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Promoting Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa

Greetings from RCC Kampala

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

We are delighted to bring you, a knowledge-rich edition, containing a toolbox for strengthening national institutional arrangements for transparency of climate action and support, and clarification on regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases for CDM stakeholders.

First, we will share with you highlights on the initial NDC Synthesis report and an update on regional climate weeks. You will also find two knowledge sharing events on climate finance and carbon markets from the Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance and the Partnership for Market Readiness. Like usual, we conclude with climate funding opportunities.

We wish you happy reading.

Your RCC Kampala Team

NDC synthesis report



The COP 21 (Paris, 2015) and CMA 2 (Madrid, 2019) requested the secretariat to

prepare a synthesis report of the NDCs submitted by Parties before COP 26. In view of the postponement of COP 26 to November 2021 and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the NDC preparation process, the NDC synthesis report is published in two editions.

The [*initial version*](#) was published on 26 February 2021, including information from 48 new or updated NDCs, representing 75 Parties, submitted as at 31 December 2020 in accordance with decision 1/CP.21. These 75 Parties represent about 40% of Parties to the Paris Agreement and account for about 30% of global GHG emissions. Congratulations to Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia in Eastern and Southern Africa, who submitted their new or updated [*NDCs*](#) before 31 December 2020. At the Climate Ambition Summit in December 2020, Ethiopia and Kenya also committed to submit Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies.

The final NDC Synthesis report will be published in advance of the pre-COP meeting, scheduled for 30 September – 2 October 2021. Parties are urged to submit their new or updated NDCs by **31 July 2021**.

Regional Climate Weeks are on!



Here is the [*report*](#) from the Virtual Roundtables, that officially kicked off the Regional Climate Weeks on 3 and 4 March 2021.

The roundtables highlighted the climate challenges and opportunities in the region in advance of the Climate Week's thematic sessions. The thematic sessions will take place from 15–18 June 2021 and will include workshops, virtual exhibitions and side events. These will be followed by a Ministerial session, to be hosted by the Government of Uganda on 9 and 10 August 2021, to take stock of discussions held during the Climate Week and prepare key inputs for the Regional

Climate Weeks wrap-up event at COP26 in Glasgow.

Applications for side events, affiliated events and action space will open soon. To get an idea of what to expect, the [*expression of interest for Latin America and the Caribbean*](#) has opened already. We will inform you as soon as this window opens for the African region.

[Institutional Arrangements Toolbox: A guide to strengthening national institutional arrangements for transparency of climate action and support](#)



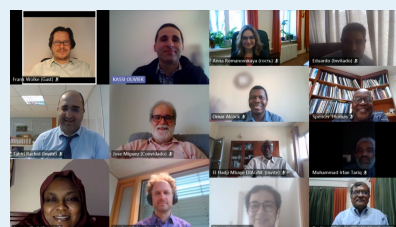
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Transparency of action and support is critical to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. The [toolbox on institutional arrangements](#), developed by the [Consultative Group of Experts \(CGE\)](#), is a one-stop shop that offers a technical handbook (available in all UN languages), video interviews with national experts and case stories presenting experiences of developing countries in improving and sustaining national MRV processes, and a list of relevant technical resources.

You are invited to complete a short [survey](#) to identify and respond to evolving needs of developing countries in order to help the CGE to continue to update the toolbox. We are also interested to hear from you on your country experience and lessons learned. Please contact the UNFCCC **Transparency Implementation Support Unit** (Mailto: tisu@unfccc.int) to share your experience.

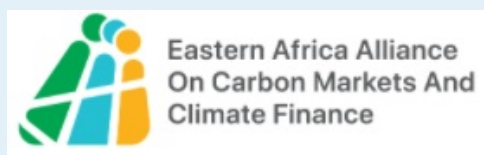
Clarification on regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases for CDM stakeholders

The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) at its 109th meeting (EB 109) approved guidelines for application of regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases.



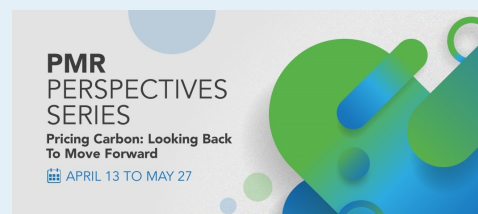
Find out [here](#), if your submissions under the respective CDM processes should be compliant with and/or will be processed in accordance with the CDM rules and CMP decisions that were in force as at 14 December 2020 and any other decisions of the Board taken before CMP 16.

Upcoming webinars - carbon finance and carbon pricing



Demystifying climate and carbon finance in Africa in the era of NDC implementation

8 April 2020, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM EAT



The Partnership for Market Readiness perspectives series on carbon pricing:

13 April–27 May 2021

Are you an expert, project developer, financier or government official working on climate finance or carbon markets in Africa?

As most NDCs in Africa require significant international finance to implement, and in the context of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – which sets the stage for market-based mechanisms and international carbon markets, the [Eastern African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance](#) in collaboration with UNEP FI have organized a webinar for you.

Join this discussion with experts from the African Development Bank; Global Green Growth Institute; ClimateCare; and the FirstRand Group. Register [here](#)

In this series of webinars and virtual events, the Partnership for Market Readiness celebrates 10 years of serving as a knowledge forum for collective innovation and action, and a cooperative technical assistance vehicle to support capacity building to advance carbon pricing policy solutions and carbon markets infrastructures.

For more information, and registration, click [here](#).

Opportunities to get involved

Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) call for concepts



The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), working in conjunction with UNEP, will receive USD 5 million to administrate and aggregate twenty-five micro-grants projects (up to USD 250,000 each).

This funding will support developing countries to test, evaluate, roll out and scale up innovative adaptation practices, products and technologies. Projects will be implemented for five years to enhance climate resilience and adapt to climate change in the countries.

The concepts should be developed in close consultation with national focal points to the Adaptation Fund and the CTCN National Designated Entity.

Applications close on **30 April 2021**. Apply [here](#).

Uganda Green Enterprise Finance Accelerator (UGEFA) call for funding applications

Do you have a green enterprise and are looking to grow your business?

The UGEFA enterprise support unit, with financial support from the European Union, is accepting applications until **30 April 2021**.

The package includes entry to the catalyser (business development) support



programme, for six months, and access to discounted loans in the range of UGX 36,700,000 – 367,000,000.

Check your eligibility and [Apply now](#)

InsuResilience Solutions Fund (ISF) 5th call for proposals



The ISF has grant-based co-funding of up to EUR 2.5 million for Partnerships consisting of public and/ or private organizations which want to develop new climate risk insurance products, especially for governments or scale-up already existing products, e.g. into other regions or to other groups in order to increase the resilience of poor and vulnerable people in developing countries to climate change.

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All relevant documents are published [here](#). Apply by **16 April**

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