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Greetings from RCC Kampala

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

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We are pleased to bring you our June Newsletter highlighting some of the important work we are doing in the region and around the world.

With this edition, we will update you on upcoming events at Africa Climate Week 2021, outcomes from the CDM Executive Board's 110th meeting and a few capacity building initiatives, a tailored carbon tax course and East Africa's Article 6 Negotiators handbook, that RCC Kampala supported in recent months. We also share a technical report from our Adaptation Division and two open funding calls for you to explore.

We urge you to stay safe as you enjoy reading this edition.

Your RCC Kampala Team

Africa Climate Week 2021: New dates for the virtual thematic sessions

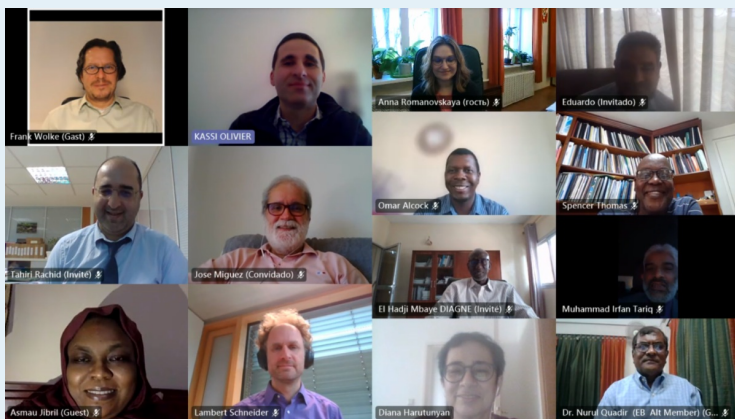


Postponed from June 2021, the Africa Climate Week 2021 Virtual Thematic Sessions are now scheduled for 26–29 July. These sessions will be hosted by the Government of Uganda and build on themes set out at the [virtual regional roundtable](#) in March 2021.

Preparations are in progress in partnership with the World Bank, UNEP, UNDP and regional partners. The World Bank is leading the first track, national actions and economy-wide approaches, while UNDP leads on track two, integrated approaches for climate-resilient development. The third track about seizing transformation opportunities is led by UNEP.

More information on the three themes and how other organizations can be engaged is detailed on the [website](#). More information on ACW 2021 can be found at www.RegionalClimateWeeks.org.

Key outcomes from the Executive Board meeting 110 (May 2021)



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 EB dedicated a lot of time to this agenda item, however, consensus could not be found. Therefore, the EB agreed to reflect its discussions and the lack of an outcome thereon in its annual report to the CMP.

That means that CERs cannot be issued in respect of emission reductions (or removals) for the time period after the second commitment period, that is, on or after 1 January 2021. Like other stakeholders, RCC Kampala will be looking to CMP 16 and the important decisions on the future of the CDM.

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

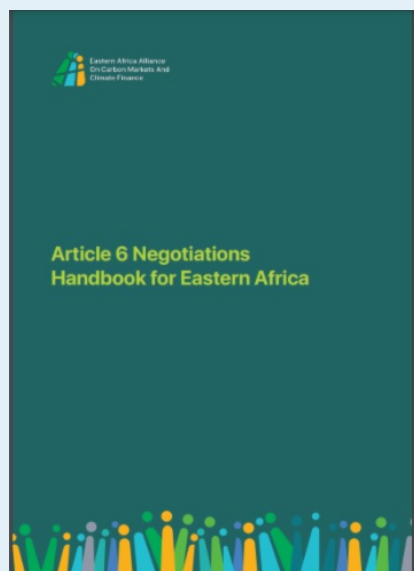
Online course: Preparing for Carbon Taxes in Africa



Regional Collaboration Centres [Kampala](#) and [Lome](#), partnered with the [Eastern](#) and [Western](#) Africa Alliances on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance to offer a three-week online course on carbon tax.

The course was funded by the [CiACA](#) initiative and aimed to strengthen the capacity of Policy Makers and Analysts on the basic principles of carbon tax design and deployment within an African context. The course was delivered synchronously from 6–22 April 2021 to thirty-five participants from thirteen countries in Africa.

The course is now also available to the public at the St. George's University online platform for free. To watch the course, enroll [here](#) and then you can access all the modules on demand.



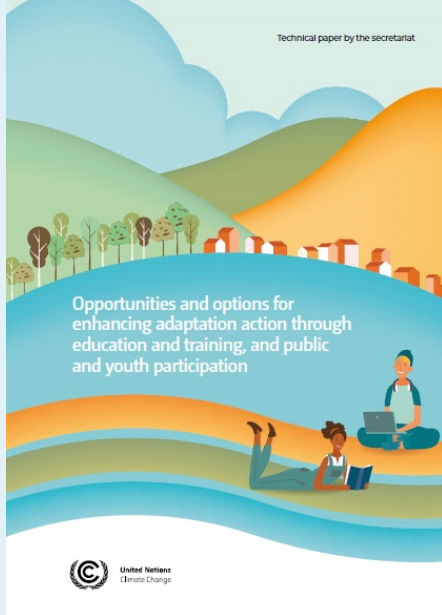
Article 6 negotiations handbook for Eastern Africa

In April 2021, the Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance published a [Handbook for Article 6 Negotiators](#) tailored to the East African context.

The handbook will enable Negotiators from the region to meaningfully contribute to finalization of Article 6 rules at COP 26. It provides an understanding of Article 6 negotiation matters in an exhaustive yet simplified manner.

New technical paper on opportunities and options for enhancing adaptation action through education and training, and public and youth participation

In 2020, its fifth and final year, the technical examination process on adaptation focused on education and training. It highlighted a range of opportunities and options to enhance adaptation action around the world through a variety of education and training initiatives, as well as meaningful public and youth



participation.

As part of the process, a technical paper was prepared by the secretariat describing the key messages that emerged, case studies and good practices from different regions, and other considerations relevant for adaptation policymakers and practitioners. This paper also features the top fifteen art pieces from the Adaptation Visual Art Competition, which challenged Youth under 18 years old from across the globe to showcase their vision for a resilient future.

Read the paper [here](#).

Call for applications: UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT 2021 training programme



UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT is a professional training programme on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for national experts. The programme is offered annually in collaboration with the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center (GIR) since 2017. It aims to enhance the technical capacity and overall competency of experts from developing countries to enable them to prepare and report high-quality GHG inventories.

The 2021 UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT Programme will be held online via the IPCC Guidelines Course package from the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute, for 10 weeks from **2 August to 8 October 2021**.

Applications should be submitted by **30 June 2021 (KST 23:59)**. Read more information [here](#).

Opportunities to get involved



The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) Action Programme to Address the 1.5°C goal has launched



a USD 1,000,000 [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](#).

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

The Fund has positioned itself as quickly deployable mechanism for supporting innovative approaches to EbA to help people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change by providing small grants from USD 50,000 to USD 250,000 for activities, with a maximum period of 36 months.

The first call for proposals is open until **31 August 2021**. Interested non-governmental and private sector organizations should check out the detailed requirements and eligible activities in the [Fund's Grants Procedures Manual](#).

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