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Welcome

May we wish you all a wonderful Festive Season and a Happy New Year spend with those close to you I urge you to remember to do so in an eco-friendly manner? Let us make this Festive Season a “Green” one. Here are ten ways to make this festive season a more sustainable one.

<http://www.greenpeace.org/africa/en/News/news/A-Greener-Christmas/>

As we approach the end of another year, I thought it would be good to have a quick review on the year 2016.

The low being the on-going drought and a further delay (expected now in 2018) in the implementation of the SA Carbon Tax and the corresponding Carbon Offset Program. However the silver “lining” is that various elements such as the carbon offset administration system and relief mechanisms have been developed during 2016.

A major highlight though was the ratification of the Paris Agreement which was achieved in a record time and further solidified in Marrakech at COP 22. Does this provide us with evidence that the tipping point has been reached and Global Governments are now truly recognizing the real impacts of Climate Change and now will to commit to change?

Let's hope this Leads to seeing more implementation of adaptation and mitigation initiative and less talking and empty commitments.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Konica Minolta** as they move towards achieving Carbon Neutrality for 2016 with the aid of Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA) one of Carbon Protocol Offset providers.

Congratulation to **Venns Attorneys** who will be for the 3rd year achieving their Carbon Neutrality with the help of the Carbon Protocol of South Africa.

Special Thanks

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ENS Africa and Douw Jordaan and the team at Good Cloud. Without your legal and e-media support the challenges we have faced would have been far greater over the past years.

Thank you from us all!

What is new

The Carbon Protocol has a new **Eco-Label (Type II) logo** platform to be launched before the end of 2016. Watch this space and our website for more details - www.carbonprotocol.org

Carbon Protocol is concluding the first **VCS Green Grouped Project** for Afforestation and Reforestation credits. If you are interested in finding our more please contact me on 0610808589 or by email on kevin@carbonprotocol.org

Outcome of COP 22 in Marrakech solidifying the Paris Agreement

1. The parties adopted 35 decisions, mostly related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
2. The decisions set 2018 as the deadline for developing a rulebook for the implementation of the Agreement, based on transparency and accountability.
3. The parties decided that the Adaptation Fund, which was created in 2001, will serve the Agreement.
4. They adopted a five-year work plan for the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.
5. The parties endorsed the Marrakech Action Proclamation, which reaffirms their commitment to implementing the Paris Agreement.
6. They established the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, a platform that facilitates the involvement of non-state actors in pre-2020 climate action.
7. Outside the formal negotiations, the 'Climate Vulnerable Forum', a group of **48 developing countries**, declared their intention to switch to 100 % renewable energy between 2030 and 2050. Canada, Germany, Mexico, and the USA laid out strategies for decarbonising their economies by 2050, with more countries to follow.

Carbon Protocol Eco-Label (Type II)

In response to the increased awareness of climate change The Carbon Protocol of South Africa wants to recognize the steps taken by various project developers, not just those involved in carbon credits. Due to direct and repeated requests for support in this regard the Carbon Protocol of South Africa would support informative environmental self-declarations with a new and dedicated platform on our website www.carbonprotocol.org. This Eco-Label platform would allow for informative Self-declared Environmental Claims (Type II environmental labelling).



Type II environmental labels support positive environmental action and create awareness regarding environmental initiatives while informing the general public on environmentally responsible alternatives. The Carbon Protocol of South Africa recommends the use of SANS 14021:1999/ISO14021:1999 (Environmental Labels and Declarations) standard as a suitable standard for Type II environmental labels.



If you require further information on how to get this recognition and use of the Carbon Protocol Eco-Label Logo please contact Kevin on 0610808589 or_email him on kevin@carbonprotocol.org

Conclusion

If you have any news you wish to share with us please forward to me at kevin@carbonprotocol.org

See you in the New Year 2017 and look forward to supporting you as we move towards and into the low carbon economy.