



## CLIMATE STRATEGIES NUGGETS

### Climate Strategies policy briefs series

This new series presents innovative climate policy research outputs by Climate Strategies members. The third policy brief was published mid-May 2016 'Negotiating the New Climate Finance Accounting Systems' <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/negotiating-the-new-climate-finance-accounting-systems/>. The brief outlines how significant political challenges await negotiators on the road toward the elaboration of robust accounting modalities for climate finance, and aims to facilitate future discussions on that matter.

The paper discusses two different purposes of a climate finance accounting system: the assessment of developed countries' financial effort toward developing countries' adaptation and mitigation on the one hand and the assessment of overall resources devoted to climate activities in developing countries or in the whole world on the other hand. The paper outlines how these different purposes have important implications for the features of the accounting systems that need to be built.

Also part of the policy brief series:

- **CS Policy Brief 1: Finance for the Paris Climate Compact**

<http://climatestrategies.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CS-PB1-Finance-for-Paris-Climate-Compact-final-.pdf>

- **CS Policy Brief 2: Strengthening Accountability under the 2015 Climate Change Agreement**

<http://climatestrategies.org/publication/strengthening-accountability-under-the-2015-climate-change-agreement/>

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### Best of Climate Policy Journal



Now available online for FREE download 'Learning from the 2020 Strategy: New governance mechanisms and regional cooperation in European

energy policy'. The Special Issue focuses on the on key elements of energy governance and covers aspects of both regional cooperation and EU level processes.

All seven articles plus the editorial will be available online with Open Access (free to all readers) here: <http://goo.gl/3w7211>.

Some of the articles you will find in this issue:

- **Shaping the 'Energy Union': between national positions and governance innovation in EU energy and climate policy.**

- **An offshore wind union? Diversity and convergence in European offshore wind governance.**

- **Situational analysis of EU renewable energy legislation**

- **Sharing the gains from EU-Western Balkan renewable electricity cooperation.**

**WEBPAGE:** <http://climatestrategies.org/climate-policy-journal/>

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### New research ideas to implement the Paris Agreement

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I am very delighted to be chairing this year's flagship Global Climate Policy Conference (GCPC), scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 13 & 14th of July 2016. This year's event will focus on 'Implementing the Paris Agreement: New Research Solutions for Developing Countries.' Convened by Climate Strategies yearly, it provides a platform for researchers, policy makers and practitioners to discuss and develop novel ideas to help advance action on climate change.

The comprehensive and universal nature of the Paris Agreement represents a crucial step in tackling global climate change. However much support is still needed to help developing countries deliver on their pledges. Specifically, there is a need to explore suitable approaches to help countries implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) especially in the context of critical technology and capacity gaps as well as grossly inadequate international climate finance.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Climate Strategies, Uongozi Insitute and Konrad Adenauer Foundation are organising the 3rd Global Climate Policy Conference 'Implementing the Paris Agreement: New Research Solutions for Developing Countries' on Wednesday and Thursday 13th & 14th of July, 2016 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The GCPC 2016 will focus on how to advance climate action in developing countries, with a particular emphasis on the African continent - which has the least responsibility for climate change and yet faces the most risk associated with a rapidly changing global climate.

I am excited at the opportunity this conference offers for researchers living and working in African and other developing countries to exchange ideas with negotiators and other policy makers to work out cutting-edge solutions. The conference is also a veritable platform for capacity building as it will provide opportunities for identifying and building the talent of prospective international researchers from developing countries.



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The agenda will consist of two plenary sessions (on NDCs implementation and adaptation) on day one and will be informed by submissions by researchers. Day two will focus on issues relevant to Africa, e.g. access to finance, capacity building and engagement of civil society, relevance of carbon markets, technology, transformational pathways.

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## HIGHLIGHTS ON PROJECTS

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### Paris Agreement: how it happened and what next. With a special focus on the role of non state actors

This new joint paper with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung was published in early May 2016. The report is organised into four parts: an overview of the Paris Agreement and the new global climate system it has introduced; a reflection from of an engaged city-state – Singapore, on how the Paris outcome was achieved and what now has to be done; a description of the new world of international non-state groupings with two key examples of groups of world cities; and a reflection on city-based action by a major city in the developing world. The report highlights the need to move beyond the sole focus on nation state targets and timetables, as success will need a broader base of action and a bottom-up approach.



**WEBPAGE:** <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/paris-agreement-how-it-happened-and-what-next-with-a-special-focus-on-the-role-of-non-state-actors/>

### Coal transition in major coal-using countries

This new exciting project funded by KR Foundation will be jointly led by Climate Strategies and IDDRI. This transdisciplinary and international effort aims at linking and reinforcing policy, research and advocacy on coal transition in different countries (Australia, China, Germany, India, Poland and South Africa). It will link to other initiatives focusing on coal (e.g. on the investor side), to boost international dialogue and lesson-learning on coal transition. The project's webpage will soon be available.

### Evaluating peace and reconciliation to address historical responsibility within international climate negotiations

This CS-led project has over the past year been attempting to evaluate the lessons that "Peace and Reconciliation" processes may have for the post-Paris Agreement climate regime, supported by the KR Foundation. We recently organised a workshop in partnership with KAS to identify which transitional justice 'tools' could be applicable in the climate context. Many of the mechanisms and tools examined in this project

do not fit the climate context perfectly if merely copied from existing mechanisms. However, lessons from transitional justice experiences could be used to inform the analysis and design of components within the climate context. The third and final workshop in May 2016 - "Equity after Paris" - is organised in collaboration with the Centre for Development Research (ZEF). Participants will discuss potential concrete applications of the tools identified (e.g. indirect mechanisms like human rights amnesties, truth commissions or prosecutions; as well as more direct ones like long term support mechanisms, and reparations).

**PUBLICATIONS:** For more information about the outputs of this projects please read our NEW policy summary 'Transitional Justice Insights for International Climate Policy' <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/transitional-justice-insights-for-international-climate-policy/> and other publications related to this project here: <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/transitional-justice-in-the-climate-context/>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Workshop 'Equity after Paris', Bonn, 18th of May 2016. To register please email [info@climatestrategies.org](mailto:info@climatestrategies.org)

**WEBPAGE:** <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/evaluating-peace-and-reconciliation-in-international-climate-negotiations/>

### Making the international trade system work for climate change

This project focuses on climate and trade policy, including how to implement fair and effective border carbon adjustments (BCA), and how to challenge fossil fuel subsidies. The first workshop of the project 'Designing Boarder Adjustments for Climate Protection' will be organised at DIE in Bonn on the 25th of May 2016 during the climate change negotiations. An introductory report and the first policy brief will be published after the event. These will include an overview of best practices in BCA design, including a set of principles for designing them in a way that minimises the risk of violating free trade rules. The policy brief will include suggestions for how the trade system could accommodate such best practices. Updates, events and publications will be available on our website.

**WEBPAGE:** <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/making-the-international-trading-system-work-for-climate-change/>



## HIGHLIGHTS ON PROJECTS AND RECENT REPORTS

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### Carbon emission mitigation by consumption-based accounting and policy (Carbon-CAP)

This project explores consumption based – accounting (CBA) and policies. Climate Strategies and other consortium members recently published the project's second policy brief on 'Acceptance of Consumption-based Climate Policy Instruments and Implementation Challenges', which can be found here: <http://goo.gl/IN7dY9>. The policy brief presents the assessment of approximately 30 policy instruments with the potential to change the carbon emissions associated with consumer purchases. The project is now starting the final six months of research and activities and will produce a roadmap for consumption-based policy implementation in various industry sectors.

**PUBLICATIONS:** All deliverables and papers can be found here: <http://www.carboncap.eu/index.php/news-media/reports>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

3rd Carbon CAP Stakeholder Workshop 'Policy Roadmap and Implementation for Consumption-based Emission Accounting', Brussels, 11th of October 2016. For more information please email [info@climatestrategies.org](mailto:info@climatestrategies.org)

**WEBPAGE:** [www.carboncap.eu](http://www.carboncap.eu)

### Inclusion of consumption in emissions trading

In this project CS explored whether inclusion of domestic sales of selected energy intensive commodities (e.g. steel) in domestic emission trading schemes is an effective and feasible approach towards restoring the carbon price signal in these sectors without damaging competitiveness. A final policy report is set to be launched at an event hosted at the European Parliament in Brussels on the 24th of May 2016. For more information contact [info@climatestrategies.org](mailto:info@climatestrategies.org).

**PUBLICATIONS/WEBPAGE:** Please visit the project webpage where you can find the link to all reports and policy briefs: <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/inclusion-of-consumption-in-emissions-trading/>

### The EU 2030 framework for climate change policy

The objective of this project was to provide robust policy analysis to support the development and implementation of various elements of the European Union's 2030 climate and energy package. The report on governance on 'Options to streamline and enhance existing EU energy legislation to meet 2030 goals and facilitate governance' led by VUB Brussels was published in December 2015 and updated in March 2016.

It analysed how reformed existing EU energy law can be used as a basis for implementing the EU's 2030 energy goals and (governance) objectives <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/streamlining-for-performance/>.

This project contributed to developing consensus and new ways of thinking about key issues in EU energy policy, such as the role of the EU ETS, the role of energy efficiency in energy security, and approaches to EU energy governance, within EU think tank and industry community, and policy makers.

**WEBPAGE:** <http://climatestrategies.org/projects/the-eu-2030-framework-for-climate-and-energy-policies/>

### Mobilising and transferring knowledge on post-2012 climate policy (POLIMP)

This project created a web platform to function as a knowledge hub on climate change and energy policy, the 'POLIMP Climate Info Hub' <http://climatepolicyinfohub.eu/>. The project's final workshop, held at the end of April 2016 in Brussels, discussed mutual learnings from global climate policy and the EU climate change policy post-Paris 2015. It also identified key research priorities for the implementation of the Paris Agreement (e.g. the role of cities, a global carbon price and the governance mechanism around the implementation of INDCs).

**WEBPAGE:** [www.polimp.eu](http://www.polimp.eu)

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