

Regional Collaboration Center St George's December 2021



Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's
Promoting Climate Action in the Caribbean

Season's Greetings

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

2021 was an eventful one, and full of collaborative efforts to address climate change challenges and open opportunities.

We extend our gratitude to internal and external stakeholders who despite strict and limiting pandemic conditions adapted to the circumstances and made the best out of their experience.

We look forward to your continued partnership in 2022.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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2021 HIGHLIGHTS

**COP26 for SIDS: An interview with AOSIS
Advisor Michai Robertson**



14 December – Michai Robertson is a Climate Change, Oceans, and Legal Advisor at the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). Here he shares his perspective on the outcomes of COP26 for Caribbean SIDS and how these decisions are instrumental in achieving climate action in the region.

RCC St. George's: What are your key takeaway messages from COP26 for SIDS?

AOSIS: COP26 was a defining moment for ambitious climate action and the decisions made would have significant effects on SIDS. For instance, one of the key achievements which was the finalization of the "Paris Agreement rulebook" lays out how countries can be held accountable for delivering on their climate ambitions under the NDCs. This with the outcome on Article 6 gives us the confidence that we can work together to keep the 1.5 degrees alive.

RCC St. George's: What can SIDS do better or differently to align with COP26 outcomes?

AOSIS: Despite being the least responsible and most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, SIDS can push forward guidelines on how to enhance national capacities on reporting sustainably. Specific attention needs to be paid on how to enhance the format of reporting by showing a clear distinction between mitigation and adaptation.

RCC St. George's: Caribbean SIDS have faced unprecedented challenge because of the pandemic, does COP26 give you hope for low-emission recovery?

AOSIS: Linking the success of COP26 to building back after COVID-19, we can hope to build resilience with the limited resources we have. In addition to this, we really need to push for SIDS to be recognized

Caribbean Youth at COP26

2021 saw the launch of the [AGYLE](#) and the [Stay alive and thrive campaign](#) in the Caribbean region. Here is what two of our youth delegates have got to say about what COP26 means for youth in Small Island Developing States.



COP26 reaches consensus on key actions to address Climate Change



Deliberations under the current session of the COP, CMP and CMA came to an end on 13 November in Glasgow. After six years of strenuous negotiations, pending items for the full implementation of the Paris Agreement on carbon markets ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) and transparency have been approved.

The Glasgow Climate Pact strengthens adaptation, mitigation and finance in a complex and delicate balance supported by all Parties. With a common set of guidelines established, Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) now seek to raise awareness and build stakeholder capacity to implement Article 6.

Read more in [the UN Climate Change COP26 Press Release](#).

Regional Climate Weeks 2021 Wrap Up at COP26



The Regional Climate Weeks 2021 High-Level Side Event brought together host government ministers, heads of agencies and other dignitaries to discuss the value of regional collaboration. This was followed by a handover moment where the COP26 Communique, a Regional Climate Weeks 2021 Global Overview and Output Reports from each of the Climate Weeks were presented as a full package of resources to guide implementation following COP26.

The organizing partners of the Regional Climate Weeks 2021 would like to thank everyone who contributed to the events throughout the year. The three virtual events were well-attended, engaging more than 12,000 around key themes. Because of this participation and collaboration, regional voices were featured at COP26, and the efforts of stakeholders have been formally recognized. Together, we can carry this momentum forward into 2022 and contribute to the success of the Glasgow Pact and the Paris Agreement.

Regional collaboration was in focus at COP26, which was reflected in the final text of [the Glasgow Climate Pact](#). The Pact calls on all stakeholders to use the Regional Climate Weeks as a platform to strengthen credible and durable climate action. [MENA Climate Week 2022](#) will kick off the Regional Climate Weeks 2022.

Visit [the Regional Climate Weeks webpage](#) for more information

COP26 launched a decade of action for climate empowerment



COP26 adopted the new **10-year Glasgow work programme on ACE**, which provides a robust framework for countries and all stakeholders to drive changes in action, attitudes and behaviours on climate

change. This is needed for the transition to a low-emission, climate-resilient and just society. Activities under the Glasgow work programme are focused on four priority areas – policy coherence, coordinated action, tools and support, and monitoring, evaluation, and reporting. Action aims to address gaps and challenges in implementing the six elements of ACE and create opportunities to accelerate implementation.

For more information, see [the Glasgow work programme on ACE article](#) in the Newsroom.

Climate action tracking in the UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal



At the 'Tracking Credible Climate Action' event at COP26 in November 2021 the [Global Climate Action portal](#) launched the tracking of voluntary climate action.

The tracking captures for the first time the progress made by individual actors and cooperative initiatives that are registered in the portal, including the initiatives launched at the UN SG's 2019 Climate Action Summit and COP25.

The launch included updated information on cooperative initiatives collected through a survey conducted in October 2021 and individual actor data reported in the 2020 disclosures from companies, investors, cities and states and regions.

The work to define the components and metrics to reflect the progress of voluntary actions from non-Party stakeholders has been done in collaboration with various stakeholders and organizations, who provided valuable inputs and support to this work.

Additional features added in this latest version of the Global Climate Action portal include enhancements to the portal's Country profile pages and a 'World regions' filter on the home page and Actor tracking page – providing an opportunity to gain an overview of stakeholders recognized by GCAP in a given region.

A recording of the launch event can be found [here](#) with the outcome of the progress tracking is available in the [Global Climate Action portal Actor tracking page](#) and [Cooperative Initiatives tracking page](#)

Vacancy Announcement

Youth Engagement Consultant in Antigua and Barbuda

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Consultant will develop a youth engagement strategy and action plan on climate action and resilience in Antigua and Barbuda.

Prospective candidates should apply no later than ***Tuesday, 28 December 2021***.

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