

Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America

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Welcome to our November newsletter:

A regional outlook on NDCs progress in Latin-America



2020 is a critical year for countries to fulfil their commitments under the Paris Agreement, including the submission of enhanced nationally determined contributions (NDCs). This [*report on the status of NDCs in the Latin America region*](#) highlights the efforts made by the participating countries on the progress of improving their national climate action plans and it provides a regional outlook on the status of NDCs, which are essential to meet the targets agreed under the Paris Agreement.

This survey was prepared by the secretariat through its Regional Collaboration Centre for Latin America (RCC Panama), in close collaboration with UN Environment and the NDC Partnership.

The purpose of the 2020 Survey on NDCs in Latin America was to examine the progress and trends of NDCs in the region.

UN Climate Change Dialogues

23.11 - 4.12 2020



CLIMATE
DIALOGUES
2020



The objective of the [Climate Dialogues](#) is to provide a platform for Parties and other stakeholders to showcase progress made in 2020 and exchange views and ideas across the subsidiary bodies and COP agendas mandated for 2020. As guided by the Bureau at its meeting on 25 August, The Climate Dialogues will also provide a platform for advancing implementation of activities mandated for 2020, to the extent possible and, where necessary, identifying any potential further action that the SB Chairs could undertake to help Parties to prepare for effectively engaging in the work of the subsidiary bodies at the sessions to take place in 2021. Overall, the Climate Dialogues should help to advance work under the subsidiary bodies and the COP in a virtual setting, thereby paving the way for a successful COP 26.

You can check out the schedule overview ([here](#)) and list of events [here](#)

Guatemala submits its Long Term Climate Change Strategy

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GOBIERNO de GUATEMALA MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

UN Regional Collaborative Centre for Latin America (RCC Panama)

Estrategía de Desarrollo con Bajas Emisiones de Guatemala ante la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre Cambio Climático
Miércoles 4 de noviembre de 2020
9:00 horas (GTM-6)

S.E. Sr. Mario Rojas
Ministro de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales

S.E. Sra. Patricia Espinosa
Secretaria Ejecutiva CMNUCC

S.E. Sr. Fredy Chiro
Viceministro de Recursos Naturales y Cambio Climático

S.E. Sra. Ana Isabel Carrillo Fabián
Directora General de Relaciones Internacionales Multilaterales y Económicas

S.E. Sra. Fiona Clouder
Embajadora de la COP26 para Latinoamérica y el Caribe

Dr. Carlos Ruiz Garvia
Jefe Regional RCC Panama

Facilitadora: Ana Him, Funcionaria del Centro Regional de Colaboración para América Latina (RCC Panama).

Evento organizado por:
Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales,
en acompañamiento del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y la Secretaría de la CMNUCC

(November 18, 2020) Guatemala has submitted to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) its long-term development low emissions, pursuant to the provisions of the Paris Agreement.

The presentation event inaugurated by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Mario Rojas, and the Ambassador and General Director of International Multilateral and Economic Relations, Ana Isabel Carrillo Fabián.

The Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change, Patricia Espinosa, congratulated the Government of Guatemala, while the COP26 Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean, Fiona Clouder, highlighted the priorities and expectations from the Latin American Region for the UN climate conference to be held in 2021.

The strategy presented was formulated with the leadership of the Government of Guatemala, and had the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with the participation of representatives of the public and private sectors, civil society, the academia, indigenous organizations and other groups.

Watch the presentation event [here](#)

Read full article [here](#)

2020 UN Global Climate Action Awards

2020 UN Global Climate Action Awards Schedule of events			
Thursday, 26 November	Tuesday, 01 December	Wednesday, 02 December	Friday, 11 December
 19.45 - 20.45 CET Women for Results Special Event	 17.00 - 18.00 CET Climate Neutral Now Special Event	 17.00 - 18.00 CET Financing for Climate Friendly Investment Special Event	 14.00 - 15.30 CET 2020 UN Global Climate Action Award Ceremony
			

In 2020, [thirteen initiatives](#) from more than twenty countries have been announced as the winners of the prestigious [UN Global Climate Action Awards](#). These climate solutions fall within the Award's three focus areas: Women for Results, Climate Neutral Now and Financing for Climate Friendly Investment.

Showcasing our Award-Winning Projects at the UN Climate Dialogues

UN Climate Change is organizing a series of special events between 26 November and 2 December 2020 at the UN Climate Change Dialogues.

Award Ceremony | Friday 11 December

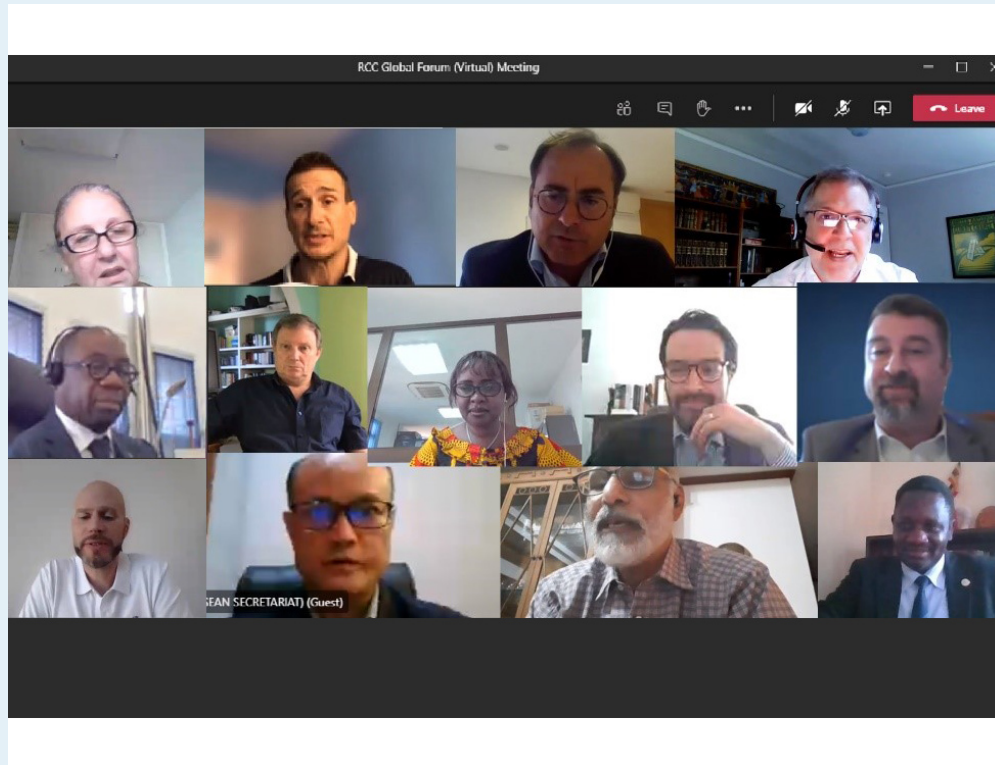
Each year, we celebrate our winning projects at a special award ceremony at the United Nations Climate Change Conference. We would all prefer to do this as we always do -- in person and with a live audience -- but in this year, what we want is secondary to what is necessary.

So for the first time, we're organizing an online Award Ceremony to recognize the 13 winners of the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Awards.

More information about the UN Global Action 2020 Awards events [here](#)

The 2020 winners of the UN Global Climate Action Award can be found [here](#)

RCCs Virtual Global Forum 2020 - Catalyzing regional climate action



(October 2020) The Regional Collaboration Centres hold a Global Forum every year where the leadership and steering committees of the secretariat and institutions that host the RCCs gather to exchange views, share progress on ongoing activities and identify emerging priorities and issues related to climate action for continued regional support.

In his opening remarks, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Ovais Samad acknowledged the unprecedented new challenge that COVID-19 has brought to the world. He expressed that whereas there is urgent need to respond to this challenge, recovery efforts from the pandemic present a rare window of opportunity to build a low-emissions and climate-resilient future, as outlined in the Paris Agreement. To ensure preparedness for dealing with those challenges, Ovais informed the forum that in the new secretariat structure, all divisions are now fully integrated in the planning framework of RCC work to ensure broader, aligned and unified approaches in supporting different regions in the world, as had been requested by the Global Forum last year.

For the first time, key strategic partners such as the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), UNEP (from different regions), the ASEAN secretariat, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

In their presentations, the 6 RCCs shared a staggering amount of the achievements they have attained throughout 2020, such as: virtual workshops, engagements, collaborations, meetings and activities since the lockdown. The achievements highlight activities related to addressing alignment of climate mitigation and adaptation plans with national sustainable development plans, support to Article 6, adaptation, capacity-building on transparency and facilitating the mobilizing of climate-aligned finance. Taking advantage of the virtual space, RCCs have been able to engage and consult with multiple stakeholders in the respective regions to deliver all the activities presented.

Countries Showcase their National Adaptation Plans



(November 2020) - Five countries - Grenada, Guatemala, Paraguay, Suriname and Uruguay - have presented their [*National Adaptation Plans \(NAPs\)*](#), demonstrating their commitment to build resilience to the inevitable impacts of climate change, which include more severe and more frequent droughts, storms and floods.

The plans were presented at the annual [*NAP Country Platform*](#) which provides space for developing countries to present their NAP to highlight adaptation priorities and showcase how they will design implementation.

Full article can be found [here](#).

Watch the video on demand [here](#).

Presentations are available [here](#).

Upcoming events

Climate Ambition Summit 2020

12 december 2020



The summit is positioned as a “sprint to Glasgow,” where the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

(UNFCCC) is scheduled to take place from 1–12 November 2021.

Co-hosted by the UK COP26 Presidency, the UN and France, in partnership with Chile and Italy, the Summit aims to rally momentum and call for much greater climate action and ambition. National governments will be invited to present more ambitious and high-quality climate plans, as well as COVID recovery plans, new finance commitments and measures to limit global warming to 1.5°C. In particular, the co-hosts have called for:

- New, more ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs);
- Long-term net-zero emissions strategies;
- Climate finance commitments to support the most vulnerable; and
- Ambitious adaptation plans and policies.

For more information click [here](#)

108th meeting of the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board

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CONSTITUTED BODY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

108th meeting of the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board (CDM EB 108)

The 108th meeting of the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board will take place on: 1 to 3 December, 9 to 11 December and 14 December 2020

Agenda and annotations are available [here](#)

Regional Virtual Platform



Powered by the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs), this platform provides a list of virtual meetings which have either already taken place or will be held in the six RCC regions in the coming days/months (some organized by the RCCs, some by the UNFCCC

Headquarters and some others by partners).

Its objective is to be a repository of links and information generated from the events listed as well as to promote upcoming ones.

Please feel free to contact us to explore possible collaboration in Latin America.

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