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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Welcome readers to join hands in preparation for the Asia Pacific Climate Week (APCW 2021) and Climate Action!

APCW 2021 is accelerating collaboration and integrating climate action into global pandemic recovery. Building back opens an opportunity to address social inequalities and invest in economic development that is good for humanity and nature.

Also, it is to be noted that against the backdrop of a new *international warning* that the world is dangerously close to exceeding the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise at 1.5C, governments participated over three weeks of (May 31 to June 17, 2021) of *virtual discussions* designed to advance technical work and pave the way for a successful UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) this November in Glasgow.

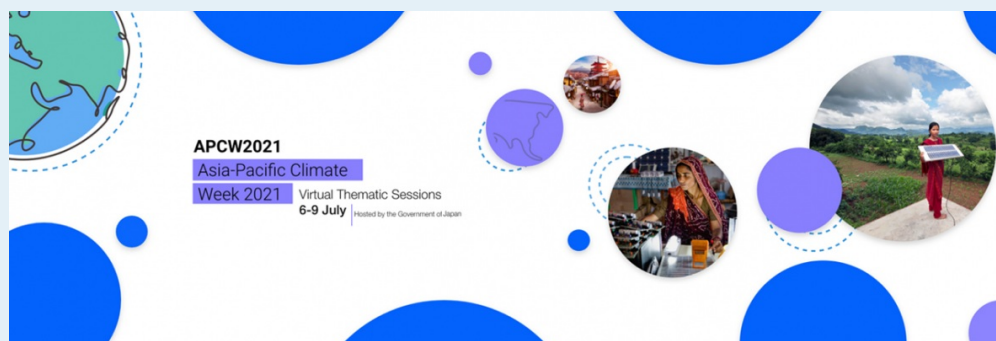
As covered earlier, ‘Coal phase out’ is one of the important topics for RCC Bangkok in 2021. On this note, we would like to share with you an encouraging news from Indonesia. Indonesian state utility Perusahaan Listrik Negara is aiming to phase out coal-fired power as the country brings forward its carbon neutrality ambitions to 2060. The company will look to replace 1.1 gigawatts worth of coal and gasified coal-powered power plants with renewable energy by 2025. It will also retire a total of 49 GW of coal-fueled power plants in stages by 2056

Read on for more!

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UPCOMING EVENT

Mark Your Calendar: Registration for the Asia Pacific Climate Week Virtual Thematic Sessions is Open!



The UN Climate Change Secretariat and RCC Bangkok, in collaboration with global organizing partners, UNDP, UNEP, and the World Bank Group, will be organizing [the APCW 2021 Virtual Thematic Sessions](#) from **6 to 9 July 2021**. The event will be hosted by the Government of Japan and supported by regional partners, ADB, IGES and ESCAP. RCC Bangkok will be co-organizing side events and sessions, including **the Regional DNA Forum and on Building SME's Capacity on Climate Action**.

Come and join us. You can learn [here](#) about the event schedule.

[REPORTS FROM CONCLUDED EVENTS](#)

110th Meeting of the CDM Executive Board Outcome for CDM Stakeholder



[The Executive Board \(EB\)](#) of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) held its 110th meeting from 17–19 May and 25–27 May 2021. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, standard practice since EB 106.

A key item on the agenda was in regard to the issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs) for emission reductions (or removals) achieved from 1 January 2021 for the purposes of voluntary cancellation. The Board also approved revisions to one standard on sampling and surveys, six methodologies and tools, among others.

For a complete overview of EB 110 outcomes, see the webpage [here](#) and the press release [here](#).

The global network of RCCs continues to provide support to CDM stakeholders, including a virtual workshop series with Designated National Authorities (DNA) in Asia-Pacific and MENA region in 2020/2021 by RCC Bangkok and RCC Dubai. Read more [here](#)

Building Momentum: ASEAN-UK Race to Zero Dialogues Successfully Concluded



On 24 and 25 May 2021, the UK Government, in partnership with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council and the UK-ASEAN Business Council, brought together the UK and ASEAN businesses to mobilize the private sector to commit to net zero emissions by 2050, through joining the UN Climate Change's [Race to Zero](#) campaign.

The event was closed with remarks from Jens Radschinski (Regional Lead of RCC Bangkok), YB Yanty Rahman (Chair of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council), Sam Myers (Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner to the Asia Pacific), and Ken O'Flaherty

(COP26 Ambassador to Asia-Pacific and South Asia). With their closing words, speakers called for businesses and organizations to make their pledge and join the Race to Zero, and reiterated the importance of policymakers across ASEAN to establish clear policy frameworks in order to enable businesses to commit fully to climate action.

Read more [here](#)

All recordings from the event can be found [here](#)

Recordings Available: CGE Webinar Series on Synergies at National Level in Data Collection for Reporting under MRV/ETF, SDGs, and Other International Instruments



The [Consultative Group of Experts](#) (CGE) launched its 2021 [webinars series](#) on “Synergies at national level in data collection for reporting under MRV/ETF, SDGs and other international instruments” and on 27 May 2021 organized the webinar for Asia and the Pacific region.

The webinars aim to provide an overview of sustainable institutional arrangements for climate reporting; potential synergies in data collection at a national level for reporting under different mechanisms; and experience at the national level in integrating SDG monitoring into the national MRV system.

You can access the recording of the webinar [here](#)

NDC UPDATES FROM THE REGION

Latest NDC Submissions in the Region



Since April this year, The [Philippines](#), [Armenia](#), and [Lao PDR](#) have already submitted their updated first NDCs; Bhutan's 2nd NDC submitted on 24 June reiterates the commitment to remain carbon neutral and charts a path to enhance its mitigation targets and actions through sectoral LEDS and National REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan 2020.

Countries are reminded to submit their new/updated NDCs by 30 July 2021:

The UN Climate Change Secretariat is planning to publish the final version of the NDC Synthesis Report based on the NDCs recorded in the interim NDC registry as of **the closing date of 30 July 2021**. The report will be prepared in advance of the [pre-COP meeting](#), which is scheduled to take place on 30 September – 2 October 2021.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Registration is Now Open: Action for Climate Empowerment Youth Forum 2021



The Action for Climate Empowerment ([ACE](#)) Youth Forum 2021 is a virtual conference being organized by members of the ACE Working Group of [YOUNGO](#). The event aims to elevate the voices of young people around the world for progressing the work of ACE. It will also provide a platform for meaningful exchanges to enhance implementation of ACE by young people, while also crafting and publishing a set of youth policy recommendations directly linked to the next ACE Decision governments must adopt by COP26. **The event will take place across the two weekends, from 10-18 July 2021.**

You can find out more about the event, including the agenda [here](#)

Young people who are engaging in climate action, especially in ACE are welcome to participate. Details on how to get involved can be found [here](#)

Grants and Funding Opportunities Around the Region



Application for the 2021 Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation Fund is Now Open

The [Global EbA Fund](#) is a newly launched Fund to support scaling up Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) across the world. Through its International Climate Initiative (IKI), the Federal Environment Ministry of Germany has committed 20 million euros to the Fund.

It has positioned itself as a quickly deployable mechanism for supporting innovative approaches to EbA by providing small grants up to USD 250,000 for activities, with a maximum period of 36 months.

The call for proposals is open until **31 August 2021**. Interested non-governmental and private sector organizations can find more information [here](#)



Call for Proposal: CCAC Action Programme to Address the 1.5C Challenge

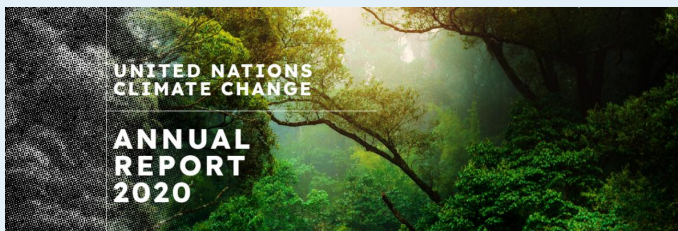
The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Action Programme to Address the 1.5°C goal has launched a [Call for Proposals](#) for projects that support national or regional actions to reduce [Short-Lived Climate Pollutants \(SLCPs\)](#).

Eligible projects, ready to start in the first quarter of 2022, can apply for grants of up to USD 100,000 by **31 August 2021**. Applications must be submitted by a partnership of at least two entities actively involved in the implementation of the related projects.

Detailed guidance for submitting a project proposal is available [here](#).

NEW RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

UN Climate Change 2020 Annual Report is Out



[Download PDF Here](#)

2020 proved to be an immensely challenging year. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to unfold, all UNFCCC processes continued to move forward in 2020, albeit in virtual mode. The secretariat continued to support Parties in developing their medium- and long-term commitments to zero greenhouse gas emissions and in assessing the impact of national climate responses.

Read More [here](#)

New Technical Paper on Opportunities and Options for Enhancing Adaptation Action through Education/Training and Public/Youth Participation



Education and training, alongside public and youth participation, are keys to enabling effective and inclusive adaptation to climate change. In 2020, its fifth and final year, a technical paper was prepared for adaptation policymakers and practitioners. It also features the top fifteen art pieces from the [Adaptation Visual Art Competition](#), which challenged children age 17 and under from across the globe to showcase their vision for a resilient future.

report [here](#)

You can access the PDF version of the

Photo Credit: Angelica Hall, winner of Adaptation Visual Art Competition 2020

Recommended Reading: State of the Global Climate 2020 Report Highlights the Acceleration in Climate Change Indicators

In 2020 – one of the warmest years on record – the global average temperature was 1.2 °C above the pre-industrial baseline, according to the report by [World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#) on the [State of the Global Climate 2020](#), released in April. It highlighted the acceleration in climate change indicators like rising sea levels, melting sea ice, and extreme weather, as well as worsening impacts on socio-economic development.

Based on [the Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update](#), there is about a 40% chance of the



annual average global temperature temporarily reaching 1.5°C in at least one of the next five years. There is a 90% likelihood of at least one year between 2021-2025 becoming the warmest on record, which would dislodge 2016 from the top ranking.

[Read Full Report 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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