

Regional Collaboration Centre

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The UNFCCC secretariat has established a RCC for Latin America based in Panama City that is hosted by UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The centre provides support to countries in Latin America to help them with the implementation of the Paris Agreement while continuing to focus on work related to sustainable development through the CDM.

Welcome to the RCC Panama July 2020 Newsletter

We are excited to share with you the latest RCC Panama 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 Panama newsletter, we welcome you!

The newsletter will now be shorter, crisper and more targeted, and, to ensure you remain up to date on climate action news, we will be sending you more frequent editions.

The goal continues to be to bring to 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 Panama

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June Momentum for Climate Change

A series of virtual events took place from the 1st to the 10th of 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 the understanding of climate change, climate action and the negotiation process.

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



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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.

June Momentum
for Climate Change



Patricia Espinosa
United Nations Climate Change
Executive Secretary

Heard of the Race to Zero Campaign yet?

995 Businesses

449 Cities

38 Investors

21 Regions

505 Universities

RACE TO ZERO

It's all about achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Hundreds of businesses, cities and universities have already signed up, as well as various investors and regions.

The [Race to Zero campaign](#) is a push to get non-state actors to join the [Climate Ambition Alliance](#). Joining the Alliance will send a resounding signal to governments that we are united in meeting the Paris goals.

To support the Race to Zero campaign, the High-Level Champions for Global Climate Action [invite you to organize dialogues](#) around the Climate Action Pathways.

COP Bureau Reschedules UNFCCC Subsidiary Body Meetings to 2021

The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC has decided to postpone the sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB52) until next year.

The meetings are to take place in the World Conference Centre in Bonn, Germany, at a date yet to be decided.

The decision by the Bureau was based on the need to ensure not only full inclusion and participation but the well-being and safety of all involved under the current travel restrictions and guidelines from local German health authorities in relation to the global health crisis around COVID-19.

[Read more here](#)

The objective of the dialogue was to provide a



forum for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to advance the discussions on recommendations and views on future work to enhance implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment.

To learn more about the Dialogue on ACE in 2020 and watch the Webcast click [here](#)

N.B: Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) denotes work under Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC, 1992) and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement (2015) and their

six elements: Climate Change Education, Training, Public Awareness, Public Access to Information, Public Participation, and International Cooperation on these issues.

Launch of the Regional Virtual Platform



Powered by the Regional Collaborative Centres (RCCs)

This platform provides a list of virtual meetings which have either already taken place or will be hold in the six RCC regions in the coming days/months (some organized by the RCCs, some by the UNFCCC Headquarters and some others by partners).

Its objective is to be a repository of links and information generated from the events listed as well as to promote upcoming ones.

Please feel free to contact the RCC Panama for Latin America to explore possible collaboration.

[Access to the platform here](#)

Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action (CiACA)

The CiACA initiative was launched by UN Climate Change following the historic Paris Agreement in order to offer assistance to countries willing to explore the use of economic instruments to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions. Since then, over 20 jurisdictions have approached the secretariat through the Regional Collaborative Centres in order to receive support for conducting stakeholder mapping and consultations, receive technical assistance for the development of plans and roadmaps that can culminate in the adoption of carbon pricing instruments. In Pakistan, for example, the CiACA



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initiative supported the Ministry of Climate Change through high-level technical assistance and by strengthening institutional capacity, which resulted in the launch of the National Committee for the Establishment of Carbon Markets by H.E. Federal Minister Malik Amin Aslam during COP25 in Madrid last year.

In some regions, CiACA has further contributed to the implementation of climate finance strategies, by strengthening the capacities of countries to identify the most suitable instruments to mobilize funds for achieving sustainability while curbing their GHG emissions.

In this short video, Mr. James Grabert provides an overview of the initiative.

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.](#)

Panama launches New Programme Towards Implementing its NDC



Panama's Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC), which supports national climate action and its CiACA Project, have reached an important milestone with the launch of a new national carbon footprint programme by the Government of Panama branded "*Sustainable Panama: Reduce Your Footprint*".

The overall objective of the programme is to encourage public and private organizations to reduce their carbon emissions - for example through energy efficiency programmes and the use of renewable energy resources such as wind or solar power – and to support them in doing so.

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