



RCC East and Southern Africa

*Collaboration for Climate Action*

# Strengthening Country-Led Implementation through Regional Collaboration

## East and Southern Africa

### 2025

# Regional Collaborations Centres | Overview



## RCC Caribbean

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### RCC Caribbean St.

George's, Grenada

Established 2013

Partner: Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation



## CCR para América Latina

Colaboración para la Acción Climática

### RCC Latin America

Panama City, Panama

Established: 2013 as RCC

Bogotá

Partner: The United Nations Environment Programme



## CRC Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre

Collaboration pour l'Action Climatique

### RCC WAC Africa

Lomé, Togo

Established 2013

Partner: West African Development Bank



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### RCC EAS Africa

Kampala, Uganda

Established 2013

Partner: East African Development Bank



## RCC MENA and South Asia

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### RCC MENA and SA

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Established 2019

Partner: World Green Economy Organization



## RCC Asia and the Pacific

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### RCC Asia-pacific

Bangkok, Thailand

Established 2015

Partner: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies



The RCCs are a partnership between the UN Climate Change secretariat and hosting organizations, governed by Steering Committees established to guide and oversee the work of RCCs.

The RCCs cover 143 countries in 6 regions.



## 31 events, including:

- 4 supporting the formulation and implementation of NAPs
- 6 supporting the implementation of Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments
- 19 supporting the development and implementation of NDCs

## 6 knowledge products authored or co-authored and published, including

- 3 newsletters
- 2 publications
- 1 research and analysis piece

## 16 country support requests completed

- In a total of 8 countries: Eswatini, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania
- Dedicated in majority to NDCs (12), Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments (1), and NAPs (3), respectively

# RCCs 2025 | East and Southern Africa Key Achievements

## NDC / LT-LEDs



- ✓ Enhanced NDC implementation readiness through targeted country support, including institutional diagnostics and validation in Malawi, finance-ready planning in Seychelles, and strengthened technical and negotiation capacity in Mozambique
- ✓ Published a Step-by-Step Guide providing practical, replicable guidance that institutionalizes gender-responsive climate planning across current and future NDC cycles
- ✓ Delivered 10+ regional webinars and dialogues, advancing key NDC and LT-LEDs priorities including gender-transformative climate policy, heavy-industry decarbonization, Early Warning Systems and NAP–NDC coherence, just energy transition pathways, SDG 7–NDC alignment, inclusive urban transitions, and GHG emissions projections
- ✓ Convened and supported major regional events, including Climate Week 2, a Workshop on Visioning Just Transitions in African Cities, the Science–Policy Dialogue on Agricultural GHG Research Priorities in Southern Africa; strengthening peer learning, inclusive transition pathways, science–policy linkages, and evidence-based mitigation planning

## Article 6 and Carbon Pricing



- ✓ Facilitated REDiCAP 2025, building technical capacity and readiness across 15 East and Southern African countries through a four-day regional workshop with the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body and UNEP
- ✓ Supported Ethiopia to develop and validate a National Carbon Market Strategy, enabling alignment with Article 6 requirements and access to global carbon markets
- ✓ Delivered two regional Q&A clinics, strengthening DNA and PPs understanding of CDM transition rules under Article 6.4, with participants from Mauritius, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Ethiopia, and others
- ✓ Co delivered a post-COP30 technical webinar. The event was widely attended, particularly from financial sector with many questions on the PACM regulatory framework and current barriers preventing the carbon market at scale

## Adaptation



- ✓ Provided direct technical assistance for NAP draft review enabling NAP submissions by Lesotho and Tanzania
- ✓ Delivered 2 technical webinars (with WMO and regional partners) on NAPs, NDCs, and Early Warning Systems, Post COP29 Adaptation & Finance Outcomes and 1 regional Dialogue to accelerate NAP support and Strengthen technical capacity and knowledge exchange on NAPs with parties
- ✓ Co-organized 7 NAP country dialogues, regional Learning events such as the NAP Expo 2025 and 1 Capacity building training on NAPs for African LDCs and SIDs held in Nairobi
- ✓ Supported a regional NAP Survey capturing country needs, progress, and priorities, feeding into targeted technical assistance and the 2025 UNFCCC NAP Progress Report
- ✓ Documented youth-led adaptation stories in the region, showcasing community resilience impacts and green job creation

For more information on these and to browse further activities led in East and Southern Africa, please visit [our website](#).

## NDCs/LT-LTLEDS

- Provided direct support to the Government of **Malawi** to conduct Central Region and Sectoral Validation Workshops, strengthening national ownership and readiness for implementation of its NDC 3.0.
- Led the direct country support for the Government of **Seychelles** Financial implementability assessment & investment framework Inception and Capacity-Building Workshop in Mahé, Seychelles, strengthening national capacity for NDC implementation, development of the NDC 3.0 financial framework, and climate finance planning.
- Facilitated partner matchmaking direct country support for **Mozambique** to deliver in-country training for climate negotiators, strengthening technical capacity, preparedness, and effective participation in UNFCCC negotiations.

## Adaptation

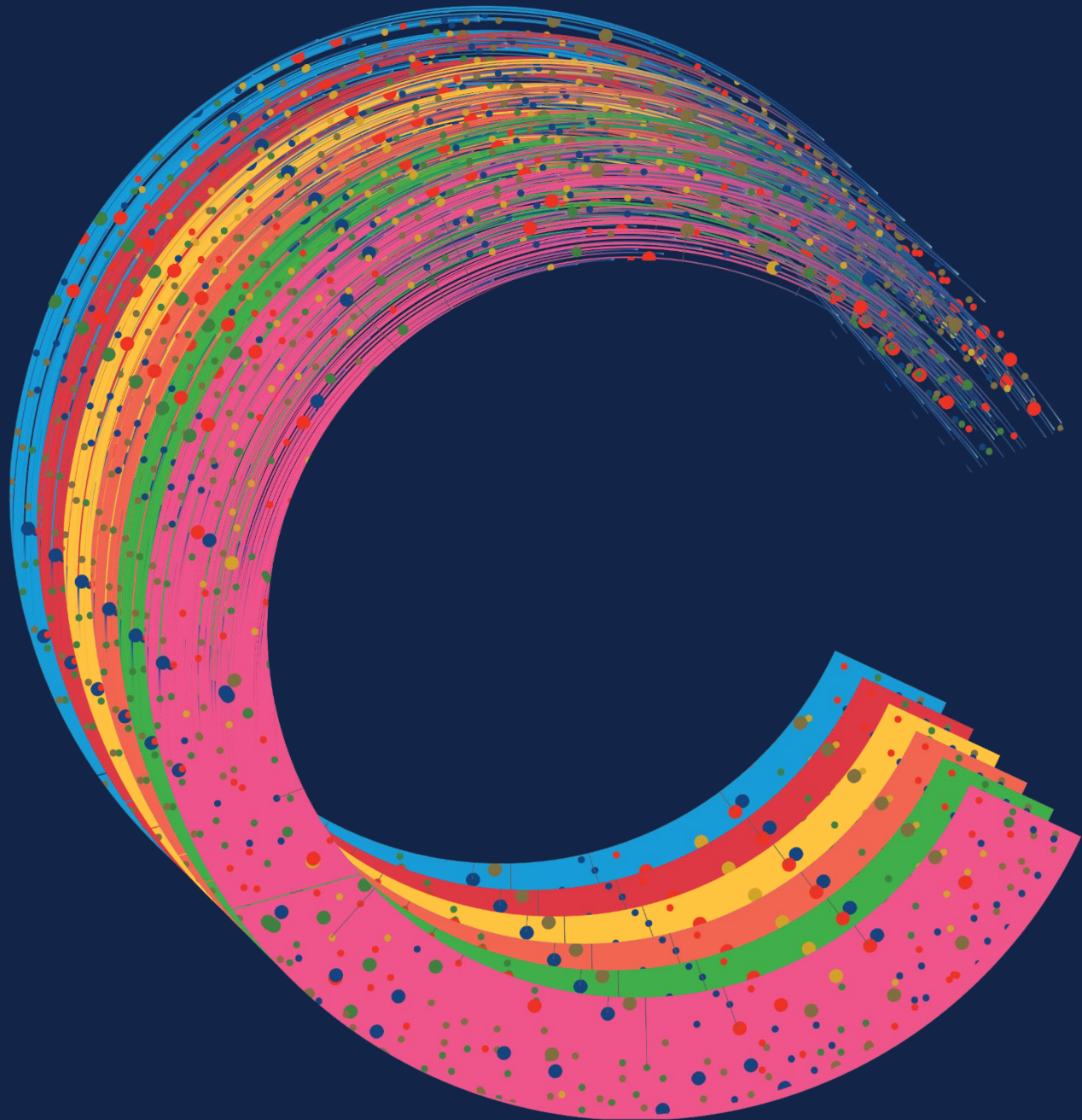
- Provided direct technical assistance to four countries (**Lesotho, Angola, Tanzania and Rwanda**) in developing and revising National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), resulting in the successful submission of NAPs by Lesotho and Tanzania.
- Strengthened Countries NAP development process through technical trainings on the use of updated NAP technical guidelines in collaboration with the LEG
- Facilitated NAP Country Dialogues to advance peer learning, coordination, and country-driven adaptation

## Article 6 and Carbon Pricing

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Stages	Description
RCC support design & Implementation	The Government of Angola requested technical guidance and support from Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) to develop an approach to formulating their NAP. The secretariat, including its RCC East and Southern Africa, drafted an initial NAP framework based on the UNFCCC Updated NAP Technical Guidelines and using Angola’s existing climate policies, studies, and NDC Adaptation priorities, with a view to accelerating the formulation process. The RCC collaborated with the Global Green Growth Institute who contributed climate risk assessments, while UNEP provided a technical and financial review. The support was delivered from May to September through a coordinated partner collaboration.
Deliverables, outputs	Key outputs included a structured draft national adaptation plan framework, a revised NAP draft incorporating risk assessments and stakeholder feedback, and a cabinet-ready NAP document for approval aligned with UNFCCC guidelines and national development policies.
Outcomes, impact	The support provided by RCC EASA led to Angola transitioning from no NAP to a Cabinet-ready document within a year, avoiding common delays experienced by Least Developed Countries. This expedited NAP positions Angola to effectively address its urgent climate adaptation needs and paves the way to access funding from the Green Climate Fund.
Lessons learned and follow-up	The early development of a clear NAP outline helped structure the process efficiently, while strong coordination with the NFP ensured national ownership. Our collaboration with partners improved the technical quality of the plan. The challenges we met included limited climate data and coordination across ministries. Our follow-up support may focus on developing an implementation and investment roadmap and strengthening monitoring and evaluation systems for adaptation.

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