

Regional Collaboration Centres

Virtual Global Forum 2020 Achievements and Progress of Work RCC Bangkok



Alignment of climate mitigation and adaptation plans with national sustainable development plans

Mitigation

1. 120+ CDM Projects supported (2019-2020), reached out to all new prior consideration submission in the region to organize phone calls and respond to queries
2. Supported development of standardized Baselines for 7 countries different sectors (Mongolia, Korea, Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia, Pakistan, Thailand); organized virtual workshop on “Standardized Baselines and Their Applications” for DNAs (with RCC Dubai), following up on requests; promotion of SBLs
3. RCC Bangkok supports the Asia-Pacific Issue-Based Coalition on Climate Change Mitigation and Air pollution, focusing on NDC enhancement, Carbon Markets and Coal Phase Out in Asia-Pacific. The work includes development of knowledge products, organization of regional events and establishment of country dialogues.

Adaptation

1. RCC Bangkok facilitates the contribution of Adaptation programme to the Asia-Pacific Issue-Based Coalition on Building Resilience, i.e. the mapping on COVID-19 activities
2. Deployment of communication products (articles, newsletters, etc.), announcements, stakeholder mapping in coordination with Adaptation programme

Others

1. Dec 2019 – MoU with IGES was extended to 31 Dec 2022

Support to Article 6, Adaptation, Capacity Building on Transparency, Facilitating the Mobilizing of Climate-aligned Finance

Needs-based Finance Project: The NBF project aims to facilitate access and mobilization of climate finance for the implementation of priority mitigation and adaptation projects to address the needs identified by developing countries

- **Melanesia Spearhead Group:** Technical analysis and strategy design completed, undergoing funder outreach and implementation;
- **Indian Ocean Small Island Developing States:** Technical analysis validated (workshop in Male March 2020), draft strategy design to be finalized;
- **South East Asia:** Draft technical analysis to be validated, undergoing strategy design
- **Asian Least Developed Countries:** Technical analysis to be validated, undergoing strategy design
- **North and Central Asia:** In preparation for inception

NDCs and the Enhanced Transparency Framework

- **Regional Training** on Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and ICTU guidance.
- **NDC Survey 2020** for Asia Pacific and MENA region (with RCC Dubai)
- Regular meetings with **NDC Partnership** and planning joint activities for 2021 (webinars)
- Co-organized the **Asian Transparency Workshop** with IGES and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan 2020.
- Supported the establishment of **Regional MRV Networks** (Southeast Asia, South Asia and possibly the Pacific) in collaboration with the GSP, UNEP-DTU and other regional stakeholders.
- RCC Bangkok supports the country support to Myanmar on **institutional arrangements** for reporting under the ETF (UN-DTU/UNFCCC, initiated, ongoing)

Region Specific Climate Action Achievements

Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CIACA)

- The newly established '**National Committee on the Establishment of Carbon Market (NCEC)**' in Pakistan has met to determine its work programme. CIACA local team in Pakistan is contributing through their direct involvement in the work of the Ministry for Climate Change.
- **Conducted Regional Dialogues on Carbon Pricing (REdiCAP)** for the ASEAN countries (Sept.'20) and planning the next one for Central Asia; ADB, UNEP and UNESCAP are partner in this initiative
- The CI-ACA team and Singapore finalized **ASEAN CIACA 2.0** proposal, which aims to implement actions based on the recommendations from ASEAN-CIACA Phase 1 and Phase 2 (2017-2019). The proposal was presented to the AWGCC and will be endorsed in the annual meeting in Q4/2020

Overview of other activities

- 8 Regional Dialogues and Country Consultations on CDM/Article 6
- 30 countries covered by NBF projects in the region
- Study with IOM "Mapping human mobility integration in national climate change adaptation policies and identifying opportunities for IOM-UNFCCC partnership in Asia and the Pacific."

Virtual Events, engagements and consultations, with involvement of all stakeholders and all of society

DNA Virtual Workshop Series & Forums

- RCC Bangkok and RCC Dubai are organizing a **Virtual Workshop series for Designated National Authorities** consisting of several webinars from June 2020 to end of the year, responding to the requests of DNAs in light of COVID-19
- 2 episodes conducted and next one will be organized back-to-back with Regional DNA forum in Asia-Pacific & MENA (3 November) on “International and domestic carbon markets” (2 November)

Supported virtual events

- Webinar on TNA activities in the Asia Pacific region (16 June 2020) – UNFCCC, UNEP-DTU, Asian Institute of Technology – presenter
- Three regional online training courses on Climate Finance and Climate Change Adaptation, Climate Change Mitigation, and GHG Inventory Management. (13 to 30 July 2020) – CITC/TGO/JICA – presenter
- GAP D.6. – Gender integration into national policies – Regional workshop, Asia & the Pacific (22 July 2020) – UNFCCC, UN Women Asia & Pacific - co-organizer, moderator
- Needs-Based Climate Finance Project for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations “Technical Assessment of Climate Finance in Southeast Asia” (10 August 2020) - ASEAN secretariat; the Philippines; Brunei Darussalam; UNFCCC – organizer, moderator
- Virtual Regional Technical Expert Meetings on Mitigation 2020 - Region: Asia & Pacific (25 August 2020) - TEC & CTCN – mobilizing speaker and participants
- 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment - Asia & the Pacific - UNFCCC – v
- Southeast Asia Regional Resilience Dialogue (3 Sept.) - GRP, MPGCA, Chile and UK Champions, ADB, Huairou Commission - outreach and promotion
- Regional Dialogues on Carbon Pricing (RediCAP) – UNFCCC/ADB/UNESCAP/UNEP - organizer