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ecbi Update



Update from ecbi

The last few months have seen a lot of activity here at ecbi.

In June, we held a seminar in Bonn that focused on climate finance, loss and damage, and adaptation.

We also proposed a share of proceeds for adaptation in the voluntary carbon market, held a webinar on Glasgow and COP27 later this year, and were active at the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies meetings in Bonn, Germany. Plus, we welcomed a new team member, Leila Mead.

More details on each of these can be found in this Update, along with news from members of the ecbi Phase V Management Group (see page 2).

Bonn seminar examines goals on finance & adaptation, loss & damage

ecbi hosted a **seminar in Bonn** on June 12. With 30 invited delegates from the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies meetings, the seminar addressed three major issues: the new collective quantified goal on climate finance; what should happen next in discussions over loss and damage; and the Global Goal on Adaptation. A report on the seminar will be made available in August at: https://ecbi.org/bonn-seminar.

Above photo: Participants at the Bonn

Leila Mead joins ecbi team



seminar

ecbi is delighted to welcome Leila Mead to our growing team. An editor, writer and photographer with the *Earth Negotiations Bulletin*, Leila brings deep knowledge of the UNFCCC process and will manage ecbi's outreach and publications work. For Leila's bio, <u>click here</u>.

OCP and ecbi propose a share of proceeds for adaptation (SOPA) in the voluntary carbon market

ecbi recently facilitated a letter from several key stakeholder groups to promote the idea of a **share of proceeds for adaptation (SOPA)** in the voluntary carbon market. For more on this story, <u>click here</u>.

Webinar assesses Glasgow, looks ahead to COP27

An ecbi webinar in March involved a lively discussion on the impact of COP26, while looking ahead to what needs to happen at COP27 in November. Speakers urged more action on financing, loss and damage, and adaptation. For more, click here.



Above photo: Bonn Mayor Katja Dörner and ecbi Director Professor Benito Müller during the UNFCCC SBs in June

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ecbi Director, Professor Benito Müller, has received recognition for his work in the UNFCCC process from Swiss Minister Simonetta Sommaruga (right). In a letter earlier this year, Minister Sommaruga thanks him for his "high level of engagement" and "tireless efforts", in particular with regard to the success achieved at COP 26 in Glasgow on the issue of Common Time Frames for NDCs. For more information, click here.

About ecbi

ecbi was launched in 2005 to support capacity and trust building activities and address the lack of a level playing field between delegations, both North-South and South-South, in the UNFCCC process.

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News from the Management Group

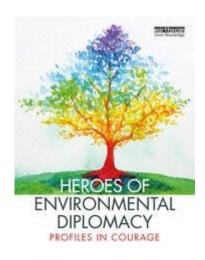
ecbi Director **Benito Müller** has recently published a number of articles and blog posts, including on <u>safeguarding</u> <u>social integrity</u> in the voluntary carbon market.

Saleemul Huq and Mizan Khan, who lead ecbi's Training and Support Programme, have coauthored an article with Professor Müller entitled "Just Transition: Response Measures on Loss and Damage." It proposes that the UN climate negotiations include adaptation measures in its just transition considerations under impacts of response measures in fora such as the Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures. It also suggests housing the safeguarding of social workplace justice in the face of adverse climate impacts under the loss and damage discussions, as dealt with in bodies such as the Santiago Network.

Professors Huq and Khan also recently co-wrote policy briefs on a Just Transition for Bangladesh, and on Climate-Resilient Migrant-Friendly Towns, in collaboration with colleagues from the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD).

Pedro Moura Costa, Deputy Head of ecbi's Fellowship and Trust-building Programme, recently penned an article on "Corresponding Adjustments and their Impact on NDCs and Additionality" for Ecosystem Marketplace. He also co-wrote an opinion piece, published on Carbon Pulse, entitled: "We must protect intact forests, but CORSIA got it wrong". The article assesses eligible offsets under CORSIA--the carbon offset and reduction scheme for international aviation.

Finally, he recently wrote an article on voluntary carbon markets as a basis for international climate cooperation, published on LinkedIn (in Spanish).



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Christoph Schwarte, who leads ecbi's Legal Support Unit, and deputy Pascale Bird, contributed to two recent papers by LRI:
"Operationalizing the Global Goal on Adaptation"; and an Article 6 carbon markets explainer.

They also prepared an updated version of the **Paris Agreement A-Z App**, which is available from <u>Apple Store</u> and from <u>Google Play</u>.

A new book co-authored by ecbi's Chris Spence was published in June. Heroes of Environmental Diplomacy: Profiles in Courage (Routledge Press, UK), explores the role of individuals in multilateral negotiations. It reveals how treaties such as the Montreal Protocol, Ramsar Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement were born, and casts light on other key areas, such as the fight to protect whales and create the SDGs. It is available now from Routledge and other booksellers.

Chris also recently penned an article with Felix Dodds on the selection of **the next UNFCCC Executive Secretary**, published by *IPS News Agency*. For more, <u>click here</u>.