

BENEFITS

THANKS TO OUR GLOBAL REACH AND REGIONAL EXPERTISE WE PROVIDE OUR STAKEHOLDERS WITH UNIQUE ADVANTAGES, INCLUDING:

- Opportunities for close collaboration with informed public and private officials.
- Access to an active network of non-Party stakeholder partners, including project owners.
- Matching of actions with sources of funding by building on our close partnerships with international financial institutions.
- Capacity building and knowledge sharing regarding well established, as well as new and emerging market mechanisms, methodologies, and tools for mitigation.
- Access to development opportunities in Small Island Developing States and other developing countries, including Least Developed Countries.
- Opportunities to build synergy over the public and private spheres for cost-effective implementation of climate change initiatives that achieve sustainable results.
- On-the-ground, technical know-how and experience in the regional context, as we work closely with project developers and governments in the region.
- Enhanced participation in UNFCCC processes.
- Recognition of mitigation outcomes, actions, and climate neutrality for non-Party stakeholders in regional and global forums.

OUR PARTNERS

We are part of a vast global network and have developed strong relationships with many governmental bodies, development banks, funding agencies, academic institutions, and international organisations, in the region, including:

**Asian Development Bank (ADB);
Asian Institute of Technology (AIT);
Climate Change International Technical and Training Centre (CITC);
German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ);
Green Climate Fund (GCF);
Asia LEDS Partnership;
Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Thailand (ONEP);
Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organisation (TGO);
The World Bank;
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP);
UN Environment; and
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).**

Countries Supported by RCC Bangkok: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Oman, Palestine, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, and Yemen.

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WHO WE ARE

The REGIONAL COLLABORATION CENTRE (RCC) BANGKOK was established in September of 2015 by the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) to provide hands-on support to governments, NGOs, and the private sector in Asia and the Pacific region to develop their mitigation efforts through capacity building, direct technical assistance, and strategic networking – sourcing the know-how and resources to drive clean development.

The five global RCCs were set up to provide support to regional stakeholders in the identification and development of potential Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project activities and programmes of activities, and in so doing create more sustainable capacity for future local engagement in the global carbon market.

Since the adoption of the Paris Climate Change Agreement in December 2015, we have broadened our role to also support the development and implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under that agreement, with a focus on markets and mechanisms. By doing this we have established a globally available yet regionally oriented network, which has the ability to align and connect the regional response to climate change with the global agenda.

OUR GLOBAL NETWORK

We are the fifth RCC to be established by the UNFCCC in partnership with a regional organisation.

The other centres are:

- RCC LOMÉ, TOGO
- RCC SAINT GEORGE'S, GRENADA
- RCC KAMPALA, UGANDA
- RCC PANAMA CITY, PANAMA



Regional Collaboration Centre – Bangkok
Promoting Action Against Climate Change

CATALYSING CLIMATE ACTION

WHAT WE DO

CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM (CDM) SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

As early as 2006, Parties to the Kyoto Protocol recognised the importance of a balanced regional distribution of CDM projects around the world. In light of the benefits CDM can offer to the lesser developed regions of the world, RCC Bangkok was tasked with tapping the potential of CDM projects and programmes in underrepresented countries in Asia and the Pacific region, by building their capacity and reducing risk for investors.

We help alleviate the barriers to CDM project development and implementation in the region by:

- **Bridging** the distance between the UNFCCC secretariat and the on-the-ground reality in developing CDM projects;
- **Supporting** national governments to create the enabling environments for engaging with global carbon markets by facilitating the development and submission of proposals for Standardized Baselines (SBs) and administering capacity building training for local consultants, project developers and Designated National Authorities (DNAs);
- **Providing** direct and immediate support to project developers in identifying suitable projects and assisting in the preparation and validation of Project Development Documents (PDD);
- **Assisting** project proponents through the CDM cycle, from validation/verification or requesting registration, to the issuance of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) or post-registration changes;
- **Serving** as a hub for information on CDM opportunities and linking project developers, service providers, and carbon buyers; and
- **Working** with the donor community to coordinate and optimize the use of available funds for CDM project development and financing of projects.



CLIMATE & SDG ALIGNED FINANCE

The overall goal of our work on climate and SDG aligned finance is to support efforts to substantially scale up finance and investment in contributing to the objectives of the Paris Agreement— integrate, as rapidly as possible, the goals described by Articles 2, 4.1, and 7.1 into the conduct of all relevant economic and social development activity.

Based upon our experience, we provide technical support, convening, and recognition. We also identify actions to enable implementation and evaluate outcomes in public and private finance. For example:

- We assist **governments** to actively promote low carbon and climate resilient investments in their countries and disseminate information on their enabling investment environments to investors and other market players.
- We make it easier for **financiers** to find market, policy, and regulatory information, identify co-financiers to form consortia, access project development funding to support investment-mature projects, and provide risk mitigation instruments to help structure projects and financing.
- We help provide **project owners** with increased visibility for their projects among financiers and other market players, making it easier to identify relevant financiers, advisors, and service providers for specific needs and enable targeted and relevant contacts with them.
- We work with IFIs, in particular **bilateral funds, and regional and multilateral development banks**, on mobilising private capital, assisting on guarantee platforms, and supporting infrastructure investment.

RCC support has been shown to reduce barriers and lower transaction costs on market entry, attract new investors interested in climate and SDG aligned investment opportunities (projects and facilities), and increase access to finance for developing countries, catalysing inclusive economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific region.

CARBON PRICING INITIATIVE (CPI)

Putting a price signal on carbon is a straightforward solution to curb emissions and incentivise low-carbon growth.

Nearly 40 countries and more than 20 cities, states, and provinces are already participating in or preparing for a carbon price. By 2020, carbon pricing is set to cover roughly 25% of global GHG emissions. In the region, momentum is growing to incorporate carbon pricing approaches in national and sub-national climate policy.

RCC Bangkok assists countries in putting in place approaches that create a price on carbon for implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. Depending on countries' needs and preference, supported instruments can be in the form of **carbon markets, carbon taxes, and domestic carbon funds**, with robust Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV).

Depending on circumstances, targeted support can be delivered for the consideration, development, adoption, and implementation of carbon pricing proposals. In addition to that, RCC Bangkok also supports the establishment of cooperative approaches between several jurisdictions.

GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, launched at COP 22, is designed to provide a strong foundation for mobilising the broadest possible coalition of actors to catalyse and support climate action by Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the period 2017-2020, giving effect to the long-term global transformation required by the Paris Agreement.

The Marrakech Partnership enables and facilitates:

- **Convening** of Party and non-Party stakeholders on an ongoing basis;
- **Tracking** of progress, through NAZCA, achieved by those actors and initiatives, aligned towards the achievement of the purpose and goals of the Paris Agreement, and supporting the delivery of NDCs and the SDGs;
- **Showcasing** of successes and providing a platform for new initiatives and greater ambition through events; and
- **Reporting** of achievements and options to enhance action to the COP.

RCC Bangkok, in collaboration with the UNFCCC Global Climate Action (GCA) support unit and the community of mobilisers, plays the key role of facilitating both participation of relevant stakeholders and management of follow-up actions in Asia and the Pacific region.

- RCC Bangkok works, on the regional level, with the following actors:
- Policy makers in national, local, and subnational governments
 - Finance and investment entities
 - Technology developers
 - Activity implementers
 - Civil society

This work is organised around the following thematic areas from the Marrakech Partnership:

- Land-use
- Oceans and coastal zones
- Water
- Human settlements
- Transport
- Energy
- Industry

NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs) SUPPORT

The Nairobi Framework Partnership (NFP) was initiated with the specific target of helping developing countries improve their level of participation in the CDM. The NFP has since evolved to embrace a much more ambitious role in the climate change arena.

Today, the NFP is responsible for providing support to developing countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the areas of climate finance technology transfer and capacity building for mitigation, through creating enabling environments at the national level, regulatory mechanisms, and carbon markets, including the CDM.

RCC Bangkok is a collaboration between the UNFCCC and IGES. Both collaboration partners share the common commitment towards supporting emission reduction activities, which includes possible involvement in NDC implementation activities in the region.

