (IGES) in-house expertise on adaptation, RCC Bangkok initiated discussion on how information, knowledge and experience of IGES can be used in supporting the work of adaptation programme in the region.
- RCC Bangkok started engagement with FTC programme on "Needs-based approach to climate finance" to support Parties in Asia and Pacific region. Efforts are being made to get IGES support for the next phase of the programme (fund raising at MOEJ, Japan). In addition, sharing information on supported countries and RCC network contacts is being done.



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- 4. RCC Kampala and FTC programme discussed the Needs-Based Finance (NBF) project (i.e. mandated by the COP 23) with the Rwanda Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance, Rwanda's Green Fund locally known as FONERWA and Rwanda Environment Management Authority. The key objective of this project is to facilitate the mobilization of climate finance to support the needs identified by developing countries regarding the implementation of priority mitigation and adaptation actions, in accordance with the goals outline in their NDCs and NAPs.
- RCC Lome is in-discussion with Adaptation programme for establishing nation/regional expertise on adaptation.
- RCC Lome supported GCA in recruiting personnel to work on the Youth Academy project.
- RCC Panama/RCC St. George's initiated the discussion on recruitment of local expertise for Adaptation programme with the host partners (CAF and WINDREF) and is waiting to start the process.







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Support engagement of national professional officers... cont (3)

- 8. RCC Panama/RCC St. George's helped FTC programme in networking towards the implementation of its project "Needs-Based approach to Climate Finance", for example with the Regional Specialist of the NDC Partnership for Latin America and the Caribbean.
- RCC Panama supported FTC in the identification of three Latin America and Caribbean countries for the implementation of a pilot project for the "Needs based approach to Climate Finance" through the NDC-P.
- 10. RCC St. George's is hosting the GCF regional staff since 13 September 2018. On that occasion, the RCC host partner in Grenada provided renovated facilities for the RCC, GCF specialist, MRV hub and Global Water Partnership Caribbean. Hon. Mr. Stiell, Minister for Climate Resilience, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management and Information was present to inaugurate the renovated facility expressing his full support to the RCC.





