

Benefits for funding agencies

- Increased opportunities to contribute to development activities such as rural electrification, energy-efficient cooking, waste treatment, as well as improvement of health, sanitation and indoor air quality, as RCCs focus on boosting the attractiveness of such projects;
- Access to development opportunities in small island developing states and other developing countries, including least developed countries;
- Rapid scalability and easy replication of smaller projects through programmatic CDM and standardized baselines;
- Opportunities to reduce investment risks and better identify projects that are suitable for funding.
- Opportunities to build synergy for cost effective implementation of climate change initiatives that achieve sustainable results.

Which countries can initially receive support from RCC Bangkok?

All countries in the Asia and Pacific region

About the clean development mechanism

The CDM allows emission-reduction projects in developing countries to earn certified emission reductions (CERs), each equivalent to one tonne of CO₂. CERs can be traded and sold, and used by industrialized countries to meet a part of their emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol.



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Regional Collaboration Centres



RCC Bangkok



What is a Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC)?

RCCs provide support to governments, NGOs and the private sector worldwide to develop their mitigation efforts through capacity building, direct technical assistance, and advice in low emission development strategies (LEDS). The ultimate goal is to increase the geographical distribution of clean development mechanism (CDM) projects and promote CDM tools such as standardized baselines, sustainable development co-benefits tool and voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs) tool.

Who is the partner of RCC Bangkok?

RCC Bangkok is a partnership between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), an institute aiming to realise sustainable development in the Asia and Pacific region. In order to support the RCC, UNFCCC works closely with the IGES regional centre, capitalizing on its experience in climate change initiatives and its mission to promote sustainable development in the region.

Why establish an RCC in the Asia and Pacific region?

- Asian countries, particularly the small island developing states in the Pacific, are very vulnerable to the effects of climate change;
- Many countries in the Asia and Pacific region is under-represented in the CDM with less than 20 registered projects;
- The region is rich in renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar and hydropower, which offer clean alternatives to fossil fuels.

Who can benefit from the RCC Bangkok?

- Designated National Authorities (DNAs)
- Government bodies
- CDM project developers
- Designated Operational Entities (DOEs), the third-party validators of CDM projects and verifiers of emission reductions
- Funding agencies

Benefits for designated national authorities and government bodies

- Advice and guidance on DNAs' roles and responsibilities;
- Guidance on how to proceed with letters of authorization and letters of approval;
- Guidance on developing standardized baselines and calculating grid emission factors;
- Capacity-building related to the CDM lays the groundwork for new climate policy instruments, such as Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs), as the framework is similar;
- Development of CDM projects paves the way for sustainable development, contributing to increased economic activity, employment opportunities and other benefits for local communities.

Benefits for project developers

- Opportunities to seek clarifications on technical and procedural issues for projects at any stage in the CDM project cycle (prior consideration, validation, registration, issuance, etc.);
- Support in preparing CDM documents (prior consideration letters, project idea notes, project design documents, etc.) for projects that fall mainly under the renewable energy and waste management sectors;
- Support in developing standardized baselines and calculating grid emission factors;
- Support in use of co-benefits tool and CER cancellation tool
- Capacity-building and knowledge sharing regarding CDM procedures, methodologies and tools.

Benefits for designated operational entities

- Assistance on technical and procedural issues for projects at any stage in the CDM project cycle (prior consideration, validation, registration, issuance, etc.);
- Expansion of business in underrepresented countries;
- Direct support to project developers can potentially result in reduced times for validation and verification activities.