

# Experience in the capacity-building programme for host countries

## Achievements and experiences of the RCCs

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# Maps and Regions of the RCCs

- **RCC Bangkok** supports 40 countries from Asia and the Pacific (Hosted by IGES)
- **RCC Dubai** supports 22 Arab States and 8 South Asian countries (Hosted by WGEO)
- **RCC Kampala** supports 19 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa (Hosted by EADB)
- **RCC Lomé** supports 26 countries in 15 ECOWAS member states and 11 francophone countries (Hosted by BOAD)
- **RCC Panama** provides support to Latin American countries (Hosted by UNEP)
- **RCC St. Georges** supports 16 countries in the Caribbean region (Hosted by WINDREF)



# Evolution of the Role of RCCs

- ✓ The **first RCC** was established in Lomé, Togo, in 2013
- ✓ **Followed** by 5 other RCCs between 2013 to 2019
- ✓ **RCCs focus** - Implementation of the CDM in their regions

## Enhanced focus of RCCs since PA

- ❑ Scope of work beyond CDM; other areas such as Mol, Transparency, Adaptation, etc.
- ❑ Engagement with Partners, including UN agencies
- ❑ Wider engagement with stakeholder
- ❑ Support to UNFCCC process and multilateralism



- An additional tool of the secretariat
- To deliver in close collaboration with other secretariat divisions
- To nurture action and keep climate action at the top of the political agenda
- Identifying gaps and constraints which prevent climate action
- Capacity building, networking and stakeholder consultations with regard to CDM, Art.6, Climate Finance, Adaptation, etc
- Developing and implementing strategies and actions for overcoming constraints /gaps
- Identifying and implementing synergies in climate action while avoiding overlaps
- Keeping track of implementation



# Impact in the Region by the RCCs

## Global Reach, Regional Expertise

- Local partners with in-depth knowledge of the regional context
- Global connections through the UNFCCC secretariat and other RCCs

## Strong Regional Network

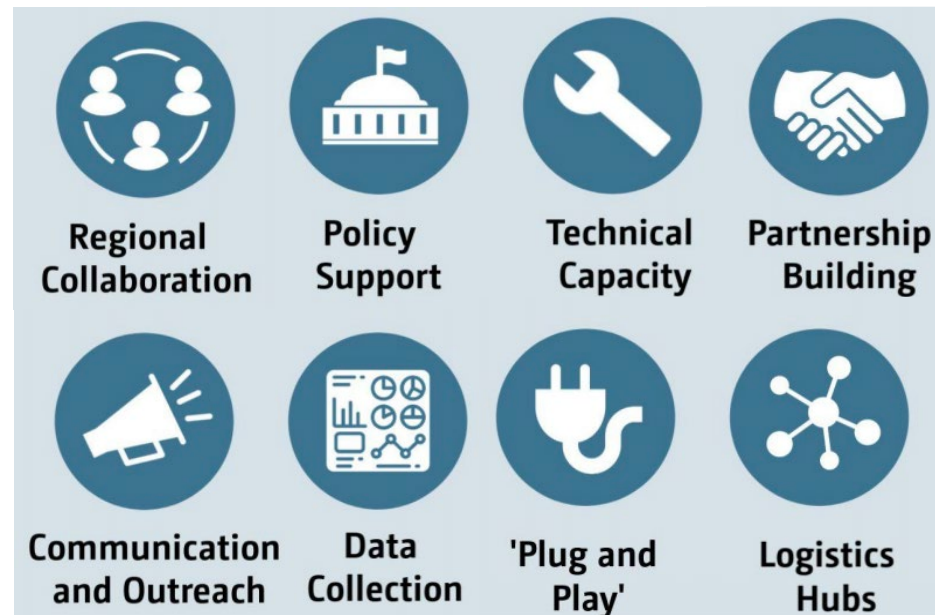
Close contacts with NGOs, financial institutions, governments, corporations, development partners, regional initiatives and other stakeholders in the region

## Dedicated Communication & Outreach Channels

Updated website with regional information and activities

## Flexible Scope and Structure

The efficient RCC arrangements enables a fast deployment of staff for missions and new workstreams



RCCs work in collaboration with development organizations, to ensure coherent regional climate action agenda.

Delivery of capacity building activities, such as workshops and trainings, knowledge products, consultations, match making & networking.



# Capacity Building Needs

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## Mandated:

To assist Parties in ...

- The development of institutional arrangements, including for reporting;
- Ensuring that cooperative approaches support ambition;
- Meeting participation requirements;
- Development of technical capacity to design and set baselines for application in host Parties;
- Applying the Article 6.4 mechanism, and support for the transition

## Additional Needs (reported, identified):

- **National institutional arrangements** for approval and authorisation, including DNA set up and operation;
- Approval of standards for participating in **Art. 6.2 transactions**;
- Building capacity for **human resources**: Identification of potential projects, assessment and approval, authorization;
- Involvement in the validation and verification process
- **Technical elements**: Baseline setting, Development of Standardized Baselines, Additionality assessment, Crediting period, Positive lists
- **Reporting and accounting**
- Registries, database, domestic infrastructure to track and record transactions
- Manage and report on all activities in relation with the carbon market;
- Transition of CDM activities and CERs;
- Interlinkages with the NDC, LT-LEDS, etc. and understanding of meeting **NDC targets** (willingness to participate in Article 6 activities)
- sustainable development indicators taking into account host country prerogatives
- Stakeholder awareness



# 1) Experiences of the RCCs – CDM / Art.6 support to countries and other stakeholder

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- Provide capacity building to negotiators and DNAs
- Support countries, esp. DNAs in the exchange of experience from the CDM and in preparation of possible future role as Article 6.4 designated host country entity (focus on peer learning)
- Ensure that lessons learnt, and the capacity built under the CDM are observed
- Engage DNAs on Standardized Baseline development, including workshops and technical support as required and promote the use of SBLs and the CDM SD Tool
- Provide technical and procedural support to the CDM project cycle to transition from the CDM to Article 6.4
- Respond to incoming CDM and Article 6 queries and identify and support new project leads

## Examples of work experiences:

- Co-organized Standardized Baseline & Grid Emission Factor (GEF) calculation training workshop for DNAs (*RCC St. Georges*). Technical support provided to consultants/Uganda's Ministry of Energy on developing SBLs for municipal solid waste and update SBs on wastewater (*RCC Kampala*). Support Mongolia DNA in GEF submission (*RCC Bangkok*)
  - Support DNAs to evaluate projects for LoA approval (*RCC Panama*)
  - Virtual DNA webinar series on selected topics on CDM host country responsibilities in 2020/21 (*RCC Bangkok & RCC Dubai*)
  - Experiences in engaging DNAs and Ministries; getting their feedback on capacity needs, organizing DNA regional forums, bridging DNA – CDM project participants (PP), facilitation of guidance on procedural and technical issues (*All RCCs*)
  - Established contacts to a network of CDM stakeholders, e.g through outreach to active developers (*All RCCs*)
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## 2) Experiences of the RCCs – Carbon Pricing and Carbon Markets

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- Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate action initiative (CiACA): launched in 2017, assists parties in the development of carbon pricing instruments for implementing their NDCs and foster cooperative climate action with other jurisdictions.
- Regional Dialogues on Carbon Pricing (REdiCAP): Dialogue of regional representatives to discuss the challenges and opportunities relating to carbon pricing in their countries and how regional collaboration can support their climate mitigation efforts.
- Carbon Market trainings and workshops
- RCCs are helping development organizations to deliver capacity building, thereby helping to maximize the benefits of capacity building activities.

### Examples of work experiences:

- Article 6 negotiation manual, Analysis of Art 6.2 pilot projects and support for carbon pricing instruments (*RCC Panama*); Pre-COP negotiators training on Art.6 for Uganda's negotiating team on mitigation (*RCC Kampala*);
- Carbon Market Training for Kenya Youth – to increase understanding on the interplay between article 6 and other market frameworks like carbon pricing and voluntary carbon markets (*RCC Kampala*)
- CiACA has received more than 20 requests for support globally, comprising stakeholder mapping, targeted workshops and specialized high-level technical assistance in countries including Pakistan, Senegal, the Dominican Republic, and regional entities, such as the ASEAN secretariat; collaborations with key international entities such as GIZ and the World Bank (*All RCCs*)





### 3) Experiences of RCCs in Capacity Building Activities

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- Organizing with partner: Sessions and side events at Regional Climate Weeks
- Support capacity building activities of the secretariat on different themes (Adaptation, Mitigation, Transparency, Finance, Technology, Carbon Pricing, Capacity Building, Global Climate Action), through local/regional organization of events, dissemination of material, follow up on participation and nominations, mobilizing speaker and other contribution through a range of regional networks and partnerships
- Organizing in-person training workshops, virtual workshop series, webinars
- Conducting bilateral workshops and training sessions with countries
- Facilitating secretariate staff to speak in RCC organized events and at partner events in the region
- Engagement of private sector and other NPS in climate action, e.g. climate neutrality and Road-to-Zero campaigns

#### Examples of work experiences:

- Supporting the needs and gaps analysis of **SMEs for climate action** (*RCC Bangkok, RCC Dubai, RCC Kampala*)
- Workshop for Caribbean countries to explored opportunities to **accelerate their NAPs** by tapping into the wide expertise of the UN and intergovernmental organizations (*St. Georges*)
- **Needs-based-finance projects** (*All RCCs*)
- **Transparency workshops** on Institutional arrangements, NDC elaboration (ICTU guidelines), GHG inventories (energy and transport sector) (*RCC Panama*)



# Potential of RCCs to support capacity-building for Art.6 implementation

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## ✓ Identification and Addressing Needs and Gaps

- Support countries **to identify needs for Art.6 implementation** (support a self-assessment and identify needs by providing checklists of requirements applicable to DNAs under 6.4).
- Technical Support to countries to identify and evaluate projects for Art. 6.2

## ✓ Support Institutional arrangements

- Initiate the development of a handbook for institutional arrangements** for Art. 6.4 implementation
- Support countries **to elaborate specific procedures and regulations** to operationalize Art. 6.4, including authorize projects and issue LoAs

## ✓ Capacity Building activities

- Promote Art. 6.4 marketplace events during REGIONAL CLIMATE WEEKS
- Regional dialogues about Art. 6.4 and 6.2**
- Linkages between Art. 6 and national carbon pricing instruments**
- Capacity building **for PP to apply Art. 6.4 standards**, procedures, methodologies
- Reporting under Art. 6.4 and 6.2** and linkages between **Art. 6 reporting and ETF**

## ✓ Dissemination and gathering information

- Support maintenance of Global Data base where PPs can submit project proposal to request technical support, funding, CERs buyers, etc.)



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