

# Regional Collaboration Center Bangkok

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## Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok

Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

We are excited to share with you the new RCC Bangkok newsletter!

If you have been receiving our previous newsletters, you will notice a new format and approach to this newsletter. If this is your first RCC Bangkok newsletter, welcome! The newsletter will now be shorter, crisper and more targeted, and, to ensure you are up to date on climate action news, we will be sending you monthly editions.

The goal continues to be to bring you the latest information on climate action in the region and around the world.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you.

Your partner in climate action,  
*RCC Bangkok*

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### First Virtual Meeting of CDM Executive Board

Work in support of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) – set up to drive investment to climate-friendly projects – continues despite challenges posed by COVID-19, with the CDM Executive Board meeting virtually for the first time, from five continents, last month.

[More on the meetings here](#)



### UN Summer Academy 2020 - Registration Open!

The UN Summer Academy is an engaging five-day online programme that fosters rich interaction on issues relevant to the work of the UN and its partners in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement through panel discussions, small-group breakout activities, and a group project.

[Further details on registration here](#)



## CI-ACA Pakistan in latest issue of Carbon Mechanisms Review

The latest edition of the Carbon Mechanisms Review takes an in-depth look at the work done by RCC Bangkok in Pakistan under the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CI-ACA) initiative on carbon pricing in close collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change Pakistan.

[Read the latest issue here](#)

### Slowing Emission Growth

#### Towards carbon pricing in Pakistan

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In June 2019, the first phase of the project "Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action" (CI-ACA) was successfully wrapped up. The project is implemented through the network of UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) and aims to assist Parties in the development of carbon pricing approaches for implementing their NDCs, up to CMT 03 2019. Building on the successes and lessons learned from the first phase, a second phase of the project has now been launched which is set to run until the end of 2021. The project directly echoes the call by UN Secretary General António Guterres to "put a price on carbon" as one of the top priorities for addressing the climate crisis. In this context, a much-noted accomplishment of the project's first phase is the collaboration with Pakistan to support the consideration of domestic carbon pricing.



Arguing the point: Mashaikh Usif Khan, former Pakistan Minister for Climate Change (2017-2018), current Member of the Senate of Pakistan

#### CI-ACA at a glance

The project Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action was launched at the end of 2016 as an immediate response to the growing need to support Parties in the consideration and adoption of carbon pricing to achieve ambitious NDCs under the Paris Agreement.

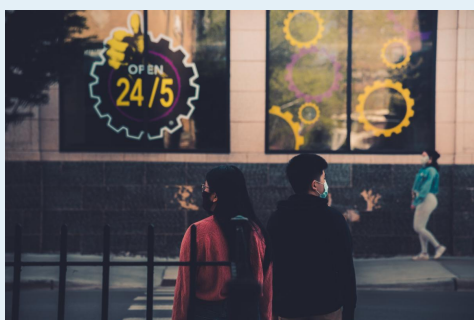
During its first phase between December 2016 and June 2019, CI-ACA targeted 18 jurisdictions (both national and regional), providing capacity building, awareness raising, stakeholder engagement and technical sup-

port to Parties. Most of the activities are conducted via the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres and their partner organizations. The second project phase began in September 2019 and is currently focusing on building on the momentum created in the first phase as well as expanding to new jurisdictions.

**Further information:**  
<https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/the-collaborative-instruments-for-ambitious-climate-action-ci-aca-initiative>

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## A Time for Transformation: Building a More Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive Asia-Pacific after COVID-19 - Position Paper



RCC Bangkok host partner, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), has released a position paper on the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) and associated global environmental challenges, based on the results of its analysis to date.

In this paper IGES identifies key issues through the lens of environment and sustainability, and recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is closely related to – and extends beyond – these issues, and cannot be left unaddressed.

[Read the position paper here.](#)

## Calls for Contributions on Climate Finance in Asia and the Pacific

The UN Climate Change Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) has launched two calls for contributions and case studies in order to prepare two key technical reports related to climate finance.

The deadline for contributions is **30th June 2020**.

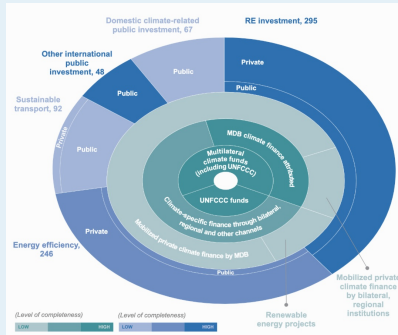
[Determining the needs of developing countries related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement](#)

The first of its kind, the report will include available information and data on needs by type, theme and sector, across regions, including on the needs of States in Asia and the Pacific.



The call, including more details on the information and data that the SCF is looking for can be found [here](#).

### [Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows](#)



The report will inform the 4th High-level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance to be held at COP 26 and also the Global Stocktake, designed to assess the adequacy of climate action by the international community at periodic intervals.

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