CALL FOR PAPERS

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CORE ISSUE: CLIMATE ACTION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 2030 AGENDA.
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1. PRESENTATION OF THE CENTRAL THEME

Energy and development are closely related. The history of development runs parallel to the history of the ways in which energy is generated and used. The revolution brought about by the steam engine in the 18th century involved the transformation of heat energy into mechanical energy. Until that time, work capacity came primarily from the calories ingested by humans and pack animals. To a lesser extent, the energy of wind, water or gravity was harnessed to move windmills, ships or to move loads using pulley systems.

First coal and then oil have enabled industries to work, goods and people to be transported and cities to grow. However, according to the IPCC, the use of fossil fuels and agriculture have been the main causes of the increase in greenhouse gases over the last 250 years. Climate action is about rethinking both systems for innovations and models that not only curb and reduce these emissions, but also act as carbon sinks. The challenge is to accelerate the transition to an affordable, reliable and sustainable energy system. The keys to this are investing in renewable energy resources, prioritising the most efficient energy generation and management practices, adopting clean energy technologies and infrastructures, and moving towards low-emission, carbon-fixing agri-food systems.

The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping the global temperature rise this century below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. In addition to this challenge, 1.2 billion people still live without electricity and more than 2.8 billion use polluting fuels for cooking and heating, which impacts their health, productivity and quality of life.

In this sense, the 2030 Agenda responds transversally to the central theme of this monograph. Although SDG 7 and SDG 13 explicitly set out the goals to be achieved in this area by 2030, the interrelations with the other SDGs show that sustainable development requires sustainable energy and agri-food systems.
2. OBJECTIVE

The aim of this publication is to expand and contribute to improving knowledge on climate action and renewable energy in the context of the 2030 Agenda. From theoretical and academic debates on the subject to reflections on the challenges and solutions in the field of development cooperation from the point of view of SDGs 7 and 13. The focus will be on proposals aimed at promoting the use of renewable energies, energy efficiency, clean energy technologies and strategies in the agri-food sector to combat climate change and its effects in the field of international development cooperation.

3. POSSIBLE THEMATIC LINES FOR THE ORIENTATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

In this framework, the call is open for academic reflections, successful cases, good practices and empirical evidence of:

I. Initiatives to improve the design, implementation and monitoring of actions oriented to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related risks and natural disasters in all countries.

II. Climate change measures in national policies, strategies and plans in the field of housing, industry, transport, agriculture or waste management.

III. Experiences in improving education, awareness and human and institutional capacity for climate change mitigation, adaptation, reduction and early warning.

IV. Mechanisms to build capacity for effective climate change planning and management in least developed countries, with particular emphasis on women, youth and local and marginalised communities.

V. Experiences in ensuring access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.

VI. Clean cooking fuels.

VII. Agricultural practices that reduce emissions or contribute to carbon sequestration.

VIII. Climate change mitigation and adaptation experiences.

IX. Renewable energy applications in the field of development cooperation.

X. Experiences in improving energy efficiency in countries.

The proposals must analyse the theoretical approaches and connect with the critical (successful) factors related to the technological, institutional and organisational dimensions of these experiences, reflecting, where possible, on their potential for scaling up.

4. KEY DATES

Submission of originals: Until July 12, 2021
Acceptance replies: Until September 17, 2021
Release: December 2021

5. HOW TO SEND THE ARTICLES

The articles shall be sent to the following e-mail address: redc@ucm.es
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- The article without identification of authorship.
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Articles must strictly conform to the REDC style guidelines (available at the end of this document).

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

All articles will be subject to external blind peer review.

The results of the evaluations will be communicated during the week of 13-17 September 2021. Depending on the case, the text may be returned to the author for revision or corrections according to the suggestions made by the external evaluations.

Final acceptance will be given when the article has passed the two external evaluations, changes suggested by these evaluations are done and the article is adapted to the style standards of the REDC.

7. PUBLICATION

The monograph will be published in December 2021 in digital format and in open access. The language of publication is Spanish.

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