

Regional Collaboration Center St George's April 2021



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's

Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

We are delighted to bring to you the April edition of the RCC St. George's Newsletter.

First, we will share news and resources from the UNFCCC Secretariat. Here you will find information on the MoU between UNFCCC and CCCCC. There is also information on the initial NDC Synthesis Report on new and updated NDCs. Additionally, we bring you information on the outcomes of the Virtual Regional Roundtables held in March as part of the 2021 Regional Climate Weeks.

Read on to learn about our upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

Thank you!
RCC St. George's Team

News from UNFCCC

COP Bureau Agrees to hold Virtual Meetings

The [Bureau](#) has agreed to hold a virtual meeting from 31 May 2021 to 17 June 2021. The three-week meeting will allow to advance crucial work in preparation for the UN climate conference [#COP26](#).

[Read statement](#)



UNFCCC and CCCCC deepen climate change cooperation



The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and the United Nations Framework on the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) signed a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) to mark a new chapter in their collaboration in improving climate resilience in the Caribbean. The virtual ceremony took place on March 15th and was witnessed by a small delegation representing senior management of both institutions. For the two institutions, the MoU will “cement the recognition of and respect for each other’s capabilities, identity and mission, and signals the opportunity for the Parties to commit themselves to cooperating on the basis of exchange of relevant information, expertise and viewpoints in order to realize potential synergies.”

More information can be found [here](#).

Virtual Roundtables Kick Off 2021 Regional Climate Weeks



The 2021 editions of the Regional Climate Weeks kicked off from 3-4 March with virtual regional roundtables designed to set the scene for regional climate action in the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in November. The roundtables for Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean on

3. and 4. March helped identify priorities and opportunities for the three regions, crucial for the full implementation of the [Paris Agreement](#). The event was organized by UN Climate Change and the RCCs, in collaboration with Regional Climate Week’s core partners UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank. Additional support came from regional partners and the respective regional host governments – the Dominican Republic, Japan, and Uganda. The roundtables highlighted the climate challenges and opportunities in the region in advance of the Climate Week’s thematic sessions.

Here is the [report](#) from the Virtual Roundtables.

Resources

Greater Climate Ambition urged as Initial NDC Synthesis Report is published

UN Climate Change has published the Initial [NDC Synthesis Report](#), showing



nations must redouble efforts and submit stronger, more ambitious national climate action plans in 2021 to achieve the [Paris Agreement](#) goal of limiting global temperature rise by 2°C—ideally 1.5°C—by the end of the century. “This report shows that current levels of climate ambition are very far from putting us on a pathway that will meet our Paris Agreement goals,” said Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change.

The UN Climate Change secretariat is now calling for submission of NDCs by 30 July 2021 for reflection in the next version of the synthesis document, which would be prepared in advance of the pre-COP meeting scheduled for 30 September – 2 October 2021.

Read more on the report [here](#).

Institutional Arrangements Toolbox: Guide to strengthening National Institutional Arrangements for Transparency of Climate Action and Support



Transparency of action and support is critical to achieve the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement. Well-functioning institutional arrangements are key to transition to the enhanced transparency framework by 2024. In that context, the toolbox on *institutional arrangements* developed by the [Consultative Group of Experts \(CGE\)](#) is a one-stop

shop that offers a technical handbook available in all UN languages, video interviews and case stories presenting experiences of developing countries in improving and sustaining national MRV process, and a list of relevant technical resources.

The CGE will continue to update the toolbox, please complete this short [survey](#) to identify and respond to evolving needs of developing countries. Those interested in sharing country experience and lessons learned, please contact tisu@unfccc.int

Upcoming events

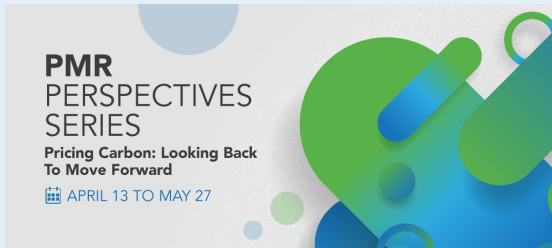
Regional Climate Weeks 2021 Virtual thematic Sessions

The Regional Climate Weeks 2021 Virtual Thematic Sessions kick off with Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week 2021 on 11-14 May.

Click [here](#) for more information.



The Partnership for Market Readiness perspectives series on Carbon Pricing



Click [here](#) for more information and registration

Webinars

Webinar on enhancing a coordinated approach on financing for climate action on land in the Caribbean on *27 April, 10:00-12:00 (AST)*

Webinar on Calculating the health co-benefits of climate interventions using the CaRBonH tool in the Caribbean on *28 April, 10:00 – 11:00 (AST)*

Webinar on Enhanced Transparency Framework and the transition from the existing MRV arrangements to the ETF on *18 May- 10:00-11:00 (AST)*

Opportunity to get Involved

Online Course on the Paris Agreement

This is a request to promote through your upcoming newsletters the next (third) edition of the [Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a Development Agenda](#) which is scheduled for 31 May – 9 July 2021. The deadline for enrollment is 30 April 2021. This subsidized online course, delivered in English, is a UNFCCC and UNSSC collaboration offering a holistic and integrated approach to climate change and demonstrates the interlinkages and interdependencies between sustainable development and climate change to make informed policy choices towards low-carbon and climate-resilient sustainable development. In particular, staff in multilateral agencies who are in the field of climate change and development may find this course interesting, as it provides a better understanding of the Paris Agreement and its impact on their work.

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