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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

In a matter of weeks, life the world over has changed dramatically. Countries and individuals are showing their resolve to "flatten the curve" in confronting the COVID-19 pandemic. The collaborative spirit shown by countries is further evidence that we can indeed come together as a global community to tackle global challenges.

Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of UN Climate Change, struck a positive note when she said "this is a chance for nations to recover better, to include the most vulnerable in those plans, and a chance to shape the 21st century economy in ways that are clean, green, healthy, just, safe and more resilient."

In this edition of the RCC Bangkok newsletter, we bring you important updates on COP26, commitments to climate from around the world, and news on innovative climate action that promises a better future.

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COP26 and other meeting updates

COP26 Postponed



The COP26 UN climate change conference planned to take place in Glasgow in November has been postponed due to COVID-19.

This decision was taken by the COP Bureau of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with the UK and its Italian partners.

Dates for a rescheduled conference in 2021, hosted in Glasgow by the UK in partnership with Italy, will be set out in due course following further discussion with parties.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Message from RCC Bangkok on the postponement of COP26

The COVID-19 crisis has made it abundantly clear that we are stronger when we work together. Cooperation and collaboration across borders is the best way to manage and resolve future existential threats. Climate change is the single biggest threat to life, security and prosperity on earth. COP26, when it takes place, will offer a moment for governments to come together in unity and solidarity after this crisis is behind us, and work towards building a safer, healthier and more resilient global economy and society. Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to support government and non-state actors alike in scaling up climate action and creating the necessary momentum for a successful COP26. We hope you will join us.

SB52 Climate Change Discussions Rescheduled for October 2020

The COP Bureau has decided to postpone the UN Climate Change meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB52) until 4-12 October 2020, at the World Conference Centre in Bonn, Germany. Pre-session meetings will take place from 28 September to 3 October 2020.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change



Regional Climate Weeks Postponed

All Regional Climate Weeks, including Asia-Pacific Climate Week, in 2020 are postponed. Host Governments are in the process of confirming their commitment to host the events in 2021. The organizing partners will discuss a possible schedule of Regional Climate Week meetings for 2021 over the coming days, keeping in mind uncertainties around the precise timing of COP26 in 2021. Virtual solutions to fulfill some of the objectives of the Regional Climate Weeks are also being explored.

Read more [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

What's New

Apply Now for the UN Global Climate Action Award!



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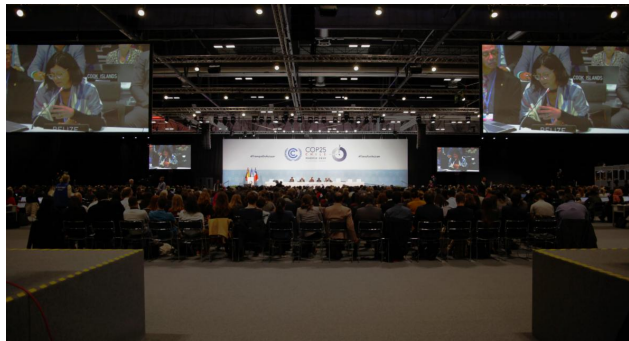
Organizations, cities, businesses, universities, governments, and others taking bold leadership on climate change can nominate their work for a UN Global Climate Action Award.

The award, the focus of United Nations Climate Change's Momentum for Change initiative, recognizes the world's most innovative, scalable and replicable

examples of action to tackle climate change.

Applications for the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Award are being accepted until **30 April 2020**. [Click here to apply!](#)

Updates on COP26



[COP 26 President appointed](#)

[Know more about the new High-level Champion](#)

[COP 26 Private Finance Agenda Launched](#)

Read all the latest news from UN Climate Change [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Highlights from Bangkok

Talking about Climate Action with the Thai Bond Market Association

Sustainability Bond Forum | Bangkok, Thailand | 31 January 2020



RCC Bangkok was invited by the Thai Bond Market Association to speak at the Sustainability Bond Forum to present an overview of COP 26 and countries' commitments towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, which have sent strong signals that the world is moving towards resilient, sustainable, low-emission economies and societies.

Participants agreed that a transformation in the finance sector is underway and investing in climate action is an enormous economic and entrepreneurial opportunity.

Access the RCC Bangkok presentation [here](#).

Common Challenges, Common Needs

Climate Finance in the Indian Ocean

NBF-ISIO Validation Workshop | Malé, Maldives | 4-5 March 2020

UN Climate Change's Needs-based Finance (NBF) initiative is working with a group of six



island states in the Indian Ocean that are developing a strategy and implementation framework to mobilize and enhance access to climate finance.

At a recently concluded validation workshop in Malé, Maldives, a technical assessment presenting the gaps, barriers and challenges the island states face in mobilizing and accessing climate finance was presented to

country representatives for their review, comment and agreement.

Read more on the outcomes of the workshop [here](#).

Asian Transparency Workshop - Implementing the Paris Agreement

Regional Workshop | Bangkok, Thailand | 11-13 February 2020



IGES and RCC Bangkok recently organized a regional workshop on Transparency and Article 6 for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The workshop saw participation from representatives from 12 countries (10 ASEAN Member States plus Mongolia and Korea), international experts, IPCC technical officers, UN Climate Change colleagues, and IGES researchers.

Countries shared their experiences in preparing National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) as well as the usefulness of NCs and BURs in formulating domestic climate actions. Additionally, countries exchanged their views on Article 6 negotiations and the potential role of market mechanisms in their NDCs. The workshop also provided a full-day training on the use of 2006 IPCC Guidelines for national GHG inventories.

This workshop received financial support from the Ministry of the Environment, Japan. This is the third workshop IGES and RCC Bangkok have organized on the topic since 2018.

Read more about the workshop and its outcomes [here](#).

Follow the complete RCC Bangkok activities on our website by clicking [here](#)

Finance for Climate Action

ClimateLaunchpad: The Green Business Ideas Competition

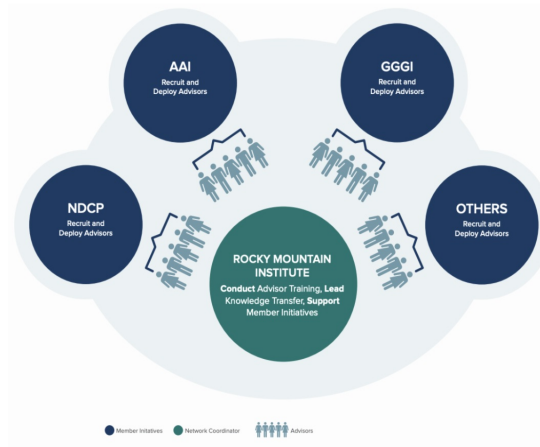
Do you have a green business idea and have what it takes to become an

ClimateLaunchpad has announced the Green Business Ideas Competition for ideas or innovations with environmental impact.

Ideas ranging from innovations in renewable energy, a sustainable transition in the food chain, a mind shift in urban mobility or any other way to tackle climate change are eligible to apply.

For other eligibility criteria, details of the competition and to apply, kindly visit the ClimateLaunchpad website [here](#).

Climate Finance Access Network



The Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN), launched by a group of organizations at COP25, aims to support developing countries in securing and structuring finance for climate investments.

By cultivating a network of highly trained, embedded climate finance advisors, CFAN will build the capacity of developing countries to more quickly access climate finance and achieve their climate objectives. CFAN will offer services to all developing countries with a focus on Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and African countries.

Find out more [here](#).

Committing to Climate Action

Climate Neutral Now Initiative Looks to the Future - Join Us!



[Climate Neutral Now](#) welcomed over 40 partners and signatories from different economic sectors from across Europe, USA, and Asia in an event which took place in the Real Betis Balompié Stadium (Benito Villamarín) in Seville, Spain, on 10 February 2020.

Participants presented their work on emission reduction and discussed how to shape the vision towards a climate-neutral economy through this initiative. We hope that participants will inspire even more organizations to join the initiative and help the world to reach climate neutrality.

More [here](#).

The Latest from CI-ACA



UN Climate Change's Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CI-ACA) is an initiative to support countries in their consideration of market-based instruments. Its work in the ASEAN region and in Pakistan has been noted as exemplary in recent Asian Development Bank and International Carbon Action Partnership publications. Read what they have to say about the pioneering work CI-ACA is doing

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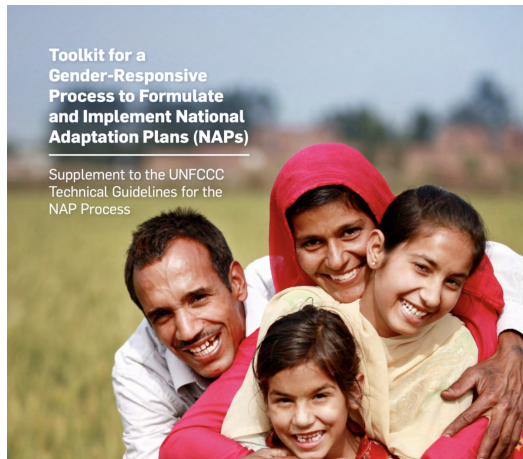
in the region:

[Achieving Nationally Determined Contributions through Market Mechanisms in Asia and the Pacific](#) (Asian Development Bank, February 2020)

[Emission Trading Worldwide: Status Report 2020](#) (International Carbon Action Partnership, 2020)

Read more about the work of CI-ACA in the region [here](#).

Integrating Gender Responsiveness in the NAPs



The UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group with the Adaptation Committee and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network have developed a toolkit for a gender-responsive process to formulate and implement NAPs.

The focus of this guidance is on integrating gender-responsiveness throughout the different stages of the NAP process. In addition, the toolkit provides detailed guidance on steps practitioners can take to integrate gender into the enabling activities that occur throughout the process, for example in the engagement of stakeholders and in capacity development.

Access the toolkit [here](#).

Read and learn while you #StayHome

E-learning Course: The Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a Development Agenda



As we fight a global health emergency, we cannot underestimate the ongoing impacts of climate change.

Registration is now open for the joint UN Climate Change - UNSSC second edition of **The Paris Agreement on Climate Change as a Development Agenda** online course.

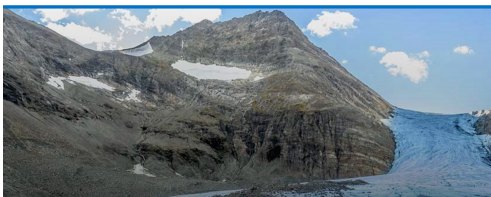
This year the course will be offered free-of-charge, starting June 2020. The course offers a holistic and integrated approach to climate change and

demonstrates the linkages and dependencies between sustainable development and climate change to make informed policy choices towards low-carbon and climate-resilient sustainable development. Please register [here](#) and find more information in the [brochure](#).

Join the Global Community of Learners Join UN CC:Learn

Access the single largest dedicated learning platform on climate change with a specific focus on developing country needs through UN CC:Learn. Benefit from strategic advice and quality learning resources geared towards helping understand, adapt, and build

- Start your learning journey [here](#).



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ADAPTATION FINANCE BULLETIN

UNFCCC Adaptation Committee

Earlier this year, the Adaptation Committee published the fifth issue of its Adaptation Finance Bulletin. This issue includes adaptation finance quick facts, updates from COP 25, links to resources to learn more about adaptation finance and how to access it, the latest developments on adaptation finance from the UNFCCC constituted bodies, and more.

Read the bulletin here [here](#).



Renewable energy finance: Green bonds

Renewable energy has emerged as a major recipient of green bond proceeds.

This brief from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) highlights enormous growth potential for sustainable energy offerings through the green bond market. As the world focuses on carbonizing energy use, green bonds form a key link between capital providers and renewable energy projects.

Read the brief here [here](#).

Global Meetings

Adaptation Meeting Goes Online



In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 17th Meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC 17), took place virtually on the originally scheduled dates, 24-27 March 2020. All 16 AC members, along with 29 observers, joined the meeting to advance the Committee's work in areas such as

recognizing the efforts of developing countries to address hazards, data for adaptation, and assessing progress towards the global goal on adaptation.

All background documents, a summary of outcomes, and links to the meeting recordings are available [here](#).

Least Developed Country Expert Group - Meetings

37th Meeting of the LEG | Antananarivo, Madagascar | 6-8 February, 2020

At the meeting, the Group developed its work programme for 2020. The meeting included discussions with representatives of the Green Climate Fund, relevant organizations, regional centres and networks on ongoing collaboration to support the least developed countries on adaptation and the implementation of the least developed countries work programme. The meeting also provided an opportunity for dialogue with officials from the Government of Madagascar and other countries under the Open NAP initiative. Read more [here](#).

Stocktaking Meeting of the LEG | Antananarivo, Madagascar | 10-12 February, 2020



The report of the stocktaking meeting contains a summary of achievements, good practices and lessons learned from the work of the LEG in 2016-2020, as identified at the meeting. It also contains a summary of opportunities, challenges, gaps and needs related to the work of the LEG and the support provided to the least developed countries. It further contains information on key areas of work for the LEG to address, current

and future needs of the least developed countries, and key modalities for delivering effective support. Read the report [here](#).

Consultative Group of Experts formulates its Vision, Mission and Strategic objectives



The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE), an expert group under the Convention and the Paris Agreement mandated to provide technical support and advice to developing countries on MRV and transparency, met in Bonn from 18 to 19 February 2020.

With a view to ensuring that its annual work plan aligns with its mandate and objectives, and responds to the evolution of the existing measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) arrangements under the Convention and the enhanced transparency framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement as well as needs identified by

developing country Parties in the lead up to 2026, the expert group formulated a Vision, Mission statement and Strategic objectives. The CGE's vision is to comprehensively achieve its mandate of assisting developing country Parties improve their capacities to implement the existing MRV arrangements under the Convention and the ETF under the Paris Agreement in a timely and sustainable manner.

Find out more about the CGE [here](#).

Source: UN Climate Change

Online Action

Mission 1.5 - a Game Changer



Mission 1.5, which launched worldwide on February 13, will give people a direct way to communicate to their governments the change they want to see.

The campaign is based around a mobile game that educates people about climate policy and provides a platform for them to vote on the solutions they want to see happen. The votes will then be compiled and analyzed by researchers at the University of Oxford before being delivered to government leaders and climate policymakers.

[Play on!](#)

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