About Civil Society Readiness to Green Climate Fund project

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has the ambition to become the most important multilateral instrument in climate finance. Africa will be a focus region for the GCF early on. As it is unlikely that the intended paradigm shift towards low-emissions and climate-resilient economies and societies (GCF founding mandate) can be achieved without broad civil society (CS) engagement, the project seeks to scale-up existing CS capacities to advocate for ambitious proposals, bring on-the-ground expertise to the table, help embed GCF-funded activities in a broader societal support for transformation and increase accountability of national authorities.

Project Objectives

1. Preparing/testing readiness materials facilitating CSO engagement;
2. Supporting CSO engagement in key African countries (primarily those with early GCF projects);
3. Sharing of experiences at regional and global scale supporting expanded CSO engagement in Africa and beyond.

About Green Climate Fund

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a new global fund created to support the efforts of developing countries to respond to the challenge of climate change. GCF helps developing countries limit or reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change. It seeks to promote a “paradigm shift to low-emission and climate-resilient development”, taking into account the needs of nations that are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts. It was set up by the 194 countries who are parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2010, as part of the Convention’s financial mechanism. It aims to deliver equal amounts of funding to mitigation and adaptation, while being guided by the Convention’s principles and provisions.

What we aim to achieve

- **Enhanced CSO Capacity**
  - To engage in a critical and constructive way with governments and relevant institutions

- **Knowledge and Information sharing**
  - To be used by CSO in their regional and national activities

- **Policy Influence**
  - Experiences and lessons learnt to be shared regionally and globally for inclusion in policy processes

Modalities of GCF access

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<td>NDAs or focal points</td>
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**Pledges US $10.3 BILLION**

GCF Pledges
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CSO INVOLVEMENT IN GCF

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO’s) TO ENGAGE IN THE GCF?

Is it gender-responsive? Will communities profit directly from its funding? How will civil society groups find out if the GCF is funding a project in their country or community? These are some of the questions that CSO’s in developing countries need information about in a straightforward understandable language (https://us.boell.org/2016/03/02/fact-sheets-civil-society-green-climate-fund)

CSO CAPACITY

- Technical capacity to engage with national GCF structures and stakeholders?
- Coordination/management in engagement, knowledge and information sharing
- Feedback mechanisms to track benefits and impacts to vulnerable communities
- Capacity to tap into GCF funding and other funding sources nationally and internationally

GCF FEATURES

- Balanced Portfolio
- Engagement
- Innovative Framework
- Financial Instruments
- Country ownership
- Unlocking private finance

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