



ecbi Update



Update from ecbi

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

In January, we officially started the latest phase of our work with publication of our new report, [COP26 Key Outcomes](#).

We also responded to a UNFCCC request for submissions on a new global goal on climate finance, welcomed several new team members, and celebrated a noteworthy honour bestowed on one of our Programme Heads.

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

[New report assesses COP26, the year ahead](#)

Did COP26 in Glasgow save or doom us? What needs to happen next? Our latest report, [COP26 Key Outcomes](#), assessed the Glasgow Climate Summit on the level of political ambition it achieved as well as what it delivered on finance, loss and damage, transparency, common time frames, Article 6, and adaptation. It also looked at what was left unfinished in Glasgow and what needs to happen in 2022 and beyond.

[ecbi welcomes new members to its Phase V Management Group](#)

ecbi warmly welcomes [Chris Spence](#) and [Leonie Gordon](#) to the team. Chris joins as ecbi's new head of the Publications and Outreach Unit, and Leonie as his Deputy and ecbi's website curator. Both bring extensive experience of international environmental policy and law, having both worked with Earth Negotiations Bulletin and consulted with various UN agencies and secretariats over many years.

[ecbi and OCP propose a collective, public-sector goal on adaptation grant finance](#)

OCP and ecbi have responded to a UNFCCC request for submissions on climate financing with a proposal for a new, collective, and quantified public-sector goal on adaptation grant finance. The ecbi/OCP submission suggests a specific goal for adaptation grant finance that would help address the urgent need for more predictable financial resources and increased funding for adaptation in developing countries. The full submission, which was based on a [blog post by the ecbi Director Benito Müller](#), has been posted on the UNFCCC website.



ecbi also bids a fond farewell to Anju Sharma, who steps down after more than a decade running our publications and outreach. Anju recently joined the Global Center on Adaptation and departs ecbi with the immense gratitude of everyone involved for her brilliant contribution over the past 12 years.



News from the Management Group

Congratulations to **Professor Saleemul Huq**, Head of ecbi's Training and Support Programme, for being awarded an OBE in the UK's latest New Year's Honours List. He received the honour for services to combatting international climate change. Professor Huq also continues to publish extensively, including a series of articles by Professor Huq and colleagues reflecting on COP26 and published in the Climate Tribune (a publication of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in collaboration with the Dhaka Tribune newspaper).



ecbi Director Prof **Benito Müller** has recently published a number of articles and blog posts, including on a **new collective goal on climate finance**, on **rethinking air travel** to make it more sustainable, and on **Enough with the Madness!**—containing some creative suggestions for how to address the unsustainable growth of COP participant numbers.

Pedro Moura Costa, Deputy Head of ecbi's Fellowship and Trust-building Programme, contributed to a new paper as part of the VCM Global Dialogue, **The Voluntary Carbon Market as a Catalyst of Climate Ambition in Developing Countries: Vision and Action Agenda**. He also wrote an article on **Voluntary Carbon Markets: The investment perspective**, for the *Environmental Finance* news service (subscription required).

Deputy Head of ecbi's Legal Support Unit **Pascale Bird** wrote an article in November 2021, **Insight into the climate negotiations**, which provides background information on the UNFCCC process, life as a negotiator, and information on the current gender balance at COPs.

Mizan Khan, Deputy Head of ecbi's Training and Support Programme, recently co-wrote an article on **Climate change adaptation as a public good: implications for financing**, for the journal *Climate Change*.

Christoph Schwarte, who leads ecbi's Legal Support Unit, contributed to a **reaction to COP26** by the team at Legal Response International (LRI) and to a special edition of the journal *Climate Law*. His **article** focuses on the WTO and the Paris Agreement's Article 6 market mechanisms (note: subscription required to access).

On a slightly different note, **Chris Spence** recently published his first novel, **Rock Happy**. The book has strong environmental themes and is set in a dystopian future where technology has run wild and music offers the only answer. It is available now from many online bookstores.



About ecbi

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