



Regional Collaboration Centre – Kampala
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

Dear Stakeholders,

Greetings from RCC Kampala.

We are happy to bring you the very first news update from RCC Kampala for the year 2020.

In this issue, we showcase key updates on events, initiatives, and opportunities in the region.

Happy reading!

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Africa Climate Week Postponed



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Postponed

Africa Climate Week 2020, which was scheduled for 20-24 April in Kampala, Uganda, has been postponed until further notice out of caution over the COVID19 virus.

The annual forum is a must-attend event where representatives from government, the public and private sectors build partnerships, search for solutions, and explore opportunities arising from the global response to climate change.

So, stay tuned for news about Africa Climate Week [here](#)

2020 UNFCCC Momentum for Change Awards now open

The search for the 2020 United Nations Global Climate Action Award is on!

The award, spearheaded by UN Climate Change's Momentum for Change initiative, shines a light on the most innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what people around the world are doing to tackle climate change.

Organizations, cities, industries, universities, governments, and others taking bold leadership on climate change are invited to apply for the award under the three focus categories of Climate Neutral Now, Women for Results, and Financing for Climate Friendly Investment. Selected activities will be recognized and celebrated at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) in Glasgow with special benefits for winning activities under the Women for Results or Climate Neutral Now categories. **Application deadline** for the award is **30 April 2020**.

For details, and to apply, click [here](#)

Updates From the Region

Launch of the Needs-based Finance Project for the East African Region



The Needs-based Finance Project for the East African Region was launched during an inception workshop held on 19-20 February in Zanzibar. The workshop aimed to provide an opportunity to take stock of the state of climate finance in the region; elucidate common needs; and initiate discussions around the development of an "Eastern African Climate Finance Strategy", a pipeline of priority investment needs and how to mobilize support for those needs. It marked the first phase of the Needs-based Climate Finance (NBF) Project for the region and was convened by the East African Community (EAC) secretariat in collaboration with the UNFCCC secretariat and RCC Kampala.

Present for the two-day workshop were 45 experts from ministries of finance and environment from EAC countries as well as climate finance experts from the private sector, civil society, multilateral funding agencies, UN agencies and international finance organizations. All provided a rich exchange of information and knowledge through in-depth discussions on the state, needs, challenges, and future opportunities for climate finance in the region and what the regional approach in accessing climate finance should look like. Find out more about the NBF Project for EAC [here](#)

The Eastern African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance website is now live. The website contains information about the Alliance and updates on recent news, events and activities of the Alliance in the region. Started in 2019, the Alliance supports countries towards their climate finance and carbon pricing initiatives and activities. The current member states of the Alliance include Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Kindly access the website to find out more about the Alliance [here](#)

Latest Funding Opportunities and Competitions

New EEP Africa Call for Proposals



Energy and Environment Partnership Trust Fund (EEP) Africa, a multi-donor trust fund hosted and managed by the Nordic Development Fund (NDF), invites competitive applications from **impact-driven companies, start-ups and social enterprises** to participate in a call for proposals.

The theme of this call is **Clean Energy Powering Green Growth**, with a particular focus on clean energy for productive use and clean energy in circular economy solutions.

Projects must be in an early stage of active development and be implemented in one or more of the 15 countries covered by EEP Africa. Financing is in the form of grants and repayable grants between **EUR 200,000** and **EUR 500,000**, with a minimum of 30% co-financing required.

Applications will be evaluated based on concept innovation, development impact, business model and financial sustainability.

The **deadline for submission** of the Concept Note is **10 March 2020** at 13:00 Helsinki time (GMT+3).

The full guidelines and online application form will be available on the EEP Africa website [here](#)

Source: EEP Africa website

Applications 2020 Young Champions of the Earth Now Open!



The United Nations Environment Programme is on the hunt for the next Young Champions of the Earth selected from every global region.

The seven young people, who will be named **UN Young Champions of the Earth** will receive seed funding and tailored mentorship to bring their big environmental ideas to life. The global competition is one of the UN's most prestigious prizes for young environmental entrepreneurs who have big ideas to solve the planet's most pressing environmental challenges.

This competition targets artists, scientists, economists, communicators and entrepreneurs aged 18 to 30, with big, bold ideas - for our planet, for humanity, for a greener future.

Are you one of them? Or do you know someone who could be?

Don't miss the **10th April 2020 deadline** !

Find more information and apply [here](#)

Source: UN Environment

ClimateLaunchpad



ClimateLaunchpad: The Green Business Ideas Competition

Do you have a green business idea and have what it takes to become an entrepreneur? 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 Climate Launch pad website [here](#)

Source: ClimateLaunchpad Website

Open Call for Proposals under the International Climate Initiative

The **International Climate Initiative (IKI)** of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) has announced call on proposals for thematic programmes is open and outlines can be submitted until 19 March 2020, 24:00 Hrs (CET) exclusively through the IKI online platform.

The International Climate Initiative finances climate and biodiversity programmes in ODA-eligible states. It supports programmes on policy advice, capacity building, technology cooperation and investment as well as the implementation of policies and strategies. More information on the thematic funding priorities of this call and details about application procedures can be found [here](#)

Source: IKI Website

Climate Strategies 2020

The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in collaboration with Witan Media present a publication highlighting the role of technology transfer in the fight against climate change. The publication launched during COP25 in Madrid contains an array of sections that introduce best practices and cases stories regarding the action, technology, and systematic change.



The publication also has contributions from Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the foreword by CTCN Director Dr. Rose Mwebaza on how CTCN connects countries with the know-how, technology and finance to achieve their climate goals, and the contribution by Orly Jacob, CTCN Advisory Board Chair on the power of networks.

To find details and access the publication from the CTCN Website [here](#)

Source: CTCN Website

Renewable Energy Finance: Green Bonds



In the transition to a low-carbon economy, financial capital is key, which makes green bond market one of the key bridges between providers of capital and sustainable assets.

This brief from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) highlights enormous growth potential for sustainable energy offerings through the green bond market. The further highlights the need for more green bonds to drive sustainable, climate safe, energy finance.

IRENA has produced concise briefs on key investment vehicles and new business models for renewable energy finance.

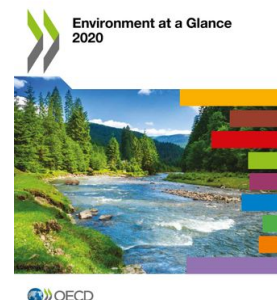
Read the brief and others in the series [here](#)

Source: IRENA Website

Environment at a Glance 2020

This publication by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) presents a digest of major environmental trends in areas such as climate change, biodiversity, water resources, air quality and circular economy.

The Analysis is based on indicators from the OECD Core Set of Environmental Indicators and uses the latest comparable data received from OECD members and compiled from other international sources.



Find the report [here](#)

Source: OECDiLibrary Website

NDC Partnership Climate Finance Explorer

The Climate Finance Explorer of NDC Partnership with content support from the World Resources Institute (WRI) is a searchable database of open climate funds and related support for your mitigation and adaptation activities. The explorer provides detailed information on global climate funds including the type of support, recipient, eligibility criteria, and applicable financial instruments to mention but a few. In addition, the tool also provides general information on Climate finance.

Learn more about climate finance and available funds through using this tool [here](#)

Source: *NDC Partnership Website*

Mission 1.5



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Mission 1.5, an interactive tool by the UNDP, was launched worldwide on February 13 to give people an opportunity 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.

For more information and to vote for climate by using the tool, kindly visit the UNDP Website [here](#)

Source: *UNDP Website*

Introducing Projects from the region on the UN Voluntary Cancellation platform

The UN Carbon Offset Platform features projects registered under the Clean Development Mechanism that reduce or avoid greenhouse emissions and contribute to sustainable development.

The projects, all in developing countries, earn Certified Emission Reductions, each equivalent to one tonne of CO₂. You can do more to combat climate change when you measure your emissions, reduce all you can, and compensate for the rest by paying for and canceling CERs on the platform. All contributions go directly to the project.

We would like to introduce three projects from the African region that are on the platform. Click for details.



PA 10345:
Institutional Improved Cook Stoves for Schools and Institutions in Uganda

PA 9933:
Improved Cook Stove Project 1, Nkhata Bay District, Malawi



PA 1364:
N2O abatement project at nitric acid plant No. 11 at African Explosives Ltd. (AEL), South Africa

For the full list of projects and to offset, kindly visit the Platform [here](#)

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