



RCC MENA and South Asia

*Collaboration for Climate Action*

Strengthening Country-Led  
Implementation through Regional  
Collaboration

**Middle East, North Africa  
and South Asia**

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



## RCC East and Southern Africa

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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



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The RCCs cover 143 countries in 6 regions.



# RCCs 2025 | MENA and South Asia Achievements in Numbers

## 17 events, including:

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

## 17 country support requests completed

- In a total of 10 countries: Bahrain, Bhutan, Comoros, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan and Oman
- Dedicated in majority to Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments, NAPs and NDCs respectively

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

- 4 newsletters
- 3 reports
- 1 online resource about the evolution of carbon markets

# RCCs 2025 | MENA and South Asia Key Achievements



## Adaptation



- ✓ Organized two Regional Dialogues with country representatives, financial institutions, and support providers, facilitating the identification of collaborative cross stakeholder interventions to enhance support to countries for accelerating the formulation and implementation of NAPs
- ✓ Established the *NAP 3.0 Coordination Platform* bringing together 20 agencies, enabling greater coordination of NAP support initiatives across stakeholders in the region
- ✓ Supported the NAP Expo in Lusaka, Zambia, facilitating regional participation and curating the NAP Country Platform which provided a space for 10 countries to share experiences and best practices from their NAP process
- ✓ Conducted NAP Country Dialogues with six Least Developed Countries, leading to better understanding of current status of NAPs and support needs for LDCs

## NDCs and LT-LEDS



- ✓ Co-convened the NDC 3.0 Coordination Platform third meeting, bringing together agencies supporting NDC 3.0 preparation and implementation in MENA
- ✓ Organized and contributed to regional webinars on NDC-related topics to share experience and strengthen the capacities of different stakeholders from the region, including on industrial decarbonization, ETF and NDC linkages and Article and NDC linkages.
- ✓ Maintained regular tracking of NDC 3.0 preparation and submission status across MENA and South Asia to ensure timely identification of gaps, coordination needs as well as targeted support
- ✓ Supported the organization of regional and global events, including two Africa NDC Clinics in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to support peer learning and progress on NDC development and implementation

## Article 6 and Carbon Pricing



- ✓ Delivered capacity-building workshops and webinars supporting Article 6 readiness and operationalization in MENA and South Asia
- ✓ Supported countries and the region in CDM transition and provided technical assistance towards Article 6.4 readiness.
- ✓ Supported countries with technical assistance and information on the technical elements related to their Article 6 authorization, including requirements, documentation, and procedural steps.
- ✓ Delivered a Regional Workshop on Article 6 and Carbon Pricing for MENA, building the capacities of relevant national stakeholders towards Article 6 implementation.
- ✓ Knowledge products and Toolkits:
  - [COP29 and the Evolution of Carbon Markets: Key Article 6 Milestones Agreed](#);
  - [Article 6 Explainer Series](#);
  - Private Sector engagement: Guide for general transactions under Article 6.2

## Stakeholder Engagement



- ✓ Organized a series of webinars on COP29 outcomes (Article 6, Adaptation and Resilience, Inclusive Climate Action and Climate Finance) and their relevance for MENA and South Asia, contributing to raising awareness on the intergovernmental process and regional opportunities for strengthening climate action

For more information on these and to browse further activities led in the MENA and South Asia regions, please visit [our website](#).

# RCCs 2025 | Direct Country Support in MENA and South Asia



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- **Djibouti** and **Yemen**: supported the formulation of NAPs
- Supported the review of **Somalia's** NAP
- Supported **Bahrain** and **Jordan** with the NAP submission process
- Facilitated **Pakistan** building capacity on strengthening linkages between food system transformation and NDCs and NAPs

## Article 6 and Carbon Pricing

- **Iraq, Bahrain, Lebanon**: supported the integration of Article 6 considerations in NDC 3.0 submissions, ensuring clear alignment between cooperative approaches and national commitments
- **Bhutan and Sri Lanka**: support provided relating to the development of national Article 6 frameworks and policies, including the development of positive lists
- Supported **Iraq** with the development of its institutional framework for Article 6 implementation now adopted by the government, and published Guidelines for Article 6 Operationalization in Iraq - Institutional Setup
- **Sri Lanka**: provided capacity-building on Article 6.8 (non-market approaches)

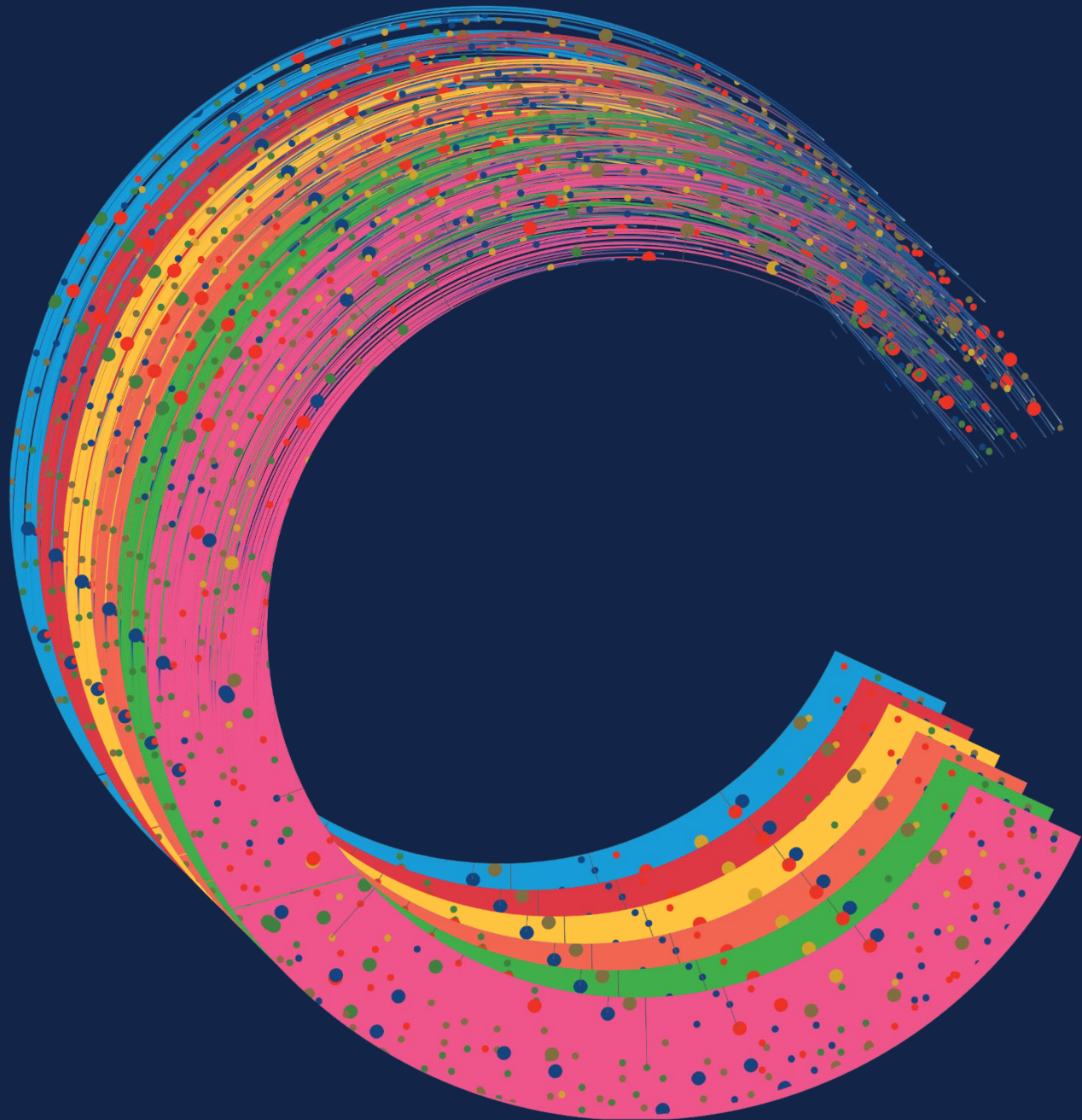
## NDCs and LT-LEDS

- **Libya and Sudan**: support provided on the development of their NDCs
- **Comoros, Lebanon, and Morocco**: Provided technical support for NDC preparation and submission
- **Bahrain, Lebanon, Iraq**: support provided about the linkages between NDCs and Article 6
- Supported the implementation of the Holistic Approaches Project in **Jordan**
- Facilitated **Pakistan** building capacity on strengthening linkages between food system transformation and NDCs and NAPs
- **Bhutan, Bahrain, Oman, Pakistan**: supported country-specific webinars and events relating to the development and implementation of NDCs

# RCCs 2025 | Iraq: Case-Study

Stages	Description
RCC support design & Implementation	Iraq requested technical support from the RCC MENA and SA to develop <b>institutional arrangements for the operationalization of the Article 6 of the Paris Agreement</b> to enable the country's participation in international carbon market mechanisms. The support focused on assessing the country's existing policies, institutional landscape, identifying gaps in legal and administrative structures, and developing practical options for establishing a national <b>Institutional Setup and Guidelines</b> for the operationalization of Article 6 in Iraq.
Deliverables, outputs	Key outputs included the development of institutional setup guidelines outlining possible governance structures, roles and responsibilities of relevant ministries and agencies, and decision-making procedures required for Article 6 implementation. The work provided options for establishing a national focal entity, defining authorization processes for mitigation activities, and clarifying coordination mechanisms between the Ministry of Environment and other sectoral institutions.
Outcomes, impact	The support strengthened the foundation for Iraq's participation in carbon markets with a clear institutional roadmap for the operationalization of Article 6 and improved understanding among government stakeholders of the requirements for the authorization, accounting, and reporting of mitigation outcomes. This approach provides a replicable model for countries at an early involvement stage in Article 6 and information about the capacity-building needed for full participation in carbon markets.
Lessons learned and follow-up	The absence of a dedicated legal and institutional framework represents a key barrier to the implementation of Article 6, and such an early definition of roles, responsibilities, and decision-making procedures is essential before scaling up carbon market activities. The outcomes present inter-ministerial coordination, clear authorization rules, and institutional capacity building as necessities to ensure that mitigation activities can be developed in a transparent and consistent manner.

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