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Promoting Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

Greetings from RCC Kampala.

We are happy to bring you our July newsletter providing updates on climate action in the region. While the team is still working from home, we have not downed-tools. We continue to engage with our partners and stakeholders virtually and hope to see you at upcoming events.

The RCC Kampala Team

Congratulations to El Hadji Mbaye!

The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), at its 106th meeting, elected El Hadji Mbaye Diagne of Senegal as Chair of the Board. Mbaye's lengthy stint on the Board, prominent climate change work in the region and various roles under the UNFCCC process, means he is familiar to many of us. We at RCC Kampala welcome Mbaye to the Chair and wish him the best for the year to come! And well done on ably chairing the first virtual meeting of the Board - one of the first constituted bodies under the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement to have met virtually.

Details of the 106th meeting of the CDM Executive Board are available [here](#).

Keep track of RCC virtual events

As mentioned in our intro, we are still active, zooming and WFH (working from home) having become part of our everyday parlance. To give you an overview of the myriad virtual events that have been sprouting, we have put together an overview of events you may like to participate in.

Detailed information [here](#).

Heard of the Race to Zero Campaign yet?

Its all about achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Hundreds of businesses, cities and universities have already signed up, as well as various investors and regions. The [campaign](#) is a push to get non-state actors to join the [Climate Ambition Alliance](#). Joining the Alliance will send a resounding signal to governments that we are united in meeting the Paris goals.

To support the Race to Zero campaign, the High-Level Champions for Global Climate Action [invite you to organize dialogues](#) around the Climate Action Pathways. But hurry, the deadline for proposals is at the end of this week.

Updates on Opportunities

Technical experts from Eastern and Southern Africa, we want you!

You are probably not surprised when we tell you that technical experts under the UNFCCC process from our region are underrepresented. You think you have what it takes? Well, we at RCC Kampala would like to tip the balance by supporting you through any application process and being here to answer any of your questions.

Technical experts play an essential role in making the transparency arrangements of the climate change process work. For information on becoming a technical expert see [here](#) and feel free to reach out to us on RCCKampala@unfccc.int.

Apply for Rapid Response Grants 2020

The Biodiversity and protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA) has launched its "Rapid Response Grants 2020" in response to the difficulties caused by COVID-19. The grants (maximum EUR 50,000) aim at increasing the resilience of protected areas and local communities' livelihoods facing the difficulties of COVID-19.

The call is open until the end of the year and most Eastern and Southern African states are eligible.

For detailed information on the application procedure see [here](#).

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