

Regional Collaboration Center St George's February 2022



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's

Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

Welcome to the first RCC St. George's Newsletter of 2022 and we hope you had a great start to the new year!

[COP26 Decisions](#) in Glasgow set the stage for a new era of climate action. With decisions on long-term strategies, NDCs, increasing ambition, carbon markets, transparency, climate finance, resilience, capacity-building, among others.

RCC St. George's is looking forward to working with all our stakeholders to build back better and make this year a success for climate action.

RCC St. George's Team

COP26 brings attention to the critical decade for climate action

Updates on NDCs and LT-LEDs submissions from the region



After COP26, nations adopted the Glasgow Climate Pact which emphasizes that the 2020s is the critical decade for climate action and support. The Glasgow Climate Pact includes specific decisions on nationally determined contributions (NDCs), long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDs), and the importance of raising and implementing mitigation.

It established a work program to urgently scale up mitigation ambition and implementation and decided to convene an annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition

starting at COP27. It also calls on countries to “revisit and strengthen” the 2030 targets in their NDCs by the end of 2022 to align them with the Paris Agreement’s temperature goals. It also urges all countries that have not yet done so to submit by COP27 long-term strategies towards just transitions to net zero emissions by or around mid-century.

The UNFCCC secretariat is preparing an update of the NDC synthesis report and a synthesis report on LT-LEDs. Together, stronger and well-aligned NDCs and long-term strategies can help ramp up ambition towards the Paris Agreement goals. NDCs, LT-LEDs, and mitigation pledges need to now be urgently translated into real action and transformation on the ground.

To date, 50 LT-LEDs have been submitted to the Secretariat by Article 4, paragraph 19, of the Paris Agreement. Parties who wish to communicate their long-term strategy to the secretariat are invited to send their submissions to LT-LEDS@unfccc.int.

Submission updates from the region:

[Antigua and Barbuda](#), [Belize](#), and [St. Kitts and Nevis](#) submitted updated NDCs to the UNFCCC secretariat before COP26. Of these, Antigua and Barbuda and Belize have also indicated their intention of moving towards net-zero in their updated NDC submissions.

COP26 High-Level event on the needs of developing countries



The [Paris Committee on Capacity Building](#) has developed a toolkit to support the efforts of countries to identify and address their capacity needs and gaps. The toolkit provides an overview of a capacity assessment cycle as well as complementary resources including case studies, tools, best practices, and lessons learned to guide the assessment process that enables countries to identify appropriate steps they can take to strengthen their national capacities to address climate change.

Access the PCCB toolkit [here](#)

MENA Climate Week 2022 is now scheduled for 28 to 31 March in Dubai



MENACW 2022 remains on track to build on COP26 outcomes and explore resilience against climate risks, the transition to a low-emission economy, and collaboration to solve

pressing challenges. Venue details for the in-person event will be announced as soon as possible, along with information on travel logistics and virtual participation. We encourage you to share this message with interested colleagues and peers so they can [register for the event](#).

Visit the [MENACW webpage 2022](#) for more information

Call for submissions in response to COP26 mandates



The UN Climate Change secretariat invites Parties and other stakeholders to share submissions as requested at various COP 26 sessions in Glasgow. Access the full list of calls for submission and respective mandates [here](#). We are bringing to reader's attention the upcoming submission deadlines at the end of February / Mid-March 2022 as listed below:

[Glasgow work programme on ACE](#) (by **28 February**)

[Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – 6.8](#) (by **28 February 2022**)

[Response measures](#) (by **28 February 2022**)

[Research and systematic observation](#) (by **28 February 2022**)

[Second periodic review of the long term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it](#) (by **4 March 2020**)

[Santiago Network on loss and damage](#) (by **15 March 2020**)

All submissions should be made via the [UNFCCC submission portal](#)

**Non-Party stakeholders without observer status are also welcome to make submissions. Find more guidance [here](#).

For questions regarding the submission portal or uploading process, please contact: submission-info@unfccc.int

You can also e-mail RCC St. George's at rcststgeorges@unfccc.int for inquiries on the mandates.

Call for Inputs for the First Global Stocktake

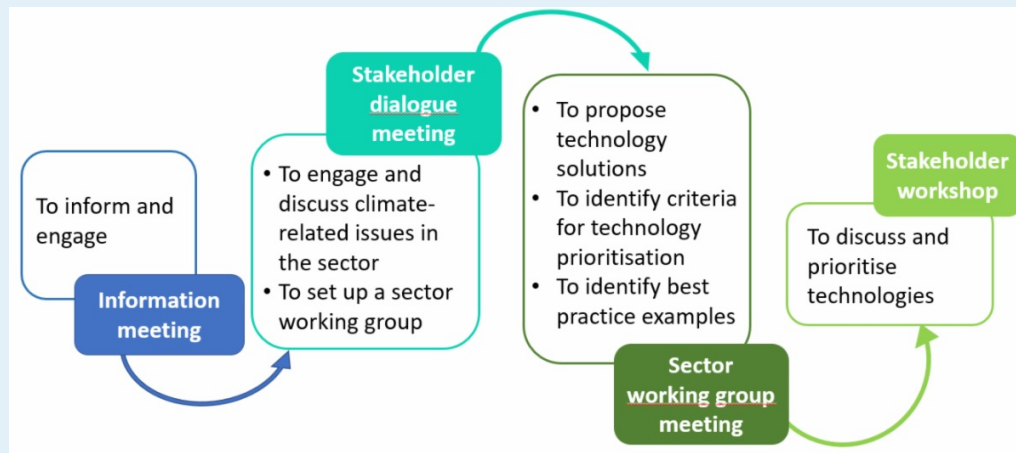


The [Global Stocktake](#) of the Paris Agreement is a process which aims to assess the world's collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the agreement and its long-term goals every five years.

As part of the first Global Stocktake, the chairs of the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Bodies [opened a call](#) last September for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit their inputs before the **end of February 2022**. Further details on how to do so can be found [here](#)

New resource and opportunity

A paper on linkages between the Technology Needs Assessment process and the NDC process prepared by the Technology Executive Committee



Stepwise guidance for conducting a Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) can be an important analytical supporting instrument to facilitate NDC design and implementation, especially in developing countries with capacity constraints. The paper analyzes to what extent developing countries who communicated TNAs and NDCs between 2018-2021 used the outputs from TNAs and enhanced understanding of TNA and NDC linkages and how these can be further strengthened.

A case study from Suriname presents a way of effectively engaging stakeholders, as a method to decide on policies and means of implementation. More [here](#)

The ILO Just Energy Transition Innovation Challenge



The shift to sustainable energy requires innovative solutions, breaking with business as usual while ensuring the transition is just and leaves no-one behind. The ILO is dedicated to finding and accelerating such innovations. Therefore, the ILO is launching the Just Energy Transition Innovation Challenge.

Three winners will benefit from technical assistance equivalent to the value of up to USD 50,000, will be connected with experts through the ILO's Just Transition Innovation Network and gain global visibility as they present their innovative ideas to potential partners and the public.

For more information, deadlines and eligibility criteria, read [here](#)

Upcoming events

2nd Caribbean AGYLE Webinar

The role of young people in building resilience against COVID-19 and the climate crisis across the Caribbean

Thursday 10 March 2022
10:00 -12:00 (AST)

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