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Promoting Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa

Greetings from RCC Kampala

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

Greetings from RCC Kampala. We are delighted to share our August Newsletter. In this issue, we bring you the 2020 accomplishments of all RCCs, an update on NDCs submitted as of 31 July 2021 and Visa application guidelines for delegates planning to attend COP 26 in Glasgow.

This issue also features resources on how to involve youth in implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, an opportunity to participate in the Race to Zero public consultations and upcoming RCC webinars, and to conclude, we highlight two funding calls.

We hope you find it informative and get involved in these opportunities.

Your partner in climate action,
The RCC Kampala Team

Regional Collaboration accomplishments in 2020

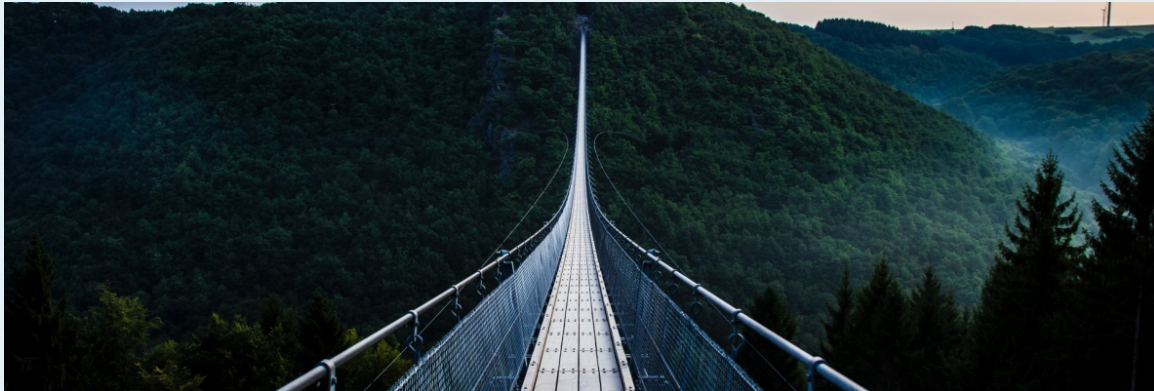


The UN Climate Change secretariat launched the RCC Annual Report 2020 Making a Difference: Enabling Action and Ambition for the Paris Agreement. The report shows how regional collaboration in 2020 helped address climate change internationally and helped build momentum towards the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow in November of this year.

Explore the RCC Annual Report 2020 [on the web](#) or download the report [PDF](#).

In 2021 and beyond, [RCC Kampala](#) looks forward to more engagement with stakeholders in Eastern and Southern Africa. Please contact:

NDC Enhancement and submissions



Earlier this year, the UN Climate Change secretariat published an [initial version](#) of the NDC Synthesis report, which included information from 48 new or updated NDCs submitted by 31 December 2020, by 75 Parties. A final version is being prepared in advance of the pre-COP meeting scheduled for 30 September – 2 October 2021 to incorporate new or updated NDCs submitted through **31 July 2021**.

We congratulate the 16 African countries – Angola, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Zambia – that submitted new or updated NDCs by this date. Thanks to all stakeholders that participated in the update process during these challenging times.

[Check here for the latest submissions](#)

Opportunities for youth participation in the Paris Agreement (Article 6) implementation



In its updated [NDC](#), Kenya indicated intent to use voluntary cooperative approaches in accordance with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and develop domestic legislation and institutional frameworks to govern engagement in market and non-market mechanisms. To this end, Kenya expressed a need to the Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance (the Alliance), to support Kenyan youth to understand how they could get involved in Article 6 implementation, in the context of its NDC implementation.

In response, the [Alliance](#), in collaboration with GIZ, [RCC Kampala](#), Carbon Africa, and the Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change ([AYICC-Kenya](#)), organized a carbon markets virtual training, from 15-17 June 2021, targeted to Kenyan young professionals. The workshop benefited at least 50 young professionals, informing them on carbon market activities in Kenya and on the status of negotiations under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. It also strengthened their knowledge of carbon market mechanisms, explored the opportunities available for the youth to engage in the implementation of Article 6, discussed lessons learned from CDM implementation and linkages of the new market mechanisms to NDCs.

Access the content and session recordings [here](#).

COP26 Visa application guide

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Are you planning to attend COP 26? It is less than 90 days to go! The UK Office of Visa and Immigration has issued a [COP26 Visa application guide](#). Check [here](#) if you require a VISA to travel to Glasgow and apply immediately. For a quicker decision, delegates can use the UK priority services for an additional fee.

Delegates who are [exempt](#) from immigration control are also strongly encouraged to apply – free of charge – for an exempt vignette to confirm their exemption status.

Make your views matter to the future of the Race to Zero campaign



Led by High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action [Nigel Topping](#) and [Gonzalo Muñoz](#), the [campaign](#) mobilizes actors outside of national governments to join the Climate Ambition Alliance, which was launched at the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit 2019. The Race to Zero is a science-driven umbrella campaign that aggregates commitments to become net zero, absolute zero, or climate positive from a range of leading networks and initiatives across the climate action community. It currently represents 733 cities, 31 regions, 3,067 businesses, 173 of the biggest investors and 622 higher education Institutions.

The Champions launched a **10-week public consultation from 23 June until 3 September at 21:00 Gulf Standard Time** to explore how to keep members on track to ensure they progress towards implementation and continually raise their commitments. **We invite you to take part in the consultation process by providing feedback via the link below.** The submissions will be made public and open to discussion as we work together to set out the future of the Race to Zero.

With any questions, please contact: RacetoZero@unfccc.int

Submit your views here

Register for upcoming RCC Kampala webinars

Youth engagement in the UNFCCC process and more ambitious climate action

Good Practices in NDC Update and Implementation: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Eastern and Southern Africa

A two part series of webinars bringing

together regional stakeholders to reflect on current efforts to promote youth climate action, the associated practical constraints and opportunities for accelerating youth climate action and enhancing ambition. [Read more.](#)

The event will take place on **25 and 26 August** from **15:00 to 16:30 East Africa Time.** [Register here.](#)

The workshop aims to provide an avenue for countries from Sub-Saharan Africa to share good practices and lessons learned from their NDC update process as well as provide a platform for peer-to-peer support. [Read more.](#)

The event will take place on **1 and 2 September** from **14:00 to 17:30 East Africa Time.** [Register here.](#)

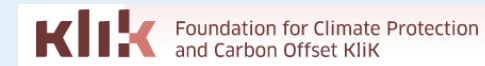
Funding opportunities to get involved



The 2021 Readiness Grants are open from **20 July-20 September.**

This includes Technical Assistance Grants aimed at strengthening the capacity of National Implementing Entities (NIEs) in the areas of environmental, social and gender risk management as they design, develop and implement concrete adaptation projects and programmes.

The grants are also open to countries that need support during the accreditation process, through an NIE that will provide peer support. [Read more](#)



Project developers, consulting firms, investors, non-governmental organizations, industry associations or companies with particularly high emission production facilities or with access to key relevant technologies are invited to register to participate in the procurement of ITMOs.

[Register](#) for pre-qualification and subscribe [here](#) to receive requests for EoI regularly. Deadline the **20 August 2020.**

Career opportunities: Green Economic Advisor and Communication Expert needed.



The NDC Partnership, with funding from the UK Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, is hiring a [Green Economic Advisor](#) and [Communication and Knowledge Management Expert](#) to ensure effective coordinated implementation of the African Union Green Recovery Action Plan.

Both positions are embedded in African Union's Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy for **6 months until March 2022 subject to extension pending funding availability.** Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest, CV, and expected daily professional fees, before **20 August 2021.**

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