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. The Agreement represents a key moment in the international climate negotiations. It is crucial that negotiators ensure that the financial mechanisms are in place to support developing countries in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Therefore, it is important to explore suitable approaches to help developing countries deliver on their pledges.

The GCPC 2016 will focus on how to advance climate action in developing countries, with a particular emphasis on the African continent. The Conference will provide a platform for researchers to share their findings and discuss how to advance climate action in developing countries. The Conference will also focus on the operationalization of the Paris Agreement. Specifically, the Conference will focus on how to implement the Paris Agreement’s provisions on finance, technology, transformational pathways, and capacity building. The Conference will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 13th to 14th July 2016.

For more information, please visit the Conference website: climatepolicyinfohub.eu
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 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.


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/IN7ky9. 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

WEBPAGE: www.carboncap.eu

Inclusion of consumption in emissions trading

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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.


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

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 KAiO 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.


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UPCOMING EVENTS: Workshop ‘Equity after Paris’, Bonn, 18th of May 2016. To register please email info@climatestrategies.org


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Coal transition in major coal-using countries

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This 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).


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