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New Regional Collaboration Centre Established in Dubai



Ovais Sarmad, H.E. Saeed Al Tayer and Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi today in Dubai.

(Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 20 October 2019) - Today marks the official launch of the Regional Collaboration Centre Dubai, a collaboration between UN Climate Change and the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) dedicated to advancing the goals of the Paris Climate Change Agreement in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia.

RCC Dubai was launched, with support from the Government of UAE, at the opening ceremony of the Global Ministerial Conference on Green Economy, convened by WGEO, by Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change, and H.E. Saeed Al Tayer, Chairman of WGEO. The launch took place on the margins of the World Green Economy Summit.

Read the full article and video [here](#)

CDM Passes New Milestones in Cooperative Action on Climate Change



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(UN Climate Change News, October 2019) - The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has passed two exciting milestones - **its millionth cancellation on the UN carbon offset platform and its 2-billionth issuance**, demonstrating ongoing demand for cooperative action on climate change.

An increasing number of subnational and national governments are using carbon-pricing instruments as part of efforts to address greenhouse gas emissions in their jurisdictions. Some domestic emissions trading systems, including the Colombian emissions trading system and carbon tax, the European Union Emissions Trading System, the Korean emissions trading system, the South African and Colombian carbon tax and the Swiss emissions trading system, have been using CERs as eligible offset units that emitters in these jurisdictions can use for compliance with emission obligations.

Visit the [United Nations Carbon Offset Platform](#) where you can measure your emissions, learn about practical ways to reduce emissions, and consider taking the Climate Neutral Now pledge to measure, reduce and offset.

Available now: "Guideline for Latin American climate change negotiators: towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement"



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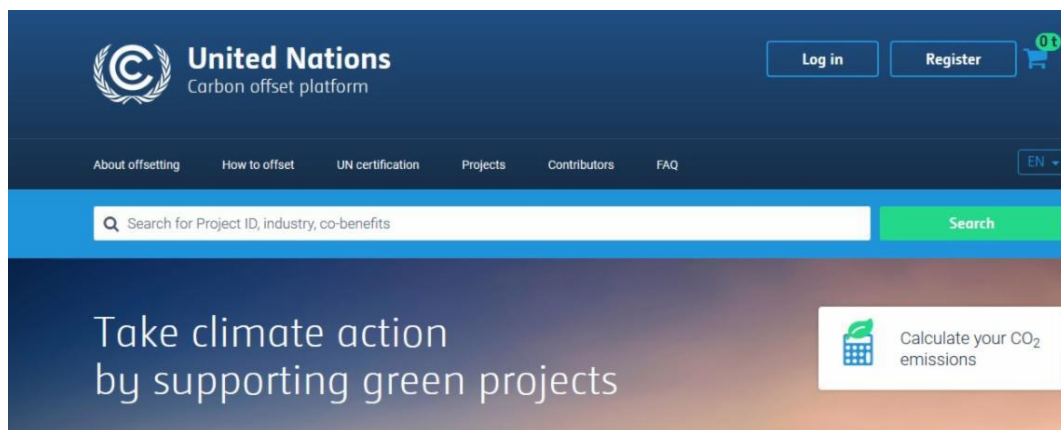
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Hacia la implementación
del Acuerdo de París

(Panama city, Panama, 1 October 2019) - UNDP Latin America and Caribbean office based in Panama has published the "[Guideline for Latin American climate change negotiators: towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement](#)". The purpose of this guideline is to provide a solid base of information to the negotiators in the region, to facilitate their participation in international climate change negotiations. Latin America is highly vulnerable and has enormous potential to contribute to the reduction and absorption of GHG emissions, and to the discussion about the transformation towards low-carbon and climate-resilient development models. The guide seeks to complement other tools developed to guide climate change negotiators. For example, the UNFCCC Secretariat has developed an online guide for new negotiators to get the full picture or big picture of the negotiation process. RCC Panama collaborated with technical inputs to the guideline.

Source: [UNDP Latin America and Caribbean](#)

**Climate Neutral Now Initiative Reaches 200-Participant
Milestone**



(UN Climate Change News, 14 October 2019) - The Climate Neutral Now initiative of UN Climate Change passed the 200 participants mark. These companies and organizations are implementing concrete actions to address their climate footprint and accelerate the transition to a climate-neutral society, by measuring their emissions, acting to reduce them, and compensating the emissions that they could not avoid by supporting green projects in developing countries.

With participants located around the world and coming from diverse sectors, such as energy, fashion, finance, sports, technology, education, architecture, law and events, Climate Neutral Now is raising awareness and action to address climate change.

Visit: [United Nations Carbon Offset Platform](#)

Events

PreCOP25

Event: "Strengthening Climate Governance as a Tool to Achieve a Just transition Towards Decarbonization"



(San Jose, Costa Rica, 10 October 2019) - [PreCOP25](#) - [ParlAmericas](#) in collaboration with the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and the **RCC Panama (UNFCCC-CAF)** organized a side event in the margins of PreCOP25 which took place in San Jose, Costa Rica from October 8 to 10. The high-level side session **"Strengthening Climate Governance as a Tool to Achieve a Just Transition towards Decarbonization"** included the participation of Member of the Legislative Assembly Paola Vega (Costa Rica), Vice President for Central America of the Parliamentary Network for Climate Change; Senator Veronica Camino (Mexico), Vice President for North America of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality; Member of the Chamber of Deputies Jorge Rathgeb (Chile), Vice Minister of Water and Seas of Costa Rica Haydee Rodriguez, Deputy Executive Secretary Ovais Sarmad, UNFCCC and President of the Centre for Urban Sustainability of Costa Rica Andrea San Gil Leon.

The side event fostered a dynamic dialogue and exchange of good practices among diverse actors in relation to how effective and inclusive climate governance, can contribute to achieving a just transition towards a decarbonized world. Panel discussions also emphasized the importance of having a gender perspective in the development of climate solutions that leave no one behind. It boosts and spreads the [Parliamentarian call for action declaration](#) released as an outcome of the [4th Climate Change Gathering](#) which took place in Suriname on August, it will serve as a parliamentary contribution to the COP25.

For further information on ParlAmericas' work in Climate Change, visit www.parlAmericas.org

Source: [ParlAmericas](#)

PreCOP25

Event: "The challenges of climate finance in Latin America, generation and capacity building in Supply and Demand"



(San Jose, Costa Rica, 10 October 2019) - [PreCOP25](#) - RCC Panama was invited to participate during the Side Event "***The challenges of climate finance in Latin America, generation and capacity building in Supply and Demand***" organized by CAF Development Bank of Latin America in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange of Costa Rica (BNVdeCR). This parallel event was attended by José Rafael Brenes (BNVdeCR), Jessica Jacob (FVC), Carlos Ruiz-Garvia (RCC Panama) and Cecilia Guerra (CAF) as panelists, moderating Nara Vargas and welcoming words and context by María Moreno (CAF).

One of the conclusion of the event was that concessional financing has been decreasing, countries must prepare and strengthen their capacities to access climate credits in the best terms and conditions; for this, alliances with other institutions, non-governmental organizations and with experienced accredited agencies are key.

For further information about CAF, visit www.caf.com

Source: [CAF](#)



Official Launch of the 3rd Youth Leadership Academy on Climate Change

(Panama City, Panama (18 October 2019)

- The Ministry of Environment of Panama ([MiAMBIENTE](#)), the [Konrad Adenauer Foundation](#) and

the [UNDP Panama](#) organized a session to inform the recently activities and achievements of the "Panama Climate Change Youth Network" ([RJCCP](#)) and also to announce the official launch of the 3rd Academy of Climate Change Youth Academy expected to take place on March 2020 and which will help strengthen the Network's structure. Currently RCC Panama has provided technical support during previous editions.

Minister of the Environment, H.E. Milciades Concepción, stressed that these young people are an example for everyone; these leaders who already supporting Panama to become a low GHG emission economy.

During the session, [Ms. Karel Miranda](#), Co-founder of the network, who won a [United Nations Green ticket](#), share her experiences about her participation in the [UN Youth Climate Summit](#) held in New York on September and urged youth community to take leadership on climate action activities. **Registration will begin in January 2020**, for further information, please visit MIAMBIENTE website [here](#).

Read more about the "**Panama Climate Change Youth Network**" (Spanish "Red de Jóvenes frente al Cambio Climático de Panamá") [here](#)

XIV edition of the International Sustainability Symposium

(Panama City, Panama, 2 October 2019) - RCC Panama received the cordial invitation from the [Panama Industrial Union \(SIP\)](#) to participate in the

"**XIV edition of the International Sustainability Symposium**", this year the main theme was "Sustainable

consumption and production, circular economy". The opening speech was given by Minister of Environment H.E. Milciades Concepcion.



During session "How do we achieve decarbonization of the economy? It was highlighted that the Paris Agreement provides the necessary tools to boost a decarbonized economy through mitigation, adaptation and financing actions. It was also mentioned that some of the areas that show progress in actions towards

economy decarbonization in the region are renewable energy, energy efficiency, electric mobility, the calculation of carbon footprint in industry and eco-labeling.

Full report: [here](#)

Photo gallery [here](#)

For more information visit [Sindicato de Industriales de Panama website](#)

First regional workshop on a renewable energy roadmap for Central America

(Panama City, Panama, 4-5 September 2019) - RCC Panama was invited to participate to the **"First regional workshop for REmap and FlexTool Central America"**, organized by [IRENA](#)

together with the [National Energy Secretariat \(SNE\)](#) from Panama, this event provided the opportunity to harmonise the awareness of the relevant existing work in the region carried out by regional and multilateral institutions. Countries presented an overview of their energy systems, policy priorities and strategies. The workshop provided IRENA the chance to showcase the details of [REmap](#) and [FlexTool](#) methodologies and processes and guide a discussion on the status, opportunities and challenges of renewable energy development in the different energy sectors.

See full articles here: [RCC Panama](#) and [IRENA](#)

For further information about IRENA, visit www.irena.org



4th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

(Paramaribo, Surinam, 8-9 August 2019) - RCC Panama participated

during the the **"4th Gathering of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change"** which was organized by [ParlAmericas](#) and served as an opportunity to dialogue on concrete and effective legislative solutions to meet the urgency of climate change and contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, including how parliaments can support the management and supervision of the carbon market and non-market mechanisms in their respective countries.

The [Parliamentarian call for action declaration](#) was released as an outcome of the gathering and as a parliamentary contribution to the UN Climate Action Summit and COP25. CDM CERs were acquired by ParlAmericas to make the gathering carbon neutral under its Climate Neutral Now pledge.

For further information visit: [Agenda](#) and [photo gallery](#)

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We look forward to hearing from you!



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