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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Thank you for your participation at the Asia Pacific Climate Week!

The Thematic Sessions of the [Asia Pacific Climate Week](#) have come to an end. The four-day event held from 6 to 9 July and hosted by the Government of Japan, in collaboration with our core partners and with support from the regional partners, brought together more than 3700 registered attendees from around the world for over 130 hours of virtual conference streaming.

At the wrap-up session, the core organizing partners leading the discussions on the three main thematic tracks and the COP 26 Presidency presented outcomes of the four days of the Asia Pacific Climate Week 2021 Thematic Sessions:

- The World Bank Group presented the national actions and economy-wide approaches, seeking synergies and shaping national planning for a sustainable, green recovery;
- The United Nations Development Programme provided an overview of the integrated approaches for climate-resilient development, looking at how both climate risk and climate solutions are reshaping different sectors;
- The United Nations Environment Programme provided a summary of the discussions on seizing transformation opportunities that explore a reimagined future and the behaviors, technologies and financing needed to get there.
- The COP26 Presidency presented the outcome of the series of events convened on the UK's four goals for COP26—mitigation, adaptation, mobilising finance, and collaboration.

A dedicated session at the APCW2021 High-Level Event later in the year will ensure that outcomes from the 2021 Virtual Thematic Sessions are captured and framed within the larger context of COP26. We would like to thank everyone who attended APCW2021 and helped make the conference a success. Your participation ensures diverse voices from Asia Pacific are represented at COP 26, and the action showcased during the Week is inspirational! Please find the Press Release [here](#)

People all over the region are applying their ingenuity to climate problems – and coming up with solutions. Want to explore more? Click [here](#) and some suggested links on this page.

Read on for more!

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[REPORT FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS](#)

[South-South in Action: Capacity Building for](#)

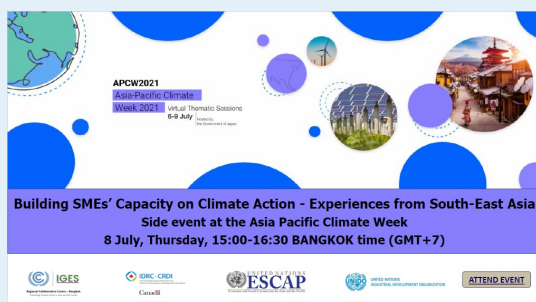
Climate Actions in Southeast Asia



On 22 June 2021, TGO, UNOSSC and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Thailand Office, virtually launched the publication on the sidelines of the "Sustainable & Livable Low-carbon Cities" event convened by TGO and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The launch was well attended by local and municipal representatives in charge of environmental issues in Thailand, ASEAN Secretariat, UN partners (UNDP, UNFCCC) and other stakeholders. Mr. Jens Radschinski ([RCC Bangkok](#)) shared the progress made by the countries in this region in submitting their updated NDCs and highlighted the importance of peer-to-peer learning at the Panel

Read more [here](#)

Building SMEs' Capacity on Climate Action: Experiences from Southeast Asia

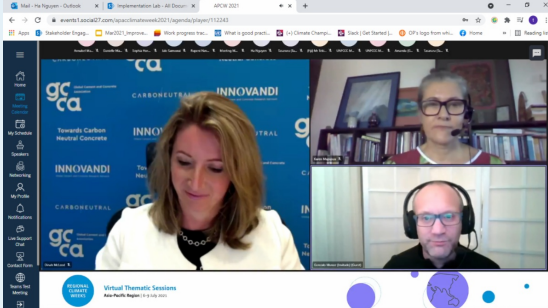


On 8 July 2021, a side event was hosted at the APCW by UNFCCC/IGES Regional Collaboration Center (RCC Bangkok) in collaboration with ESCAP, IDRC and UNIDO. The side event highlighted why it is critical for SMEs to both find ways to mitigate emissions, and to be prepared to deal with future climate impacts to increase resilience and competitiveness in the market.

□ You can find more information, including a recording of this event [here](#)

High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership at Asia-Pacific Climate Week

During APCW and as part of their objectives of strengthening collaboration with national governments and broadening participation regionally, the [High-Level Champions](#) organized their second "Implementation Lab" on [accelerating](#)



[the establishment of net-zero, resilient cement and steel plants](#) and [increasing the resilience of smallholder farmers in the Pacific with smart-agriculture innovations.](#)

The Champions also collaborated with the [Technology Executive Committee](#) to host a deep-dive session on [unlocking green hydrogen's potential](#). In addition, they convened various events on [Race to Resilience](#) and [Race to Zero](#) campaigns during the week to highlight regional perspectives.

You can watch a recording of this session [here](#)

[UPCOMING EVENT](#)

[Mark Your Calendar: The First-ever NDC Partnership Youth Engagement Forum](#)



The first ever [NDC Partnership](#) Youth Engagement Forum will bring together a wide array of perspectives on youth engagement within NDC processes and in implementation projects on the ground. It will highlight success stories and lessons learned to strengthen the active participation and support of young people in these critical dialogues across the Partnership. **The event will take place virtually on 26-28 July 2021.**

Find more information on registration [here](#)

[OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED](#)

[Discussion: Race to Zero Consultation Process - What is the Future of the Race to Zero](#)



[Submit Your Response Here](#)

[A year after launching the Race to Zero campaign](#), we know where we're headed and what it takes to get there. But how to keep members on track to ensure they progress towards implementation and continually raise commitments.

The High-Level Champions have launched a 10-week [public consultation](#), from **23 June until 3 September, 18:00 ICT** in which we encourage you to submit written responses via the provided link. Submissions will be made public and open to discussion.

Find out more about [here](#)

Come and Engage with the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Building Climate Resilience



Indigenous peoples, local communities, Parties and other relevant contributors to the [Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform \(LCIPP\)](#) are invited to share your experiences and engage with the work of the LCIPP through the portal's user-friendly ways to engage. The new portal highlights the crucial role of indigenous peoples and local communities in building a climate-resilient world. Please visit [here](#) to explore more.

For more information, contact the LCIPP Team at lcipp@unfccc.int

Registration Now Open: Join Leading Innovators in Fighting Climate Change at CLIMATHON 2021

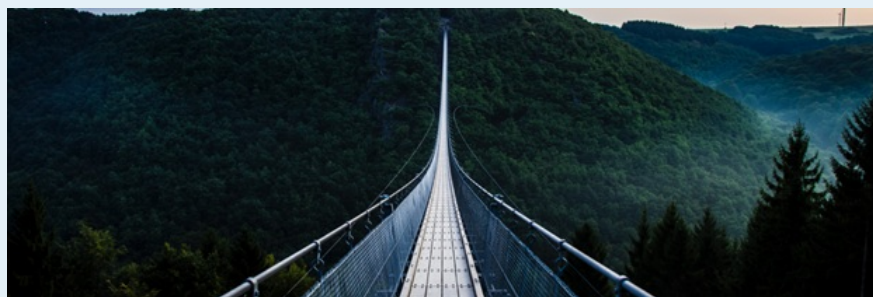


[REGISTER HERE](#)

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), in collaboration with UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment and Ideanco, is hosting the prominent Climate Change Challenge — **CLIMATHON 2021, which will take place from 2 – 12 October**, across nine cities to transform challenges into opportunities by creating the future and accelerating the formation of future jobs.

[CLIMATHON 2021](#) works closely with innovators worldwide to find global, impactful solutions for the world's significant challenges around air pollution, mobility, and agribusiness. Such solutions provided by the innovators will be incubated and developed further at the Ideanco Lab to form resilient climate startup(s) and create future jobs in climate change. WGEO will host CLIMATHON 2021 during World Green Economy Summit (WGES) at EXPO 2020 in Dubai, UAE. People worldwide will come together to connect, share ideas, learn, and innovate

The Marrakech Partnership Climate Action Pathways are Updated!



The [Climate Action Pathways](#) are being updated! The Pathways set out sectoral visions for a 1.5oC, climate-resilient world by 2050 and change levers to transform the economy and society.

The [High-Level Champions](#) and the [Marrakech Partnership](#) have focused on strengthening cross-cutting aspects (e.g. just transition, gender-responsiveness, and resilience). This month also sees the launch of the **Finance Pathway** for private finance. If you want to track the action, give the [Global Climate Action Portal](#) a visit.

Join Us at the Training in Adapting and Building Resilience – CASTT Adaptation Academy!



A new Adaptation Academy to support developing countries in adapting and building resilience to the impacts of climate change has been launched at APCW 2021 - The [CASTT Adaptation Academy](#).

The Adaptation Academy is geared toward experts in developing countries who are preparing their climate vulnerability and adaptation assessments as part of their reporting for the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the [Paris Agreement](#).

The training programme for the Asia and the Pacific region will be held online from 11 to 15 October 2021. Read more [here](#)

NEW RESOURCE AND MATERIAL

Recommended Reading: Discussion Paper on Three Common Challenges in National Reporting in Developing Countries under the Paris Agreement



[Download PDF Here](#)

The Institute of Global Environmental Strategies ([IGES](#)) has published a new paper titled: "Solutions for three common challenges in national reporting in developing countries under the Paris Agreement". The objective of this paper is to provide good practices as recommended solutions to address the common challenges that developing countries often encounter when preparing national reporting (e.g., BURs, NCs). Countries aiming to build and strengthen their national reporting systems to transition to the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) can learn from these existing proven practices.

Find out more about this publication [here](#)

The [RCC Bangkok website](#) is a great resource to find out the ways in which you can contribute to climate action. You can also learn



more about our work in the region and keep abreast of the upcoming events, both virtual and otherwise.

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