

Regional Collaboration Center St George's June 2020



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's

Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

DEAR STAKEHOLDERS,

Greetings from RCC St. George's.

We are delighted to bring to you our second newsletter for the year. Sadly, the pandemic has created a truly unprecedented situation which affects us all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has been impacted by the virus. As we move forward during these uncertain times, RCC St. George's wants to help keep stakeholders up to date on the latest events, initiatives, and opportunities in our region.

*Be Safe!
RCC St. George's*

REGIONAL COLLABORATION CENTRES: A CRITICAL COMPONENT IN THE NEW DISPENSATION



"[B]uilding capacity to participate in the global carbon market was the *raison d'être* of the RCC. With the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the RCCs have focused on supporting developing countries with implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions. I can testify to the tremendous support provided by RCC St. George's to the Government of Grenada in building capacity and in coordinating the work on the revision and updating of the NDC," said Grenada's Ambassador and Special Envoy for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Dr. Spencer Thomas, PhD, in his recent article "*Regional Collaborative Centers: A Critical Component In The New Dispensation*."

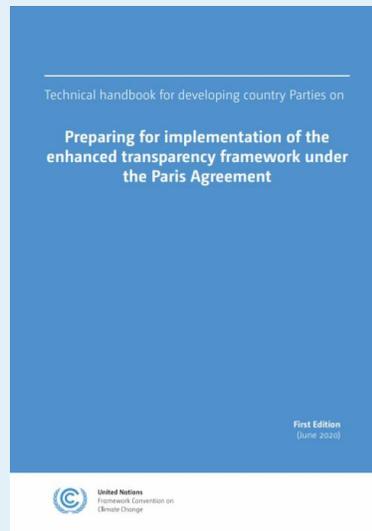
You can read more of Dr. Thomas' article [here](#).

CARIBBEAN VIRTUAL EXCHANGE SERIES TO SUPPORT NDCs

Ambassador Lois Young, Belize's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS), stated in her opening address at the launch of the [Virtual Exchange Series](#) on 26 May 2020. The exchange was attended by 112 representatives from Caribbean countries, international partners supporting the countries and consultants working in the region on Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.

To learn more about the Caribbean Virtual Exchange Series see [here](#).

CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF EXPERTS PUBLISHES ETF HANDBOOK



The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) recently published a technical handbook on preparing for the implementation of the ETF. The handbook aims to improve awareness and understanding of the Modalities, Procedures and Guidelines of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) among national experts and practitioners from developing-country Parties.

The handbook explains in detail the information to be reported, including the outline and content of biennial transparency reports, and describes the processes for the technical expert review and the Facilitative Multilateral Consideration Progress.

Learn more about the EFT processes and access the handbook [here](#) and its addendum [here](#). To learn more about the CGE visit [here](#)

TECHNICAL EXPERTS WEBPAGE LAUNCHED!

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 technical experts have participated virtually in reviewing and analyzing national climate reports submitted by Parties under the UNFCCC, to keep the process uninterrupted and enhance the transparency of climate actions.

UN Climate Change recently launched a dedicated web-page to celebrate their dedication and commitment, which is



available [here](#).

For more information on the UNFCCC roster of experts, please visit [here](#).

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES CONFERENCE 2020



[The Energy Efficiency and Renewables Conference 2020](#) was held as a web conference on 24-26 June 2020.

Vintura Silva of RCC St. George's presented on the Caribbean Context and Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action.

To learn more, click [here](#)

LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLATFORM

On 9 June 2020, the [Facilitative Working Group](#) (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) convened an open informal stakeholder dialogue. The [virtual event](#) was part of UN Climate Change's "June Momentum for Climate Change". During the event, updates were provided by FWG members on progress under the LCIPP and time was dedicated to comments and views from participants.



Share your views by responding to 3 calls for submission by **1 September 2020**; [visit here](#) and search for LCIPP.

WEBINAR ON CLIMATE TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS (TNA) ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC)



UNEP DTU Partnership in collaboration with UN Climate Change held a webinar on 30 June 2020 focused on exploring sectors and technologies prioritized by LAC countries participating in the global TNA project, in relation to climate change adaptation and mitigation. Presenters discussed financial and capacity-building needs and highlighted how the TNAs can contribute to implementation of nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement.

An accompanying brief providing information about climate technology needs in the LAC region has been made available [here](#) and the recordings of the webinar can be found [here](#).

Marrakech Partnership



IMPROVING THE MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP FOR ENHANCING AMBITION – DEADLINE FOR FEEDBACK 31 JULY

As the Marrakech Partnership enters a new phase it is essential to build on past achievements and lessons learned and make the Partnership fit-for-purpose to start this decade of delivery. Receiving your feedback and ideas, by 31 July, on how to enhance ambition through the Partnership is crucial for the Climate Change Champions as they develop a path forward.

See the letter from the Champions and learn how to provide your views [here](#).

THE RACE TO ZERO IS ON!

June saw the launch of the Race to Zero campaign, attracting businesses, investors, cities, universities and others committed to recovering from the COVID-19 better and building a healthier, more resilient world where emissions fall to net-zero by 2050.

The aim is to grow the alliance of leading net-zero initiatives 10-fold before COP26 in November 2021. If you would like to join in the effort, contact RaceToZero@unfccc.int.

To learn about Race to Zero, the planned November 2020 Dialogues, and more, visit [here](#).



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