



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear Stakeholders,

We are happy to bring you the first news update from RCC Kampala for the year 2019. Welcoming you back from the Africa Climate Week, we hope you had a good start to the year!

In this issue, we showcase key updates on events, initiatives, and opportunities for climate action.

Please do remember to Measure, Reduce and Compensate for your emissions!

Happy reading
RCC Kampala Team

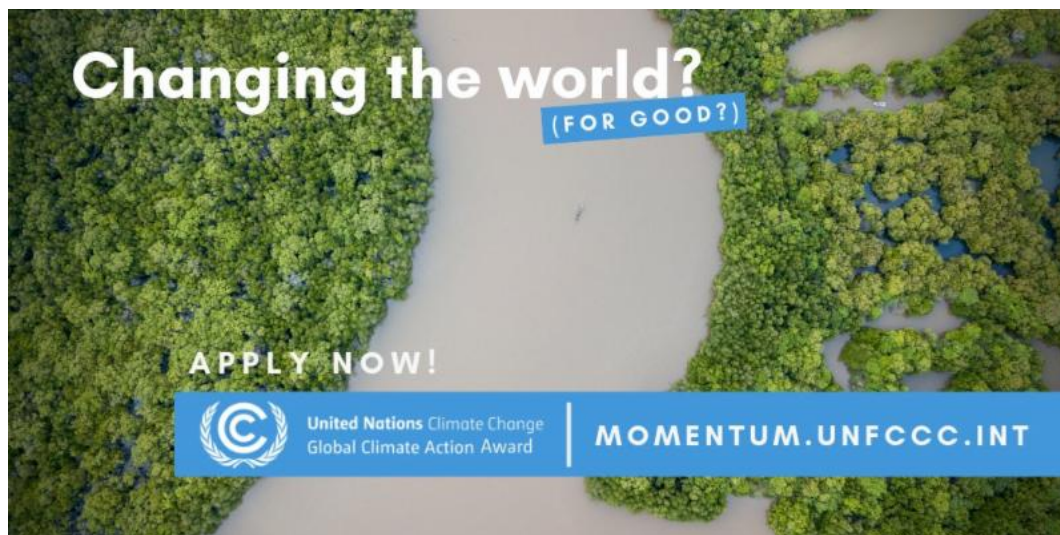
Clean Development Mechanism



CDM Executive Board Elects New Chair and Vice-Chair

RCC Kampala congratulates Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki (left) of Poland and El Hadji Mbaye

Global Climate Action



Applications for 2019 UN Global Climate Action Awards Now Open!!

The search for the United Nation's Global Climate Action Award is on!

The award, spearheaded by UN Climate Change's Momentum for Change initiative, shines a light on the most innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what people around the world are doing to tackle climate change.

Organizations, cities, industries, universities, governments, and others taking bold leadership on climate change are invited to apply for the award under the four categories of Planetary Health, Climate Neutral Now, Women for Results, and Financing for Climate Friendly Investment. Selected activities will be recognized and celebrated at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25) in Chile. Last year Rwanda's [FONERWA](#) was also a [winner](#).

Please note that the application deadline is **30th April 2019**

For details, and to apply, click [here](#).

Excerpts from the Africa Climate Week

African Policymakers Highlight Opportunities of National Climate Plans



This year's Africa Climate Week was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Ghana from 18 to 22 March. The five-day event saw African policymakers focusing on the opportunities to deliver their countries' national action plans under the Paris Agreement – the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Even with barriers to meeting targets existing (especially adequate investment and capital flows to the continent) enabling environments and well designed and regionally tailored financial instruments, such as green and climate-themed bonds, special-purpose bonds, and crowdfunding, offer possible avenues to progress.

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Carbon Pricing Seen as Key Tool to Drive Sustainable Development and Social Benefit



During Africa Climate Week, the World Bank Group and International Emissions Trading Association hosted a Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition workshop on Carbon Pricing, Markets, and Sustainable Development in Africa. This event showcased how policies and programmes to put a price on carbon can mobilize climate investment, drive social benefit, and reduce carbon pollution. The agenda featured key stakeholders, either implementing, considering or advancing carbon pricing, with key takeaways.

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Other Events

Africa Climate Resilience Investment Summit: Bringing Public and Private Sector Together

The 4th Africa Climate Resilience Investment Summit was held on 5-7 March 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa, by the ministry of Environmental Affairs supported by the AU COMMISSION, World Bank Group and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

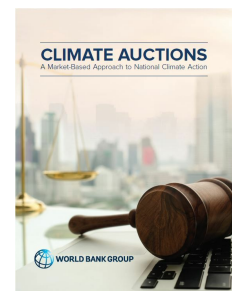
The two-day summit which brought together more than 200 climate change and leading infrastructure participants facilitated direct engagement towards a climate resilient investment in agriculture, water, energy and infrastructure between public and private sector stakeholders. For more information kindly read the [Official Post-Summit Report](#)

Publications and Reports

Climate Auctions: A Market-Based Approach to National Climate Action

This policy brief produced by staff of the World Bank with external contributions from the Rocky Mountain Institute provides information for countries wishing to take advantage of climate auction as an effective policy tool for achieving climate outcomes. The brief is intended to inform policymakers and public funders why climate auctions are an effective tool with a focus on how to utilize auctions to accelerate implementation of nationally determined contributions and raise climate ambition.

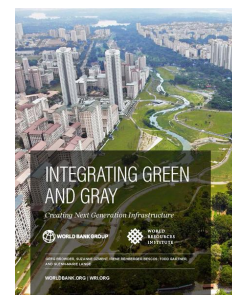
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Integrating Green and Gray: Creating Next Generation Infrastructure

In this report from the World Bank and World Resources Institute, both organizations are calling for green infrastructure. The report reviews approaches and examples of how to integrate green infrastructure into mainstream project appraisal processes and investments and guides developing country service providers and their partners on how to seize this opportunity.

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Advancing Renewables in Developing Countries: Progress of projects supported through the IRENA/ADFD Project Facility

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) report provides a review of progress made over the first five years of financing renewable energy projects through the five annual cycles which have seen 16 projects

advancing through various stages of implementation. The report also outlines the advancement of IRENA/ADFD-supported projects spanning a range of renewable energy technologies throughout the five funding cycles.

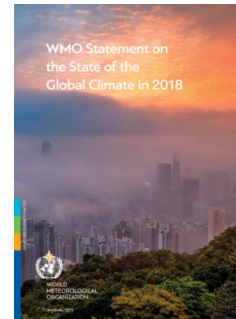
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WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2018

The 2019 Edition of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) statement on the state of the Global Climate marks 25 years since the first issue was published. The publication highlights record sea level rise, as well as exceptionally high land and ocean temperatures over the past four years, extreme weather and impact on lives and development on every continent.

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Climate Finance Update



DBSA to Receive USD100m to Help SA Achieve its Climate Targets

The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) has been granted funding of USD100 million from the Green Climate Fund to establish the Embedded Generation Investment Programme (EGIP). EGIP consists of a credit support mechanism that will develop a model for funding Embedded Generation renewable energy projects in South Africa. The financing mechanism is also intended to crowd-in additional funding of approximately USD104 million from local financial institutions and to assist South Africa to make further inroads towards its climate change objectives.

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Young Inspirational Leader Wins Freedom Prize, Donates a Share of Prize Money to Adaptation Fund



Young inspirational leader Greta Thunberg has won the [Freedom Prize](#) (Prix Liberté) from the Normandy Region of France, and has announced she will donate EUR 25,000 to the Adaptation Fund and three other environmental groups. Ms. Thunberg won the award for her actions to inspire and drive urgently needed climate action across the globe. She was also recently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2019.

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Source: *Adaptation Fund Website*

Postcode Lotteries Green Challenge



The Postcode Lotteries Green Challenge has opened the 2019 green competition that aims at a zero-carbon economy. Green start-ups from all over the world are invited to submit their promising sustainable business plans.

There is a total of EUR 1 million in combined prize money for the five best start-ups, of which EUR 500,000 is for the winner. In addition to the prize money, all finalists will receive over six months of expert coaching to optimize their business opportunities.

Find more information [here](#)

Klik Klik Foundation Launch of Call for Proposal

The Foundation for Climate Protection and Carbon Offset (Klik) has launched a first call for proposals for the procurement of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes from 2021 through 2030.

The Klik Foundation, which is the sector-wide carbon offset grouping for fossil motor fuels, established within the framework of the Swiss CO₂ Law, has invited previously registered partner organizations and government agencies following their Expression of Interest to take part in the call for proposals. Further possibilities to register and additional calls for proposals for the procurement of ITMOs will follow.

Find more information [here](#)

Source: *Klik Website*

Take Climate Action!



Work towards climate neutrality and reduce your carbon footprint by **measuring** your greenhouse gas emissions, **reducing** emissions as much as possible and **compensating** for emissions that cannot be avoided by using UN Certified Emission Reductions.

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