



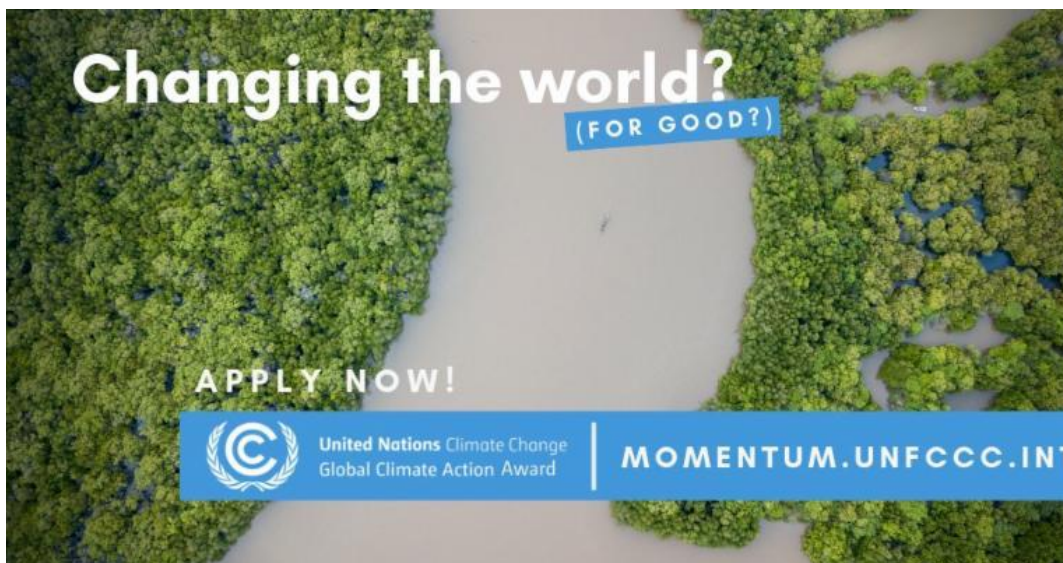
Regional Collaboration Centre – St. George's
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019

Announcements

Momentum for Change Awards 2019



The United Nations Climate Change secretariat is now accepting applications for the 2019 Global Climate Action Awards to showcase action and ambition as national governments implement the Paris Agreement and deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Selected initiatives, called 'Lighthouse Activities,' shine a light on innovative, scalable and replicable examples of what people are doing to address climate change, in the hope of inspiring others to act. They will be recognized and celebrated during a series of special events at the UN Climate Change Conference in Chile (COP 25).

The 2019 Momentum for Change Lighthouse Activities will recognize climate action that is already achieving real results in four key areas. These areas include Planetary Health, Climate Neutral Now, Women for Results, and Financing for Climate Friendly Investment.

Find out more information about the awards, benefits and registration [here](#).

Applications for the 2019 Momentum for Change Awards are being accepted from now until **30 April 2019**. Apply online now!

Applications Open for Development Program

Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE) is offering a program titled, "Execution of the Executive Program in Implementation of Change Policies."

The objective the program is to improve theoretical and practical knowledge on climate change issues particularly those linked to the energy sector for the development of energy project implementation capacities in the region. The program also aims to improve knowledge about current financing activities related to climate change.

The program offers to reinforce the concepts of the National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) and their application in each country. It is directed towards persons responsible for decision-making on climate change issues and those who are involved in developing and implementing Nationally Determined Contributions.

More information about the program and registration can be found [here](#) or by emailing cap@olade.org



Latest Events

Formal launch of Caribbean Measurement, Reporting and Verification Hub



St. George, Grenada (5-6 February 2019) Ten countries met at St. George's University in Grenada with the goal of discussing a new model of cooperation for measuring, reporting and verifying climate action. This meeting signified the official launch for the Caribbean Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) hub. The hub's purpose is to allow countries in the region to share their expertise which would lead to fostering excellence within the region and generating stronger policies related to carbon accounting. According to Carlos Fuller, International and Regional Liaison Officer of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the hub is a "great initiative that will create the critical mass of regional expertise to monitor and track the Caribbean's contribution in addressing climate change."

For more information about this event, click [here](#)

International Conference on Climate Change Services (ICCS3)

Kingston, Jamaica (4-6 December 2018) The third International Conference on Climate Change services took place in Kingston, Jamaica in December 2018. It was the first of its kind in the Caribbean and any developing country. There were two main purposes for hosting the conference. The first was to provide an opportunity to find connections between climate services provided in the Caribbean and ones found internationally. The other purpose was to address the current progress, any challenges, and opportunities in implementing climate

services and to encourage discussions about transforming pilot activities into sustained services.

Jamaica's Water, Land, Environment, and Climate change minister, Robert Pickersgill spoke at the conference and emphasized how a forum such as this is particularly important for developing countries and small island developing states (SIDS). He stated that a conference such as this would provide both developing countries and SIDS the opportunity to build their capacity and to focus on climate information to make decisions rather than focusing on weather and hydrological information.

Read more [here](#).

Third Global Conference on Health and Climate



St. George, Grenada (16 October 2018) 14 ministers from several different Caribbean islands met in St. George's, Grenada for the Third Global Conference on Health and Climate. The conference was convened by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) with the purpose of developing an Action Plan on Health and Climate Change for the Caribbean. At the conference, four main issues were discussed: Supporting Caribbean health leadership, strengthening national technical capacities, developing policies and implementing actions, and facilitating access to climate and health financing mechanisms.

This conference is part of the WHO's Initiative on Climate Change and Health in Small Island Developing States, an initiative that was launched in collaboration with the UNFCCC and the Fijian Presidency of COP-23 in 2017. The WHO initiative has a goal of providing national authorities in SIDS (Small Island Developing States) with the political, financial and technical support for a more comprehensive understanding and address the effects of climate change on health. This initiative took the form of three meetings with the first held in Fiji for Pacific SIDS, the second in Mauritius for SIDS that fall within the African and South-East Asian WHO regions and thirdly, this meeting held in Grenada. The regional plans developed at the three

meetings will help to contribute towards a global WHO action plan for climate and health in SIDS.

Read more [here](#).

Training Sessions

MRV Hub IPCC Guidelines Training Session

St. George, Grenada (14 March 2019) The MRV Hub held a training workshop to cover the basics of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines at St. George's University, Grenada. These guidelines outline methods on how to estimate 7 greenhouse gases across various sectors and industries. The training session was attended by persons representing several countries in the Caribbean region. The session served as part of the MRV Hub's activities in building capacity and knowledge among persons working in the climate sector within the region to ensure that countries comply with their Paris Agreement requirements.

Read more about the workshop [here](#).

Government of Belize conducts climate change capacity and preparedness training

Belize (11-14 February 2019)

On the 11-14 February, Belize held a national training exercise under the theme "Coastal Zone, Sea Level Rise and Related Processes." The overall aim was to improve Belize's technical capacity and preparedness for climate



change. The workshop was carried out with the purpose of building the capacity of the national experts with using statistical data, measurements and modelling methods for assessing the effect of sea level variations and sea level rise on coastal ecosystems.

More details can be found [here](#).

Funding-Related Activities and Events

Adaptation Fund receives record-breaking funding requests and requested project proposals for their 33rd board meeting



ADAPTATION FUN

The Adaptation Fund received a record US\$ 268.2 million in funding requests across a record 40 project proposal requests from developing countries. These proposals were received in the most recent submission period and will be reviewed at the 33rd Adaptation Fund board meeting set to be held in Bonn, Germany on March 12-15. These set of submissions broke the previous record of US\$ 264 million set in the last submission period in October of 2018.

According to Victor Viñas, Chair of the Adaptation Fund Board, "*This record high demand is a testament to the progression and preparedness of our national implementing partners in identifying and developing needed projects, and the work that the Adaptation Fund invests in to enhance the climate finance readiness of institutions in countries.*" He further added that, "*It also reflects the continuing high vulnerability of the countries we serve and the pressing urgency to adapt to climate change.*"

The funding requests submitted in this submission period included 27 single country project proposals covering a total of US\$ 170.4 million and eight regional project proposals which covered a total of US\$ 96.8 million. Included in the single-country proposals were eight accredited national implementing entity (NIE) proposals which fall under Direct Access in countries such as Armenia, the Dominican Republic, Tanzania and Indonesia. Also included was one regional implementing entity (RIE) proposal which was submitted by the Caribbean Development Bank in St. Lucia to build climate resilience in agriculture.

Find out more [here](#).

GCF Structured dialogue with the Caribbean



St. George, Grenada (6-19 November 2018) The second GCF structured dialogue with the Caribbean was held on the 6-9 November 2018 in Grenada. At the dialogue, GCF Executive Director reaffirmed GCF's commitment to the region and informed attendees that at the

time of the dialogue, GCF had already approved six projects, valued at USD\$ 449 million, 26 readiness grants, valued at USD\$ 18 million covering 14 of 16 countries in the region. The event was an opportunity for various ministers, senior governmental officials, GCF representatives among other stakeholders to reflect on progress made and lessons learned, to build partnerships, and to seek out new investment opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

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GCF funds Barbados water sector resilience project

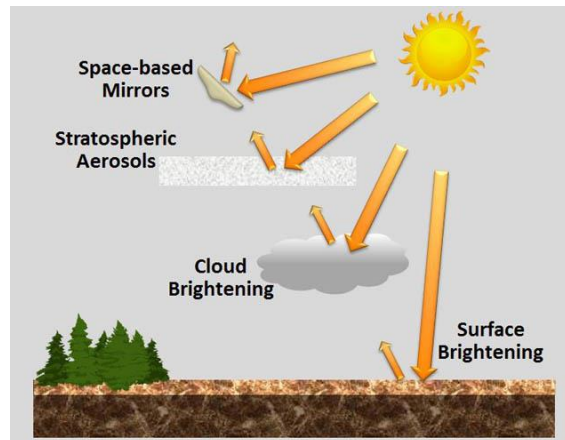
On November 1, 2018, the Funded Activity Agreement (FAA) for the project Water Sector Resilience Nexus for Sustainability in Barbados was signed by the GCF and Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC). The aim of project is to make potable water less vulnerable to the effects of hurricanes which have been increasing in intensity in recent years. The project involves installing a photovoltaic (PV) power generation field adjacent to the main pumping stations. This would lead to a reduction in dependence on diesel-generated electricity resulting in a mitigation benefit. The project also involves installing water storage tanks and rainwater harvesting systems strategically on the island so that water supply disruptions do not lead to a loss of potable water for vulnerable populations on the island. This project is the first single-country investment that GCF has signed in the Caribbean.

Read more about this project [here](#).

Latest Research

Research on Local Impacts of Solar Engineering

Scientists from UWI will be among the first in the world to study the effects that solar radiation management (SRM) geoengineering might have on some of the world's most vulnerable countries. SRM geoengineering is a controversial idea for decreasing the risks of climate change by reflecting some of the sunlight away from the Earth. SRM



involves blocking out a small amount of sunlight to cool the earth, which if done in a safe and reliable way, could be the only way to stop global temperatures from rising. However, much uncertainty still surrounds the benefits and drawbacks of SRM, and thus it could increase the risks of global warming.

Although SRM geoengineering could be a potential way to help the planet achieve the 1.5°C goal, there is little research available on the impact it could have on the Caribbean region. Therefore, this study aims to aid the region in deciding whether geoengineering could be a feasible means of achieving the 1.5°C target and what the consequences may be for the Caribbean.

Read more about it [here](#).

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