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Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Welcome to the latest RCC Bangkok newsletter!

In this edition, we bring you opportunities to be a part of exciting virtual events taking place all over the world, join the Race To Zero Campaign, become a technical expert for the UNFCCC Transparency process or apply for project funding.

**What will be your climate action?**

Read on for more...

**Regional Virtual Workshops on Gender and Climate Change**



From June to October, UN Climate Change will host a series of gender-related online events to ensure momentum and progress despite the postponement of UNFCCC subsidiary body sessions due to COVID-19. Do not miss the regional virtual workshops on gender integration into policies, plans, strategies and action ([Gender Action Plan](#) activity D.6). More on the workshops, [here](#).

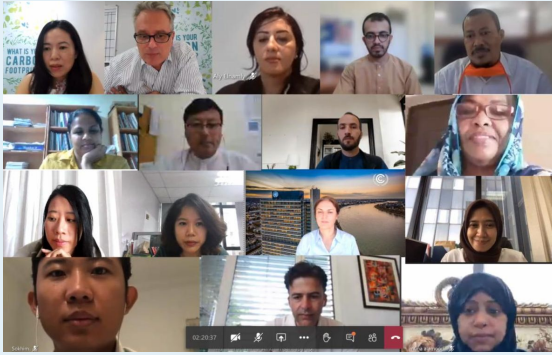
[Register now](#) for:

Regional workshop, Asia & the Pacific on **22 July 2020**  
Regional workshop, Europe & Central Asia on **2 September 2020**  
Regional workshop, MENA on **14 October 2020**

Is your organization supporting the integration of gender into national climate policy and action? Please contact [gender-team@unfccc.int](mailto:gender-team@unfccc.int) to find out how your work can be showcased in a regional workshop.

Also check out the [virtual workshops on the role of national gender and climate change focal points](#).

**DNA Virtual Workshop Series: First Session**



In response to requests for training received from Designated National Authorities (DNAs) of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), RCC Dubai and RCC Bangkok are organizing a series of DNA Virtual Workshops on topics of interest to DNAs.

The first session of the DNA Virtual Workshop was successfully held on 25 June 2020 and focused on the role of DNAs in the

Modalities of Communication (MoC) and Letters of Approval (LoA) processes. DNA representatives from over 15 countries, from Southeast Asia and South Asia to Central Asia and the Middle East and North Africa, joined the first session.

The second session of the workshop is planned to take place towards the end of July 2020 with a focus on various uses of standardized baselines.

[More here...](#)

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### Don't forget to check out the recently launched Platform of Virtual Events!

Powered by the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs), this platform provides a list of virtual meetings that have either already taken place or are being organized/supported by UN Climate Change and the RCCs in the next few months. The objective of the Platform is to serve as a repository of links and information generated from the listed events as well as to promote upcoming events.

Please feel free to contact [RCC Bangkok for Asia and the Pacific](#) to explore possible collaboration.

[Access the Regional Virtual Platform here](#)

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### 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. These 'real economy' actors join 120 countries in the largest ever alliance committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. Collectively these actors now cover nearly 25%

global CO2 emissions and over 50% GDP.

If you want to add your business, city or initiative to the Race To Zero, contact [RaceToZero@unfccc.int](mailto:RaceToZero@unfccc.int)

[More on the Race to Zero](#)

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## Asia Natural Capital Design Funding Window Applications deadline extended to 15 September 2020



The Asia Natural Capital Design Funding Window provides grant funding for the design and launch of catalytic, blended finance solutions focused on natural capital in Asia.

This Window will support blended finance solutions that find new ways to enhance and protect the world's stock of natural assets, including water, land, soil, air, plants and

animals, by attracting private investment at scale.

Practitioners can apply for feasibility study or proof of concept funding.

[For more information on eligibility and evaluation criteria and how you can apply click here](#)

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## June Momentum for Climate Change

Despite it being a time of loss and heartbreak for so many, COVID-19 has also revealed both humanity's great perseverance and its great potential.

It has shown us that societies can, when necessary, pull together to address a global challenge with bold responses.

**Patricia Espinosa**  
United Nations Climate Change  
Executive Secretary

June Momentum  
for Climate Change

A series of virtual events took place on 1-10 June to maintain momentum in the UN Climate Change process and showcase progress in climate action despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

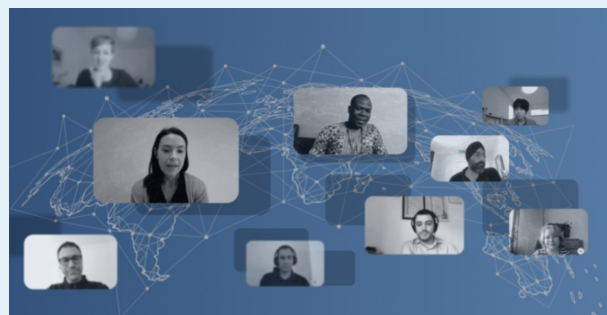
The series, dubbed the "June Momentum", led to active exchanges among governments, experts and relevant stakeholders around the world and was an opportunity to expand understanding of climate change, climate action and the negotiation process.

[Check out highlights of the June Momentum for Climate Change here](#)

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## Become a Technical Expert for UNFCCC Transparency Processes

Climate change practitioners and experts can contribute to the UNFCCC transparency processes by carrying out the task of reviewing and analyzing national climate reports submitted by Parties. The review and analysis of submissions by Parties is a key aspect of the climate change process with a view to increasing transparency, as well



as to building trust in addressing climate change cooperatively.

Experts can express their interest by registering online on the UNFCCC Roster of Experts. They then have to get nominated by the national focal point of a country. Nominated experts are invited by the UNFCCC secretariat to complete relevant training courses and pass the necessary exam(s) for chosen areas.

**[More information on how to become a technical expert and the current roster of experts can be found here](#)**

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