

RCC Bangkok Newsletter 2023 — issue #1



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

Welcome to the first RCC Bangkok newsletter of 2023. In this first newsletter of the year, we are pleased to highlight some COP27 follow ups and call for submissions on ACE, the Global Stocktake, and the Capacity Building (PCCB). Looking forward to COP28, taking place at the end of this year in Dubai, we have the pleasure to present to you this month the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP28 Presidency.

Furthermore, please find some newly published reports and resource material on, amongst others, Stockholm+50, a new Technical Paper by the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB) and technologies for adaptation.

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COP27 Outcomes

Now Published: The UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub (UGIH) COP27 Event Report

For the second consecutive year, the hub and its core organizing partners successfully concluded its dialogues on transformative #innovation at #COP27 held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. During the two weeks, the hub hosted a total of 85 sessions.

You can find out more about the report [here](#).



**UN CLIMATE CHANGE GLOBAL INNOVATION HUB
COP27 EVENT REPORT**

New ACE Action Plan Adopted

At COP27 and CMA4, Parties adopted a four-year ACE Action Plan under the Glasgow work programme (GWP), which sets out short-term, clear and time-bound activities in the four priority areas of the work programme and across the six elements of ACE in a balanced manner as a concrete step towards empowering all members



of society, including children and youth, to engage in climate action. You can take a look at the first annual summary report on progress in implementing activities under the GWP available [here](#).

Call for Submissions: Interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to submit suggestions for structuring the 2023 ACE Dialogue (June 2023), which will focus on monitoring, evaluation and reporting of ACE

implementation via [the submission portal](#) (search the full name “Action for Climate Empowerment”). Non-Party stakeholders without observer status can also make submissions.

The deadline for submission is 28 February 2023. Guidelines for submissions can be found [here](#).

From UNFCCC Newsroom

COP 28 Presidency Announces UN Climate Change High-Level Champion

Razan Al Mubarak has been announced as the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP28 Presidency. She will be joining [Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin](#) who continues in his role as the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP27 Presidency. Al Mubarak is currently President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the second woman to lead the organization in its 75-year history. She is also the founding director of the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund which, since its inception, has supported more than 2,500 species conservation projects in over 160 countries. Through the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, the Champions accelerate ambitious climate action among non-State actors, including cities, regions, businesses, investors and civil society, with the speed, scale and justice needed in support of Parties and the UNFCCC process.



The two Champions will work together to advance the improved [Marrakech Partnership five-year plan](#) to drive greater ambition from non-State actors to achieve a net zero, climate-resilient future, building on the foundational leadership of the Marrakech Partnership.

Upcoming Opportunities

Close Soon: Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme Call for Submissions - Global Dialogues

In accordance with [Decision -/CMA.4](#), paragraph 12, Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders are invited to submit via the [submission portal](#) **suggested topics** in line with the scope of the work programme (paragraph 4) **to be discussed**

under the global dialogues in 2023 referred to in paragraphs 8-9 of the decision.

The deadline for submissions is by **1 February 2023**. Submissions received can be viewed [here](#).

In order to locate this call for submissions in the [submission portal](#), kindly type in “Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation” in the search field and make the submission in the call with “Mandate: FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/L.17, para. 12”. Should you have any inquiries, please contact: It-leds@unfccc.int.



Further information can be found [here](#).

Call for Inputs for the Global Stocktake in 2023



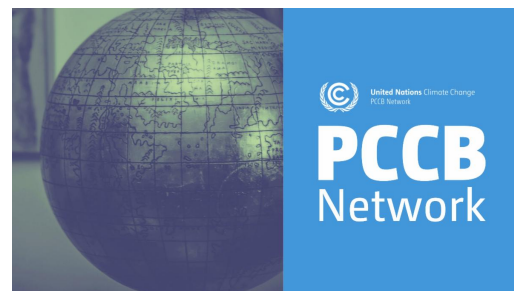
In the run-up to the conclusion of the first global stocktake in COP 28, views on the approach to the consideration of the outputs component of the first global stocktake can be submitted until 15 February. Directions on how to provide submissions is available [here](#).

Also, submissions for the third technical dialogue to be held during the UNFCCC subsidiary body sessions in June, are open until 6 March. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide their inputs.

The Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) Launches a New Call for Submissions

Capacity-building support for adaptation, with a focus on addressing gaps and needs related to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans (NAPs)

Submissions will feed into the PCCB's work in 2023, including envisaged regional activities. The call is open to all UNFCCC Parties and non-Party stakeholders until 28 February 2023. More information on this call is available [here](#).



Vacancy: NDC Partnership In-country Facilitator in Fiji



The NDC Partnership is looking for an In-country Facilitator to support the Fijian Ministry of Economy. The Facilitator will play a key role in ensuring the smooth implementation of the Country Engagement process by supporting ongoing coordination efforts between the NDC Partnership Support Unit, the various partners in the NDC Partnership, and the Ministry of Economy.

To apply, please submit CV and cover letter to putera.zenata@ndcpartnership.org by 28

Upcoming Event

18th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage



The 18th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM ExCom) will take place in Manila, Philippines, from 28 February to 3 March.

The meeting is open to observers. The deadline of registration is 10 February 2023. You can find more information [here](#).

Resources and Materials

The Road to Stockholm+50 Report Highlights Youth and Green Future for Asia and the Pacific

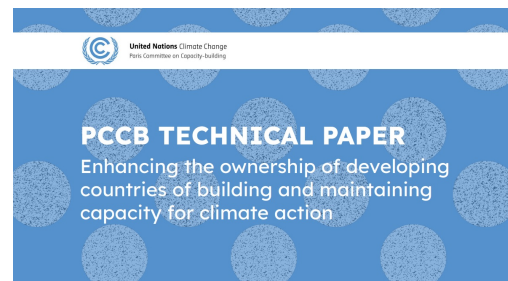
On 2-3 June 2022, the Stockholm+50 Conference took place to tackle central climate challenges and provide young people with an opportunity to influence the climate agenda. To ensure strong youth participation at the event, YECAP co-convening partners (UNFCCC/RCC Bangkok, and UNICEF) and the Youth Fellows, with the support of SIDA, organized a series of national and regional consultations for young people. In addition to two regional consultations, consultations were held across 9 countries with more than 4,000 young people attending the events.



The consultations provided a platform for young people, particularly those from marginalised communities, to raise their voices and influence climate action both at home and abroad. You can access the report for more details [here](#).

The Paris Committee on Capacity-Building (PCCB) Launches Its New Technical Paper

'Enhancing the ownership of developing countries of building and maintaining capacity for climate action' is the name of a paper identifying experiences, good practices and lessons learned related to enhancing the ownership of developing countries of building and maintaining capacity. The paper concludes with actionable recommendations and is available [here](#).



New Report Examines Developing Country Experience in Assessing and Meeting Costs of Adaptation



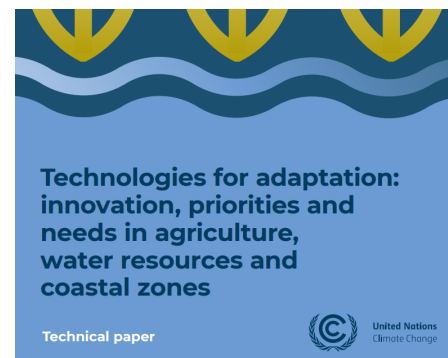
A synthesis report developed under the guidance of the Adaptation Committee and LEG has found significant progress by developing countries in assessing the costs of adaptation in recent years. Almost half of developing countries have now assessed and reported on adaptation costs estimates in their latest NDC updates and recent NAPs, many including detailed and comprehensive estimates of adaptation costs. A growing number are already financing adaptation through domestic expenditure. But costing

adaptation at national and local levels is a complex and challenging endeavour.

This synthesis report, the second in a series, synthesizes relevant lessons, insights, and good practices in developing country Parties, based on a review of national reports submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat. You can download the report [here](#).

Technologies for Adaptation: Innovation, Priorities and Needs in Agriculture, Water Resources and Coastal Zones

A new technical paper from the Adaptation Committee examines the innovation, priorities and needs with respect to technologies for adaptation in agriculture, water resources and coastal zones, identified by developing countries as their highest priorities for adaptation technology needs. It also provides a detailed snapshot of technology transfer efforts in those priority areas supported by the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), Green Climate Fund, Global Environment Facility and Adaptation Fund, and covers the barriers, gaps, and challenges that complicate the identification, development, and development and deployment of technologies.



The report also reviews the use and status of frontier technologies (e.g. AI and machine learning) for adaptation, and innovation efforts. Finally, it provides a selection of good practices and opportunities to help make sure current and future technologies fulfil their potential in enhancing adaptation action. Read more [here](#).

Issue Brief “Environmental and Sustainability Implications of the Ukraine War for East and South Asia: Sustainability and Decarbonisation Should Be Accelerated Not Paused”

This paper from the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), RCC Bangkok host partner, urges governments to speed up, not slow down, transitions away from fossil fuels and toward more sustainable

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development patterns. For both energy and climate security, energy, conservation and efficiency will produce the quickest short-term results. Investments in new fossil fuel production take a long time to complete so they cannot solve short-term disruptions. New energy investment should be shifted from fossil fuels to renewable energy, which is now more price competitive in many situations. The war is not a reason to “hit pause” on

decarbonisation or SDGs.

Read more and download the report [here](#).

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