



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear Stakeholders,

Greetings from RCC Kampala.

Climate leaders will gather once again from 3-14 December 2018 to make progress in the global fight against climate change. This year's meeting, the 24th Conference of Parties (COP24) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), taking place in Katowice, Poland, marks the most important moment since countries celebrated adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015.

As we all eagerly await outcomes from the most prestigious climate change event of the year, we bring you our second last news edition for the year which showcases key stories and events; some of the recent publications and reports; climate finance news and opportunities; and latest platforms for climate action. As you read through, don't forget to discover your personal outlook on climate change with the #Climattitude Campaign.

HAPPY READING!!

RCC Kampala Team

2018 Climate Action Award Winners



On 26 September 2018, the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat announced recipients of the 2018 UN 'Momentum for Change' climate actions award of which, Rwanda's Green Fund-FONERWA, was also a winner. The 15 winning activities also known as Lighthouse Activities were chosen from a pool of over 560 applications from all over the world ranging from businesses and governments to communities and organizations. [Read more](#)

Clean Development Mechanism

Countries Urge Continued Use of Clean Development Mechanism



National representatives working on the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) have called for the continued use and promotion of the CDM to help in the international response to climate change. The CDM has led to registration of more than 8,100 projects and programmes in 111 developing countries and the issuance of almost 2 billion certified emission reductions (CERs). CDM Designated National Authorities (DNAs) from 59 countries, who were at UN Climate Change in Bonn, Germany, for three days of meetings and a technical workshop, 19-21 September, want those numbers to grow and thus called on the CDM Executive Board to step up promotion so the CDM can retain a place in countries' evolving climate efforts. [Read more](#)

Highlights from RCC Kampala

Pre-COP24 Negotiators Forum for East African Countries

RCC Kampala together with the **GIZ Carbon Markets Project** in Uganda on behalf of the **Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)**, and the **East African Community (EAC) Secretariat** organized a Pre-COP24 Negotiators Forum held from 30th October to 1st November 2018. The Forum held in Nairobi Kenya brought together participants from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Burundi. Discussions during the event focused on carbon pricing and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. [Read More](#)



RCC Kampala a Challenge Host for the SEED Practitioners Lab Climate Finance Initiative



From June to November 2018, RCC Kampala was a challenge host for Renewable Energy Infrastructure financing under the SEED Practitioners Lab Climate Finance Initiative. As a challenge host, RCC Kampala was tasked with a lead role in the facilitating the challenge group in the development of an innovative financial solution to some of the challenges faced in financing Renewable Energy Infrastructures. Read more from [RCC Kampala website](#) (or go straight to the [full report](#))

Excerpt from the 7th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa

The 7th Conference on Climate Change and Development was held from 10-11 October 2018 in Nairobi Kenya, during which, African countries identified their priorities; solidified their position; and articulated their expectations ahead of the 24th session of COP that is expected to finalize implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement on climate change. The identified priorities and expectations for the continent included among others; the completion of work on the Paris Agreement Work Programme (PAWP); support for African initiatives; and predictable and adequate finance to fight climate change. Read more from the event [outcome document](#)

Africa Climate Week Set!



The 2019 Africa Climate Week (ACW) has been announced to take place from 18-20 March 2019 in Accra Ghana. As the First Regional Climate Week to be held next Year, the African Climate Week is envisaged to bring together diverse actors and will be instrumental in demonstrating genuine international support for stepping up climate action. It will also showcase the role of future carbon markets to achieve enhanced climate action, towards the goal of sustainable development. ***In case you are in Katowice, the UN Climate Change and Collaborating Partners cordially invited to attend the official launch scheduled to take place at Action Hub at COP 24, Amphitheatre on the 12th December 2018, from 11:00-11:30 am.*** Read more [here](#)

Publications and Reports

Article on IPCC Report

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on 08th October 2018 released a special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. In the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty. Read more [here](#)



Emissions Gap Report 2018

The Publication released on the 27th of November 2018 presents an assessment of the current mitigation efforts by countries and the ambitions put forward in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This year's report provides an update on the Global emissions, an update on Emission gap and opportunities to bridge the emissions gap. Find the report [here](#)



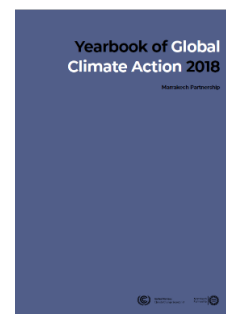
Climate Opportunity Report: More Jobs, Better Health, Liveable Cities

The Climate Opportunity report looks at the economic, social and environmental benefits of climate change mitigation actions in cities. The report shows that climate change mitigation through ambitious policies can help cities achieve their broader social and economic plans. The report can further help policymakers to investigate linkages between ambitious climate measures and their social and economic priorities. Find the report [here](#):



Yearbook of Global Climate Action 2018

The UN Climate Change secretariat published the second Yearbook of Global Climate Action. The 2018 GCA Year book shows how thousands of stakeholders are making commitments and taking climate action. The Yearbook also describes opportunities for governments to work together with non-Party stakeholders to increase the speed and ambition of climate action. [Read more](#)



Climate Finance

Green Climate Fund invests USD 1 billion for developing country climate action

The GCF approved over one billion dollars of new projects and programmes to support climate action in developing countries. This was during the 21st meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board held in Bahrain from 17th to 20th October 2018 which also saw the formal launching of the Fund's first replenishment. GCF now has a portfolio of 93 projects amounting to over USD 4,605 million of GCF resources. In addition, 16 new Accredited Entities were approved bringing the tally to 75 Accredited Entities, 41 of which are direct access, providing national and regional channels for developing countries to access GCF funds. [Read more](#)

IRENA/ADFD funding opportunity for renewable energy projects in developing countries



The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) have collaborated on a joint project Facility to support replicable, scalable and potentially transformative renewable energy projects in developing countries. The 7th funding cycle is now open for applications up to February 2019. Please find more information about the project and how to apply [here](#)

Source: IRENA Website

What's New

#Climattitude Campaign

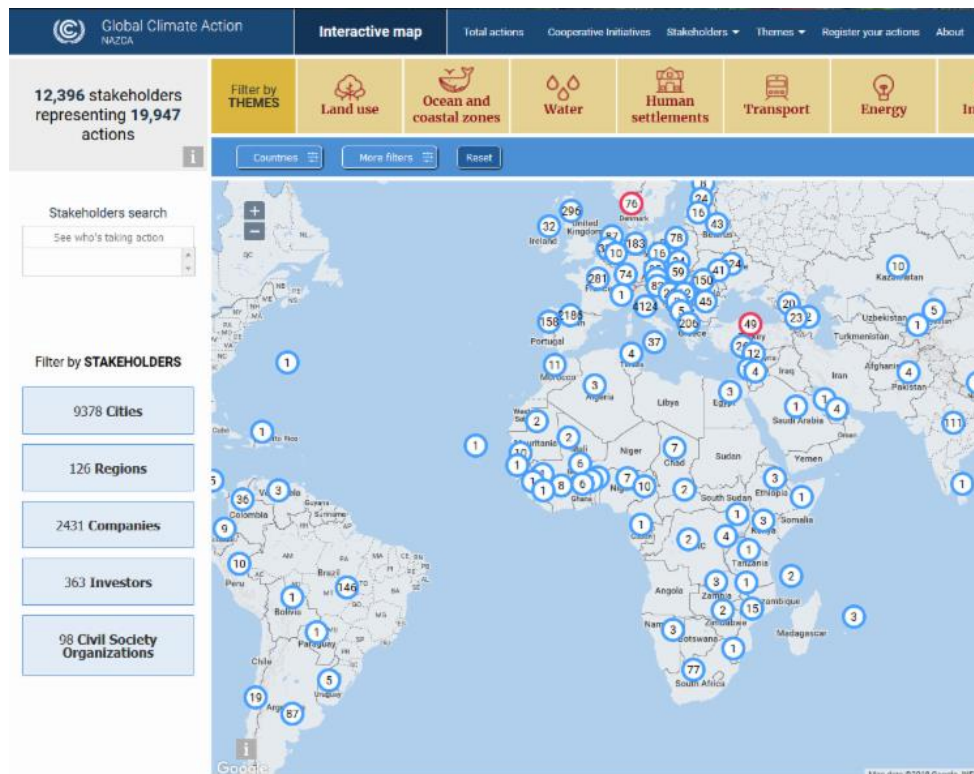


The UN Climate change launched a new campaign - #Climattitude to encourage all types of climate action, no matter how big or small, on the part of citizens around the world. The campaign which has a fun quiz as a central element allows users to discover their own personal climate footprint and attitude with regard to climate change action. Find details [here](#)

New UN Global Compact Academy

On September 12, the UN Global Compact launched its new Global Compact Academy - a digital learning platform designed to help companies achieve their sustainability goals. The goals of the platform are "to convey the knowledge and skills that companies need to meet their sustainability objectives; Initiate change processes and strategically anchor sustainability along the entire value-added chain in line with Agenda 2030". Initially, the complete contents of the Academy are only available to UN Global Compact members. For non-members, it offers a publicly available "Influencer" series. Visit the [UN Global Compact Academy website](#) to Accelerate your Sustainability Journey.

Revamped UN Climate Action Portal



The United Nations Climate change secretariat revamped its Climate Action Portal to capture and drive climate action by cities, regions, companies and investors to achieve the collective goals of the Paris Agreement. The portal has an interactive map showing actions of different stakeholders in regard to climate action including non-party stakeholders. For more information, visit the [UNFCCC Website](https://climateaction.unfccc.org/)

NDC-SDG Linkages Tool



more and access the tool [here](https://ndc-sdg-linkages.unfccc.org/)

The NDC-SDG Linkages tool on the NDC Partnership Knowledge Portal allows users to explore the potential linkages in the targets, actions, and policy measures and needs within countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Read

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