

Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America

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Regional Collaboration Centre – Panama

Promoting Climate Action in Latin America

Dear RCC Friends,

Welcome to our March newsletter! This month marks an important milestone for the Centre since the start of the pandemic, your RCC Panama had its first official mission and this time visited the Dominican Republic.

Meetings with Authorities of the Ministry of Environment (*Ambiente*) and the National Council for Climate Change and CDM (*Cambio-Climático*), were held to discuss regional projects including Need-based Finance project (*NBF*), Academy for Global Youth Leadership Empowerment (*AGYLE*), matters relating to the Clean Development Mechanism (*CDM*) and Latin American and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCCW 2022) to be held in the middle of 2022. RCC Panama thanks the Dominican Republic for its hospitality and commitment to advance the climate change agenda in the region. The team looks forward to strengthening our collaboration with stakeholders. In the photo from the mission are Ms. Milagros de Camps, Vice Ministry of Environment; Mr. Daniel Galvan, RCC Panama; and Ms. Nathalie Flores, Climate Change Director.



In this month's newsletter, you will also find highlights about the first-ever Middle East and Northern African Climate Week 2022. RCC Panama was present for the event, which kicks off the Regional Climate Weeks 2022. Continue to read about upcoming UNFCCC workshops on the implementation of response measures and adoption of workplans of UNFCCC Constituted bodies on CDM and Transparency Framework.

Lastly, we are always seeking to provide our readers with the most relevant news and resources. So we invite all readers to take a two-minute survey and give us valuable feedback.

Your partner in climate action,
The RCC Panama Team

RCC and UNFCCC Highlights

Long-term Planning at MENA Climate Week 2022

Long-term planning was in focus at the first-ever MENA Climate Week, which was held last week. At MENACW 2022, UN Climate Change collaborated with several regional and global partners to deliver a series of sessions on long-term planning for a sustainable and just transition to net zero.

The series kicked off with a session on 'The long-term green transition Pathways to

enhancing and implementing low GHG development – MENA Regional Dialogues’. These open dialogues brought together key stakeholders and policymakers from the Middle East and North Africa to share information, good practices and challenges and opportunities specific to the region. This is crucial to advance development and implementation of ambitious long-term planning, LT-LEDS, NDCs and sectoral policies to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

This event was complemented by sessions taking place over the course of MENA Climate Week. The second session in the series was part of the thematic track discussions and focused on ‘Planning and Implementing of Long-term Strategies for Sustainable and Inclusive Development’. This discussion opened space for stakeholders to share insights and information on key aspects of long-term planning.

These events created a holistic dialogue during MENA Climate Week on the relevance of long-term planning and its implementation in the region. This discussion came to the Latin America and the Caribbean region later this year at LAC Climate Week 2022, part of the Regional Climate Weeks 2022.

Read about the outcomes from MENA Climate Week 2022 in the [Newsroom](#) and watch videos on the [MENACW 2022 page](#). An output report and additional details on RCW 2022 events are coming soon.

RCC Panama Shares Regional Perspective at International Forum of Santo Domingo

(*Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2 – 3 March, 2022*)
FUNGLODE AND IDEA International organized the ***Sixth International Forum of Santo Domingo “Latin America: global and regional trends 2022”*** with participation of the former President of the Republic, Leonel Fernández; the director of Listín Diario, Miguel Franjul; Circe Almánzar, vice president of the Dominican Republic Industry Association (AIRD) and Daniel Zovatto, regional director of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), among others.

RCC Panama participated during a panel providing insights on opportunities and challenges related to Climate Change for Latin America during 2022, this included Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, expectations in terms of new NDCs to be submitted before COP27 and potential opportunities under Article 6 Carbon Market mechanism based on CDM experience in Dominican Republic.

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (*FUNGLODE*) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the studies and training of the various sectors of the social, political, economic, democratic and international sphere of the Dominican Republic. The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (*International IDEA*) is an intergovernmental organization that supports sustainable democracy worldwide.

Forum recording is available [here](#).

América Latina: tendencias globales y regionales 2022

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Panel 6: América Latina: desafíos y oportunidades en 2022

Moderador:
Leonel Fernández
Expresidente de la República Dominicana y presidente de Funglode.

Educación:
Mariano Jabonero
Secretario general de la Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos (OEI).

Cambio climático:
Daniel Galván Pérez
Centro Regional de Colaboración para América Latina (UNFCCC-UNEP).

Digitalización:
Roberto Tallercio O'Brien
Director regional de Crecimiento Equitativo, Finanzas e Instituciones para América Latina y el Caribe, Banco Mundial.

Migración:
Felipe Muñoz
Director de Migraciones, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) y Ex gerente de Fronteras en Colombia.

Tamara Taraciuk Broner
Directora interina para las Américas Human Rights Watch.

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12:00 p.m. (AST)
5:00 p.m. (CET)

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CDM Executive Board holds 113th meeting



At this meeting, the Board took note of [decision 2/CMP.16](#) related to the CDM and other related decisions adopted at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021 (CMP 16), and particularly noted the mandates it received from the CMP.

In light of these decisions, the Board revised and adopted the “Clarification: Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post 2020 cases”. Also thanks to the guidance from the CMP, the Board could start preparations for the advancement of its work: Board members agreed to consider possible future activities at EB114, among which their possible collaboration with the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism) for an expedited implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism and for the management of the CDM process. The latter includes matters relating to the de-registration of registered CDM project activities and Programmes of Activities that transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism.

Besides, the Board continued its work on the scope and timing of a survey (to be launched soon) to CDM project participants on the status of their activities, before agreeing to some promotional activities relating to the [United Nations Online Platform for Voluntary Cancellation of Certified Emission Reductions](#). The Board further agreed to continue reflecting on the platform and its future, taking into account decision 2/CMP.16 at future meetings in 2022.

For more details, please refer to the [full report](#) of the 113th meeting.

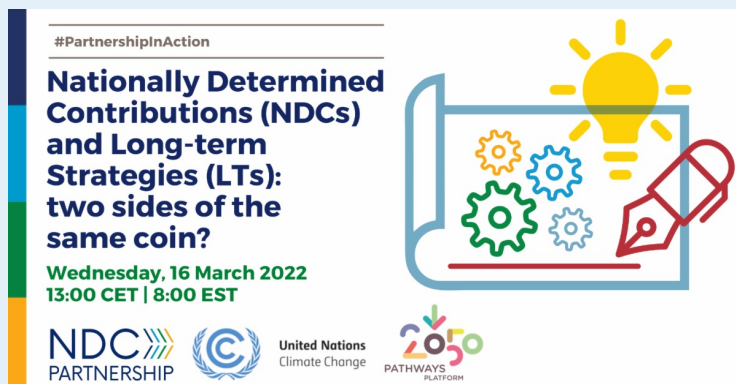
Support for Developing Countries Reporting of Climate Action



COP26 committed to provide support for implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework, including guidance on the role of the [Consultative Group of Experts \(CGE\)](#). At the [seventh meeting of the CGE](#), held virtually on 28 February and 1 March 2022, the group successfully developed its [work programme for 2022 – 2026](#) based on its [revised terms of reference](#), and also identified its [key activities for 2022](#). The

CGE will continue playing a leading role in supporting the implementation of the measurement, reporting and verification arrangements under the Convention and facilitating the transition to the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement.

NDCs and Long-term Strategies: Two Sides of the Same Coin?



The recently concluded webinar, organized by the NDC-Partnership, 2050 Pathways Platform and the UNFCCC secretariat, along with key global partners, invited participants to gain a deeper understanding of the Long Term Strategies (LTS) concept, its links to the NDCs, and the key challenges and opportunities

countries are facing when developing the two in a consistent and coordinated way. Country speakers shared their own experiences, highlighting knowledge gathered along the way and their support needs. This was complemented by presentations from institutional partners who dove into the opportunities to align NDCs and LTS, including a discussion on where immediate efforts are best placed in 2022 and the lead-up to the next NDC update round in 2025.

Watch the recording [here](#).

CDM Board Elects Chair and Vice-Chair

The CDM Executive Board concluded its 113th meeting, which took place in Bonn, Germany, from 8 to 11 March. The Board elected Mr. Omar Alcock of the Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Environment and Climate Change, Jamaica, and Mr. Frank Wolke, of the German Emissions Trading Authority at the Federal Environment Agency, Germany, as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board respectively, until the first meeting of the Board in 2023.

Please read full article [here](#)



Climate News

Global CO2 Emissions Rebounded to Highest Level in History in 2021



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The increase in global CO₂ emissions of over 2 billion tonnes was the largest in history in absolute terms, more than offsetting the previous year's pandemic-induced decline, the IEA analysis shows. The numbers make clear that the global economic recovery from the Covid-19 crisis has not been a sustainable recovery.

The report states that coal accounted for over 40% of the overall growth in global CO₂ emissions in 2021, reaching an all-time high of 15.3 billion tonnes. CO₂ emissions from natural gas rebounded well above their 2019 levels to 7.5 billion tonnes. At 10.7 billion tonnes, CO₂ emissions from oil remained significantly below pre-pandemic levels because of the limited recovery in global transport activity in 2021, mainly in the aviation sector.

Read the full report [here](#).

Opportunities to Get Involved

We want your opinion on our newsletter!

Let us know what updates mattered to you in 2021! Your feedback is valuable.

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Implicaciones para Centro y Sur América del Informe del IPCC: Impactos, Adaptación y Vulnerabilidad



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