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Dear RCC Stakeholder,

We are grateful for all the dialogues, calls for action and learnings we bring from the Thematic Sessions of the Regional Climate Week 2021 earlier this month. The impact of more than 100 hours of sessions with experts from various sectors, reaching out to more than 5000 registered participants is unmeasurable. The UNFCCC, together with UNEP, UNDP and the World Bank and all partnering and supporting organizations were able to enable this platform laying the foundation of a regional vision for climate action.

The final report of the week will soon be published, until then you can find a sample of the events RCC Panama hosted in this newsletter. We are also sharing our participation to an event on climate resilient health sector recently, and interesting publications on adaptation, updated NDCs and others.

Your partner in climate action,
The RCC Panama Team

Highlights

May–June 2021 Climate Change Conference – sessions of the subsidiary bodies starting today!



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UN Climate Change Conference Sessions of the subsidiary bodies

31 May to 17 June 2021

The UN Climate Change subsidiary bodies sessions, taking place from 31 May to 17 June 2021, is a fully virtual conference. This session will allow Parties to make progress on the high volume of work accumulated in the absence of sessions in 2020. In order to maximise progress and minimize further delays, this session is a valuable opportunity to advance work in preparation for the UN Climate Change Conference COP 26 in Glasgow in November.

The public can follow the broadcasts of selected events, notably plenary meetings and

Accelerating climate action through Climate Technology Transfer at LACCW 2021



During the Regional Climate Week, RCC Panama contributed to the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) yearly Regional Forum in LAC for the National Designated Entities (NDEs). This forum was integrated into the Climate Week program, inviting experts from the UNFCCC, governments, international organizations and banks discussing nodes of the implementation of the Article 10 of the Paris Agreement and the

Technology Framework.

The agenda included the UNFCCC participation from Ariesta Ningrum, (Lead Policy and Strategy unit), Andrea Camponogara (Program officer Policy and Strategy unit) and Carlos Ruiz Garvia, Regional lead of RCC Panama). Ningrum presented the foundation of technology and innovation and its inclusion in the Paris Agreement Article 10.

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CDM DNA Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean at LACCW 2021

A Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Designated National Authority (DNA) Forum was virtually held for the Latin American and the Caribbean region on 14 May 2021, as an affiliated event during the Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2021 that took place from 11 to 14 May 2021.



The objective of the DNA Forum was to provide opportunities for DNA representatives to exchange views, share experiences, provide feedback on follow-up actions relating to the CDM, and bring forward common views and issues to the attention of the Executive Board.

The 2021 edition focused on the current situation of the CDM, expectations at COP26, experiences, and opportunities available in the LAC region. In the forum, participants also had an opportunity to participate in a break-out session, divided into either English or Spanish groups, to further discuss opportunities for registered CDM activities.

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strategies for implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions event at LACCW 2021



The RCC Panama in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Panama, Presidential office of Climate Change of Honduras, MEXICO2, CIACA initiative and SOA Consulting, organized in the margins of the thematic sessions of the Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week the side event “**Carbon pricing instruments and financial strategies for implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions**” This side event provided an overview of the carbon pricing and climate finance instruments implemented Panama and Honduras under CIACA and Needs Based Finance (NBF) project with a view to amplify some of their benefits at a regional level.

MEXICO2 described the opportunities for the Latin America region in regards to accessing climate finance through different stock markets instruments. MiAmbiente Panama highlighted the needs to reform the banking sector to ensure that climate change risks are considered in all public and private investments. SOA consulting pointed out that in order to access to climate finance it is necessary to support the entities and institutions to structure projects and government has extensive experience on this. Lastly, Honduras described how the NBF project is supporting the elaboration of a climate finance tool that will facilitate the development of climate finance strategies in sectors considered in its new recently summited Nationally Determine Contribution (NDC).

Adaptation Committee holds webinar on the global goal on adaptation

On 11 May, the Adaptation Committee (AC) held a webinar focusing on approaches to reviewing the overall progress made towards the global goal on adaptation. During the webinar, the AC shared the findings from their technical paper on this topic, and heard the feedback, related views, and insights of Parties, observers, researchers, academics, adaptation practitioners, and other stakeholders in the adaptation community. With over 100 participants from around the world, the webinar was a significant opportunity to: Discuss fundamental principles and criteria that should guide the consideration of approaches to reviewing overall progress towards the global goal on adaptation; which approaches are most feasible to follow in the short and long terms; the challenges and needs that should be accounted for; and how these might be overcome. Leading up to the 20th meeting of the AC in September 2021, the AC will continue to its consideration of approaches with a view to reflecting the outcome of this consideration in its 2021 annual report, taking into account the input from the webinar.

Read more about the webinar and related work on the global goal on adaptation [here](#).

Franco-Central American network on Climate Change welcomed by Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa



In Guatemala and virtually on Zoom the First Conference of France - Central America about Climate Change took place 12th of May, with the theme "Road towards a Franco-Central American network of cross-experience on Climate Change".

The UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa congratulated the countries on the initiative as an example of the good governance and rigorous international cooperation needed, especially acknowledging the vulnerability of the

geographic and demographic countries in Central America already impacted by climate change. Several sessions are available online on the [Facebook page of SCAC](#).

Recent reports and publications

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

Education and training, alongside public and youth participation, are key to enabling effective and inclusive adaptation to climate change. In 2020, its fifth and final year, the technical examination process on adaptation focused on this topic, highlighting a range of opportunities and options for enhancing adaptation action around the world through a variety of education and training initiatives, as well as meaningful public and youth participation. The technical paper prepared as part of this process is now available, 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 children ages 17 and under from across the globe to showcase their vision for a resilient future.

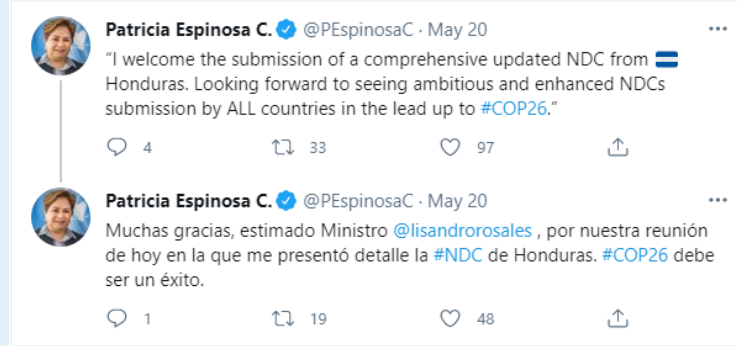
Read the paper [here](#).



Honduras' submission of a more ambitious NDC

We join [the UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa](#) and the [UK COP26 President Alok Sharma](#) in congratulating Honduras on their updated National

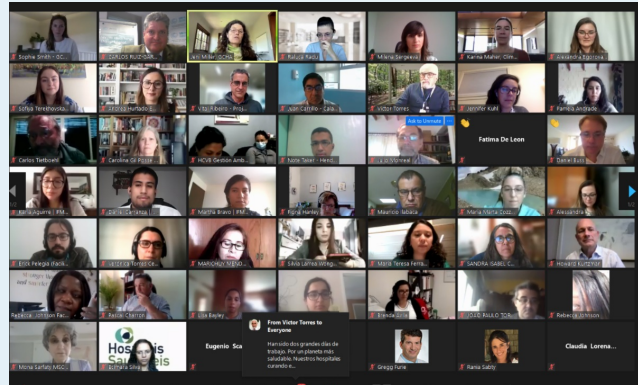
Determined Contribution (NDC). Until 2030, Honduras is committed to carrying out adaptation and mitigation actions in the face of climate change. The country will aim to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 16%, restoring 1.3 million hectares of forests and reducing firewood consumption by 39%.



Find the updated NDC [here](#)

Resources on action against climate change in the Health sector

The connection of health and climate has become more emergent during the Covid-19 pandemic, and two newly released reports are exploring this relationship with important conclusions for the region. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) just published the technical note [Enhancing Health and Climate Change Commitments in Updated Nationally Determined Contributions](#) where RCC Panama and RCC St George's supported the preparation of, and the [Global Road Map for Health Care Decarbonization](#) of the Health Care without Harm. The latter providing a plan and charts a course to get healthcare towards zero emissions across three pathways: healthcare delivery and operations, the global supply chain, and the broader economy.



These two resources within the health sector were presented during the 2021 Pan American Regional Consultations organized by the WHO, GCHA and the Civil Society Working Group on Climate and Health earlier this month. RCC Panama was invited to share closing remarks at the workshop organized by Health without Harm, on **Attention to climate intelligent health: regional perspectives for a a climate resilient health sector with zero emissions** where the sector's carbon footprint was reviewed and identifying the regional priorities to accelerate it's decarbonization and strengthen it's resilience.

Mark your calendars

- **CEM 12 / MI-6 Chile 2021: Ministerial Meetings**, May 31 – June 06
- **5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change: "Dialogue with Civil Society and Youth Representatives" - Addressing Inequalities to Enable Climate Ambition**, June 15, 17.00 (UTC - 04:00)
- **Mercado de Carbono, Asocarbono IETA, with support of USAID and Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia: Avances y perspectivas de los mercados de carbono en Colombia y otros países de America Latina**, June 23rd

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