### Regional Collaboration Center St George's August 2020





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Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

## Welcome to the August 2020 edition of our Newsletter

## **News Updates**

### Caribbean Virtual Exchange Series



Earlier in July, the Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange Platform held its 2nd Session: Integrating Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Several Caribbean countries have indicated they will be incorporating adaptation into their revised/updated NDCs; however, there is a lack of clarity on how best to integrate these elements into NDCs which was also highlighted in the poll conducted during the first virtual exchange in May.

The 3rd virtual exchange was designed to address how sustainable development and NDCs can be aligned. NDC Partnership, IOM-UN Migration, World Resources Institute, UNDP, UNICEF, OECS, WHO-Pan American Health Organization, World Resources Institute and AOSIS partnered with RCC St. George's, hosted 95 representatives from Caribbean countries and other invited International partners.

To learn more about the Caribbean Virtual Exchange Series see *here*.





Countries party to the Paris Agreement are to "prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions" (NDCs). Furthermore, "Each Party's successive nationally determined contribution will represent a progression beyond the Party's then-current nationally determined contribution and reflect its highest possible ambition…" As part of the OECS Environmental Webinar Series, the Caribbean NDC Finance Initiative (NDCFI) hosted a virtual event entitled: "Caribbean NDC Revision: Where Are We? Experience Exchange Session" on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

### **Global Youth Network Summit**

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, The Ashley Lashley Foundation as part of the HEY Campaign, in collaboration with UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office and the Children's Environmental Rights Initiative organized the Global Youth Network Summit on Climate Change and Health. Expert presentations delivered by representatives from St George's University and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Centre in Grenada. Their session focused on early lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic from an environmental and environmental health perspective.



Read more about the event <u>here</u>

# Regional Technical Expert Meetings on climate Smart cooling solutions for sustainable buildings in Latin America and the Caribbean



To help harness the potential of climate-smart cooling, a series of four regional technical expert meetings are scheduled to take place between 19 and 27 August 2020, organized by the Technology Executive Committee (<u>TEC</u>), Climate Technology Centre and Network (<u>CTCN</u>) and the Regional Collaboration Centers (<u>RCCs</u>). They will showcase climate-

friendly technology solutions for cooling systems in buildings and demonstrate innovative and on-the-ground actions.

These virtual events present a valuable platform for stakeholders to discuss how sustainable buildings can lead to substantial emission reductions as well as sustainable development benefits.

The events are open to the general public. Read more about it <u>here</u>



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2020: JOINT CALL FOR CLIMATE ACTION BY MORE THAN 30 ATHLETES OF ALL ABILITIES

On the occasion of World Youth Day 2020, RCC St. George's is partnering with UNICEF, The Ashley Lashley Foundation, Special Olympics and others in the Region to promote young athletes within the sports community to take further action to protect human health and our environment in the face of climate change.

They are calling on all athletes under 30 years of age to share a pledge to adopt lifestyles that are both healthy and environmentally friendly and support the sports community in playing a lead role in advocacy efforts towards the acceleration of climate action at local, national, regional and international levels.

To get involved in this event, visit the link <u>here</u>

## Invitation to upcoming events

The Virtual Island Summit 2020

Do you want to join Islanders from around the world to share ideas, good practices and sustainable solutions? THE VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT

Detailed information about the event here

Regional Virtual Workshops on Gender and Climate Change



From June to October, UNFCCC 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). Register now for the regional virtual workshop in Latin America and Caribbean.

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2020

Time: 10-12 am UTC (-5)

Register here

### LEDS LAC Event



In 2020, governments will communicate new/updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) which will become the basis for the global climate action under the Paris Agreement. This is closely related to other aspects of the Paris Agreement: The Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the Global Stock take (GST). The ETF aims to provide a clear understanding of climate action, including clarity and tracking progress towards achieving Parties' NDCs and adaptation actions, to inform the GST. The ETF applies to all Parties with flexibility to those developing country Parties that need it in the light of their capacities. The ETF includes reporting of the information through Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), technical expert review of the BTRs and the facilitative multilateral consideration of progress.

Register <u>here</u> for the event

Date: Wednesday, September 16th, 2020. Time: 09:00 – 10:30 am CST (Time in Costa Rica) Check the time according to your location <u>here</u>



## 8<sup>TH</sup> Dialogue on action for Climate Empowerment

The 8th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) for Latin America and the Caribbean is planned virtually for 23 September 2020. The objective of

the dialogue is to provide a forum for Parties and other 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 event visit <u>here</u>

### Regional Resilience Dialogues

Do you need to start a conversation about risks from climate variability and change and how to respond?

Do you need to locate credible scientific information or guidance?

Do you need access to experts to assist

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