

## The RCC in Panama celebrates its first anniversary

With opening remarks (via Skype) from Luca Brusa, the RCC in Panama celebrated its first anniversary last Monday 9 April, 2018. The RCC in Panama is being operated in collaboration with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and it also coordinates activities undertaken by the RCC in St. George's in collaboration with the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF). The two RCC's strengthen support given to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to help them with the implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. With Panama City being a major regional hub for the United Nations and other development agencies, the centres are key players in catalyzing, supporting and leveraging climate action at the regional and national level while continuing to focus on work related to sustainable development through the UN's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

In 2017, the achievements of the RCC Panama have not been limited to mitigation alone, but have also extended to better understanding and mutual collaboration on adaptation among key stakeholders on climate change matters.

In 2018, the RCC in Panama, as per the agreed workplan, will continue to work towards increasing the value and substance of regional cooperation, thus promoting climate change issues to the entire region and further mainstreaming regional collaboration on climate change matters. The workplan 2018 is expanded based on 5 pillars:

1. Clean Development Mechanism,
2. Global Climate Action,
3. Finance for climate action,
4. Technical Assistance & Capacity Building on climate change issues and
5. RCC Management.

Increasing the coherence and focus of planned activities by implementing or upgrading projects and events, the RCC is always open to new initiatives and ideas that contain a clear regional dimension.

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