Regional Collaboration Center St George's October 2020





Regional Collaboration Centre - St. George's

Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

Welcome to RCC St. George's October Newsletter

This edition brings you the latest news updates from UN Climate Change, and other exciting opportunities to get involved in climate actions in the Region and around the world. Read on to mark your calendars for upcoming events in the region.

Here are our news highlights

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centers (RCCs) help deliver coordinated climate actions



The regional approach by UN Climate Change is facilitating fast, efficient, and coordinated delivery of climate action by a broad range of actors across regions. This is according to a new UN Climate Change report, which analyses the work of the secretariat's Regional Collaboration Centers (RCCs) across the globe. Titled "Enabling long-term impact – the role of RCCs in catalyzing climate action", the report zooms in on the work done by the RCCs in 2019 to actively support countries as they work to implement commitments under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

Read more about the report <u>here</u>



The Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CiACA)workstream of the UNFCCC concluded the first series of regional dialogues on carbon pricing (REdiCAP) in 5 regions and sub-regions: Latin America, Caribbean, West Africa, East and Southern Africa and South East Asia. The 5 dialogues were conducted in close partnership with regional entities that have been collaborating for the implementation of the CiACA work program, including MEXICO2 for the Latin America and Caribbean, GIZ and the World Bank for Africa, and the Asian Development Bank (whose Vice president inaugurated the dialogue for Asia Pacific), UN Environment and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UN ESCAP) for South East Asia. They were attended by over 100 country representatives, including COP negotiators, directors in the ministries of environment and climate change, and UNFCCC national focal points.

More information on REdiCAP here

DOHA Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to enter into force!



The Doha amendment is finally set to enter into force as the required 144 instruments of acceptance of the Doha Amendment have been received by the UN Depository of Treaties in New York. Thus, signaling the willingness of the international community to deliver on key climate pledges and to tackle climate change through multilateral cooperation.

See UNFCCC press release here

UN Climate Change Transparency LinkedIn Group Launched!



<u>Join now!</u> to find out about upcoming events, publications, and news on climate transparency. Understand existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements and enhanced transparency framework (ETF) in animated videos available here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBcZ22cUY9RLLBHng3xwvt1fg3gPacxWb

Our recent events

RCC St. George's in collaboration with Low Emission Development Strategies Latin America and Caribbean (LEDS LAC) organized a webinar on the overview of process and provisions for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF).

Access the recording and related materials for this webinar <u>here</u>.



Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange Series





The Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange Platform successfully held the 4th and 5th sessions which attracted about 80 participants. In the 4th Session, participants from the Caribbean region were introduced to the available tools, approaches and methodologies of accounting, modelling and projections and tracking progress for NDCs under the ETF. The 5th Session on the other hand aimed at enhancing technical capacities of experts from the Caribbean and Pacific SIDS who are in the process of preparing their new or updated NDCs in line with provisions relevant for preparation, communication, accounting and tracking of NDC.

Read the full articles on our website: https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/rccstqeorges



This year's Virtual Island Summit hosted about 10,000 attendees and speakers from over 500 island states. The 7-day virtual event involved speakers from various backgrounds including Heads of State, policymakers, development partners, entrepreneurs, academics, and NGO leaders. The sessions included discussions on how island states are implementing the Sustainable Development Goals to meet the needs of future generations, the impact of the global pandemic and other topics aimed at allowing islanders from around the world free access to share ideas, best practices and solutions. **Access the full list of sessions and recordings from the summit** here

Opportunities to get involved



Share your story! - The Paris Committee on capacity building (PCCB) network call

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Network has launched a project called Capacity-building Stories, that aims to collect, showcase and disseminate concrete examples of capacity-building efforts by members of the network. We invite all interested capacity-building experts and practitioners to join the steadily growing network if they have not already done so.

Further information can be viewed here

The Race to Zero is on!



Race to Zero is a global campaign to rally; leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions, investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth. It mobilizes a coalition of leading net zero initiatives, representing 449 cities, 21 regions, 995 businesses, 38 of the biggest investors, and 505 universities. Collectively these actors now cover nearly 25% global CO2 emissions and over 50% GDP.

To join as an initiative or network, visit: here

Opportunity for CDM Project Participants

CDM projects participants are welcome to apply for support under the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN). The PFAN is a global network of climate and clean energy financing experts that aims to bridge the gap between entrepreneurs developing climate and clean energy projects and private sector investors. For more information about the current Special call on Climate Change projects you can visit the link below;

<u>https://pfan.net/call-for-climate-or-clean-energy-projects-next-deadline-1-november-2020/</u> (deadline has been extended to November 6).

Feel free to contact RCC St. George's for any assistance (rccstgeorges@unfccc.int)

Mark your Calendars!

The 12th Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF)



Join us at one of the largest energy events in the region for over a decade, aimed at bringing the market together for vital and solutions-driven discussions on renewable energy in the Caribbean, to relight the fire under clean energy investment across the Caribbean.

Find out more about the event and how to get involved here.



VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

RELEVANCE • CREATIVITY • INNOVATION

November 6-7, 2020

St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies invites you to attend its premier Virtual Public Health Conference in recognition and response to the year 2020 being a significant year for public health. Uniquely positioned to lead a discussion on the conference theme, "Relevance, Creativity, and Innovation in Public Health Education and Practice", this two-day conference will be held online on 6 and 7 November 2020.

Register **HERE!**

Join us for the Latin America and Caribbean Energy Week this November. Read more about the event here: https://semanadelaenergia.olade.org/?lang=en

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