



## INDONESIA PAVILION

The value of Regional Networks  
of Climate Change Offices

Thursday  
**4 Dec.**  
18:00 - 20:00

UNEP is pleased to welcome you at the Indonesia Pavilion on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 18:00 to 20:00 hours. Climate change officials from Southeast Asia and from Latin America and the Caribbean, will share their experiences and further aspirations as regards to the support they have been receiving through Regional Networks of Climate Change Offices, aiming at enhancing their capacity to respond to the climate challenges they face domestically. Examples of support for the international negotiation process, through regional-level capacity building and knowledge sharing, and for national level actions will be highlighted.

This event will focus on two initiatives managed by UNEP: the South East Asia Network of Climate Change Offices (SEAN-CC) and the Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action in Latin America and the Caribbean (REGATTA), providing the opportunity to share country perspectives and experiences from these two regions, as well as for Climate Change officials from other regions to understand the successes, challenges, opportunities, and ultimately the benefits that such (sub-) regional climate change networks can offer.

### Opening:

Key note introductory speech by H.E. Quijandría, Vice Minister of Environment, Peru (*to be confirmed*) followed by opening address by Ms. Amanda Katili, Head of the Secretariat of the National Council on Climate Change (DNPI), Indonesia, and opening remarks by Ms. Merlyn VanVoore, Global Climate Change Coordinator, UNEP (*to be confirmed*).

### Panel moderator:

Mr. Jason Spensley, Climate Technology Manager, Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), and until recently Regional Climate Change Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNEP

### Panel speakers (5-10 minutes each):

Mr. Matti Nummelin Environmental Adviser	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland	SEAN-CC donor
Ms. Maria Charmaine Guevara Acting Director	Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations (UNIO), Department of Foreign Affairs	The Philippines
Mr. Omar Ramírez Tejada Executive Vice-President	National Council for Climate Change & Clean Development Mechanism	Dominican Republic
Mr. Pham Van Tan Deputy Director General	Dept. of Meteorology Hydrology & Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Viet Nam
Ms. Jacqueline Melgar Director	Climate Change Finance Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	El Salvador
Mr. Sum Thy Director	Climate Change Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Cambodia
Ms. Ana Fornells International Affairs Coordinator	Spanish Office for Climate Change (OECC), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment	REGATTA donor

### Questions and Answers:

From the floor.

## **Background and Rationale:**

The recently released IPCC report (Fifth Assessment Report – AR5) highlights that the warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and that the rate of warming is unprecedented. Yet, GHG emissions continue to rise and developing countries are facing some of the toughest challenges. Some countries and sub-regions in the developing world are particularly vulnerable to climate change, climate variability and sea-level rise. Often their population, agricultural land and infrastructure tend to be concentrated in the coastal zones, and any rise in sea-level will have significant and profound effects on their economies and living conditions.

Countries within a same sub-region often face similar climate conditions. No country can mitigate and adapt to climate change without having the capacity – the knowledge, the access to information, the tools, and the policy support – to do so. Policy and decision makers in one country are always interested in finding out which solutions their peers adopted in another country; sharing experience and lessons are invaluable to them. That's why on-demand knowledge sharing and capacity building services are channelled through UNEP's Networks of Climate Change Offices.

UNEP draws on its in-house expertise, of its multiple technical partners, and on several Climate Knowledge Networks and Partnerships with a global and/or regional reach, including: the Global Adaptation Network (GAN) and its several regional arms (APAN, REGATTA, AAKNet, etc.), the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative, the Renewable Energy Network for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (REN21), the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC) and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN). UNEP's Networks of Climate Change offices are the ideal delivery channels and feed-back loops for tailored climate change support.

Regional networks of climate change offices are a facilitating link between the international climate change negotiations discourse and national implementation of practical climate change responses. They represent a modest, yet essential, building block to enable various actors around the globe to take action and contribute to GHG emissions reduction and to better adapt to Climate Change impacts. **New networks of Climate Change offices will soon be piloted in (sub-) regions where strongest needs and interest exist.**

### **Note on SEAN-CC:**

With initial financial support from the Government of Finland, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) pioneered an innovative and dynamic support mechanism: the South East Asia Network of Climate Change Offices (SEAN-CC).

SEAN-CC helps 10 countries overcome the often difficult challenges they face as related to climate change, by accelerating the exchange of ideas and experiences between climate change offices, and through capacity building activities. SEAN-CC contributes to multilateral cooperation and enables its member countries to better engage in the UNFCCC international negotiations, and to adopt integrated approaches for climate-resilient and low-carbon development, domestically. It also reinforces regional cooperation at the ASEAN level.

### **Note on REGATTA:**

With financial support from the Government of Spain, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), pioneered an innovative and dynamic support mechanism: the Regional Gateway for Technology Transfer and Climate Change Action for Latin America and the Caribbean – REGATTA.

REGATTA's objective is to strengthen capacity and knowledge sharing of climate change technologies and experiences for adaptation and mitigation in Latin America and the Caribbean. In this sense, REGATTA pilots the establishment of a regional network of technology centres to support Latin American and Caribbean countries in meeting their technology requirements for low carbon and climate resilient development. This regional Network aims to contribute to the implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in the region.