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Dear RCC Stakeholder,

We are in this June Newsletter sharing newly published information on side events for COP26 with information on how to apply. With a special focus on youth involvement the Centre also reports on the regional parliamentary dialogue we supported earlier this month, along with a call to youth stakeholders to register for the ACE Youth Forum 2021.

Furthermore, recognizing the vital role of agriculture for the region, the Centre participated in the Euroclima+ event on monitoring, reporting and transparency in agricultural sector this month. We are also sharing the outcome of the Koronivia intersessional workshops at the May-June 2021 Climate Change Conference sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

Last but not least, we had the pleasure this month to interview the first provincial Climate Change Minister of the region, demonstrating the continuous work of the Centre including non-Party stakeholders in the climate agenda.

This and even more you will learn about in the articles below!

Your partner in climate action,
The RCC Panama Team

Highlights

COP 26 Glasgow Climate Change Conference Apply for Side Events & Exhibits now!



The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021. The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

We do recognize that the side events and exhibitions are, like the rest of COP, subject to conditions that may be imposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, in order to plan adequate time for the assessment of the application content for side events and exhibits, we are opening the process at this timing.

The application period for side events and exhibits is for 4 days between Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at 10:00 CEST and Friday, 2 July 2021 17:00 CEST as communicated to all Parties to UNFCCC and observer organizations duly admitted by the COP. Applications for side events and exhibits can only be received through the [Side Events and Exhibits Online Registration System \(SEORS\)](#) during this period. (Before applying, please carefully review the [frequently asked questions](#) and the [Side events and exhibits application manual](#)).

New information on exhibits at COP 26

Please also note that in light of the experiences gained connecting wider communities using online tools, and in order to reduce the need for in-person attendance with associated climate impacts, all exhibits at COP 26 will be organized as virtual exhibits online.

Selection results will be announced on Thursday, 30 September 2021

More information [here](#)

Interview with the first provincial Minister of Climate Change in Latin America

In May RCC Panama had the opportunity to exchange words with **Patricio Lombardi, Climate Change Minister of Misiones Province in Argentina**, first of its kind in the Latin American region. The dialogue revolved around the potential of working for climate action at the sub-regional level and regional critical elements of COP26. Learn about the development of such Ministry and their mission requested by the Pope in the inspiring dialogue below.



RCC Panama: Please share with our subscribers, what does the role of Climate Change Minister mean?

Being the first Minister of Climate Change in Latin America is a huge responsibility. I represent an Argentinian province leading in environmental matters, placing at the top of its governmental agenda a special state policy to address the climate issue. This action made us pioneers, redoubling our responsibility when his Holiness, Pope Francis, requested to spread our message and extend the initiative to other jurisdictions. The happiness of the Pope was such that that the request was made through a handwritten letter. The holistic and cross-sectoral approach to the situation faced by climate change and the nature-based solutions valuing ecosystem services, are the most significant marks that I assume as minister.

Continue to read full interview [here](#)

Launch of COVID-19 Recovery Tracker for Latin America and the Caribbean

Earlier this month a new platform tracking COVID-19 related fiscal spending policies announced by the 33 Latin America and Caribbean countries was launched, which will be updated every week.

The **LAC Recovery Tracker** brings transparency to regional government spending practices, both highlighting where funds are going and their potential economic, environmental, and social impacts. The Tracker is designed to showcase policy solutions and identify investment opportunities for governments and partners that are more impactful and sustainable.

The tool, which is based on the Global Recovery Observatory, an initiative led by the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project (OUEP), and supported by UNEP, the International Monetary Fund and GIZ through the Green Fiscal Policy Network (GFPN), reveals that only six of the region's 33 countries dedicated more than 0.1 per cent of their GDP to recovery spending.



Learn more from the [press release](#)
Find the tracker [here](#)

Léalo en español

Ambition and opportunities for climate action articulated between the national, sectoral and local levels from the perspective of the agri-food sector

Conversatorio virtual #2
MONITOREO, REPORTE Y TRANSPARENCIA
 Ambición y oportunidades de acción climática articulada entre los niveles nacional, sectorial y local desde la perspectiva del sector agroalimentario
 Jueves 10 de junio 2021, de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 a.m. (Bogotá)
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Dr. Carlos Ruiz-Garvia
 Centro Regional de Colaboración para América Latina, UNFCCC
El sector agroalimentario en América Latina y su importancia para el aumento en la ambición de las NDCs con miras a la transición del Marco Reforzado de Transparencia



M.Sc. Gustavo Jimenez E.
 Sub Director Ejecutivo del Instituto de Café (ICAPE), Costa Rica
MRV una herramienta de toma de decisiones del sector productor



Iván Casallas
 Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales (IDEAM), Colombia
SIIVRA - Sistema Integrador de Información de Indicadores de Vulnerabilidad, Riesgo y Adaptación




Propuestas de acción del Programa EUROCLIMA+ para el sector agroalimentario en América Latina




Financiado por la Unión Europea

On June 10th RCC Panama participated in the virtual conversation on Monitoring, Reporting and Transparency in the agricultural sectors, organized by Euroclima+. Based on the topic "**Ambition and opportunities for climate action articulated between the national, sectoral and local levels from the perspective of the agri-food sector**". The discussions at the event sought to raise some of the opportunities and barriers that the sector faces to fulfill the expected ambition taking into account the reality of the sector, proposing concrete actions from the sector perspective to solve them.

The participants learned about the connection between agriculture and the Paris agreement, and its inclusion in NDCs, and through interactive conversations allowed

sharing of experiences of physical projects such as MRV advances in the coffee production sector in Costa Rica and the design of integrated information systems of vulnerability, risk and adaptation indicators in Colombia.

For more information, please contact alimentos.asistenciatecnica@euroclimaplus.org

Please welcome the 2021 UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT Programme on GHGs!

UNFCCC in collaboration with Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center (GIR), is inviting stakeholders to the **2021 UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT Programme on GHGs** from 2 August to 8 October.

UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT is a professional intensive training programme on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for national experts from developing countries. 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.

Application submission period is from 7 June to 30 June (KST 23:59). Selected applicants will be notified by 26th July at the latest. The online training program will begin by the first week of August and will run for 10 weeks.



The flyer for the 11th UNFCCC-GIR-CASTT Programme on Greenhouse Gases features a world map and logos of participating organizations. It details the programme's objectives, key contents, dates, and eligibility requirements. The 'Key Programme Contents' section lists topics such as GHG accounting, GHG inventory, and GHG management. The 'Key Dates' section provides a timeline from application to graduation. The 'Eligibility Requirements' section outlines the criteria for participants, including being a national expert from a developing country. The 'Deadline' section states that applications should be submitted by 30 June 2021.

Find eligibility requirements and to access the application form [here](#).
Follow [here](#) for latest news and announcements.

Progress Made as May-June UN Climate Change Session Closes



Over the course of three weeks Latin American Parties together with all other regions have come together for the first ever virtual **May-June Climate Change Session**.

The sessions of the subsidiary bodies for implementation and technical advice took place over a three-week period. In view of the fact that last year the sessions could not take place, Party delegates from around the world engaged constructively across all time zones to address the issues under negotiation.

"I sincerely thank all delegates for their full and effective virtual engagement. Despite the significant challenges the format created for many, especially in developing countries, all Parties remained fully committed. As a result, these sessions of the subsidiary bodies have proven to be a good way of advancing technical work" said Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change.

Read more [here](#)

Action for Climate Empowerment: dialogues and forums for youth and civil society



On June 10th the **Parliamentary Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives**, took place within the framework of the 5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change (PNCC), **Addressing Inequalities to Enable Climate Ambition: A just transition to achieve the Paris Agreement**, organized with the support of RCC Panama, RCC St George's and UNICEF.

On [their website](#) you can find additional resources on inclusive climate action and citizen empowerment, to deepen your understanding of these topics which are crucial for the well-being of our societies and democracies as they strive for climate action that alleviates social inequalities.

Leálo en español



The **Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) Youth Forum 2021** is a virtual conference being organized by members of the ACE Working Group of [YOUNGO](#). The event aims to elevate the voices of young people around the world for progressing the work of ACE. It will also provide a platform for meaningful exchanges to enhance implementation of ACE by young people, while also crafting and publishing a set of youth policy recommendations directly linked to the next ACE Decision governments must adopt by COP26. **The event will take place across the two weekends, from 10-18 July 2021.**

You can find out more about the event, including the agenda [here](#)

Young people who are engaging in climate action, especially in ACE are welcome to participate. Details on how to get involved can be found [here](#)

May-June UN Climate Conference: Protecting the Climate and Achieving Food Security



Against the backdrop of growing food insecurity resulting from climate change, experts have been working to identify ways to achieve more sustainable land and water management at the ongoing virtual *May-June UN Climate Conference*.

At a *workshop* during the conference, countries and experts discussed how to achieve more sustainable land and water management. They identified actions for integrated watershed management that considers not only scientific knowledge, but also traditional and indigenous knowledge, and ways to involve and protect the livelihoods of farmers, local communities, youth and indigenous peoples, while ensuring gender equality.

A leading example is an Adaptation Fund project in Colombia and Ecuador, in which communities selected a portfolio of feasible concrete adaptation activities through a Context-specific Community-based Participatory Planning process. Other examples included an early warning system specifically tailored to indigenous communities; water management measures according to community-based adaptation plans; and land recovery using agro-forestry and nitrogen-fixing crop species.

Read full article [here](#)

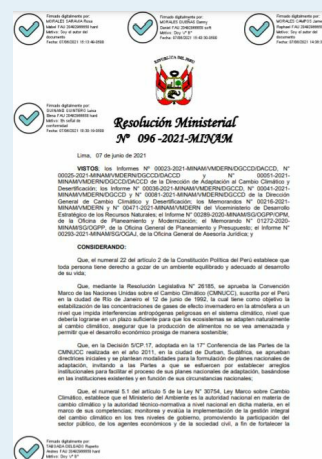
Find the Koronivia intersessional workshop broadcasts [here](#)

Climate news from the region

Peru approves a National Adaptation Plan

The government of Peru approved earlier this month the **"Peru's National Adaptation Plan (NAP) on Climate Change: an input for the update of the National Strategy on Climate Change"**. The NAP establishes the guiding framework related to adaptation in the country, based on conceptual models that account for how climate change affects the territory, as well as goods and services.

The NAP also provides guidance on the enabling conditions to implement the prioritized measures, as well as institutional arrangements, implementation route, cross-cutting approaches (gender, interculturality and intergenerational), to support the most vulnerable populations, and the financing schemes necessary.



Videos and previous webinars

Lanzamiento de la guía metodológica de Soluciones basadas en la Naturaleza

2021 Desertification and Drought Day global observance high-level forum



El camino hacia un desarrollo neutral y resiliente: Estrategia Climática de Largo Plazo, Chile



Mark your calendars

The future of Race to Zero, The High-Level Champions for Climate Action, June 23rd

HLDE 2021 | Ministerial Thematic Forums 2021 Climate Action Pathway for Energy, Irena, June 24th

Financiamiento Climático como una herramienta para la implementación del Acuerdo de Paris en el sector agropecuario, SICA, June 30th

XI and XII IICA Webinars. Points of view and contributions of agricultural producers in the framework of global agreements on climate change - Koronivia Joint Work, IICA, July 6th

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