



GREEN
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FUND

STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH THE CARIBBEAN

6-9 November 2018
St. George's, Grenada

TARGET AUDIENCE

GCF partners in the Caribbean:

- National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and Focal Points
- GCF Board members and Advisors
- Heads of State and Ministers of countries in the Caribbean, including senior government officials from Ministries of Finance, Climate Change, and National Planning
- Accredited/Nominated Entities and Readiness Delivery Partners
- Other relevant stakeholders, civil society, private sector and development partners

OBJECTIVES

Held in the context of the GCF Strategic Plan (2016), the first Structured Dialogue with the Caribbean took place in Placencia, Belize on 19-22 June 2017. This initial engagement helped accelerate the design of ambitious projects and programmes that conform with countries' climate action aspirations and to the GCF mandate; some of which have since been approved by the GCF. Building on these efforts and achievements, the second Structured Dialogue with the Caribbean will take place on 6-9 November 2018 in St. George's, Grenada, aiming to catalyse greater regional cooperation to address the challenges of climate change in the Caribbean.

In so doing, this year's Structured Dialogue will provide an opportunity to reflect on progress and capture lessons learned towards: strengthening and streamlining implementation; exploring further investment opportunities including with the private sector; fostering sustainable country ownership and programming; and building effective partnerships.

Specifically, the programme will focus on:

- Increasing understanding of the GCF's modalities and the strategic opportunities for Caribbean countries;
- Understanding countries' needs and take stock of progress achieved since the last Caribbean Structured Dialogue;
- Updating the regional roadmap for strategic engagement with the GCF;
- Enhancing the country ownership of GCF Projects and accelerating strategic country programming to build sustainable, climate-resilient societies;
- Enhancing private sector engagement in the GCF portfolio targeting immediate opportunities presented by Caribbean countries; and
- Providing a platform for sharing best practices and lessons learned among NDAs, AEs and other stakeholders.

DAY ONE

High-Level Segment

Tuesday, 6 November 2018

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:45 **Session 1: Opening Session**

The GCF and the Government of Grenada, as hosts, welcome participants and set the tone for the week's events.

HE Dr Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, Grenada
Mr Jorge Ferrer, Alternate Board Member, GCF
Mr Javier Manzanares, Executive Director a.i., GCF

09:45 - 10:30 **Session 2: Setting the Context**

This introductory session provides the context and sets the scene for the Structured Dialogue with brief remarks from the host country's National Designated Authority and the GCF, after which other participants will be invited to share their expectations of the event.

HE Mr Simon Stiehl, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management, Information, Grenada
Mr George Jacob, President & CEO, BAY.ORG
Climate and Ocean Conservation: Raising Ambitious and Innovative projects
Mr Clifford Polycarp, Deputy Director of Country Programming, GCF

10:30 - 11:00 **Session 3: Caribbean State-of-Play**
A Snapshot of the Caribbean's Engagement with the Green Climate Fund

Ms Jessica Jacob, Country Dialogue Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, GCF

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break and Official Photograph

11:30 - 13:00 **Session 4: High Level Session**
Caribbean SIDS' Priorities and Ambition for the Green Climate Fund

This session involves the high-level representatives from countries that will present on the Caribbean SIDS' priorities and ambition for the GCF in an upcoming replenishment process. The dialogue considers recent developments and countries' expectations and potential regional cooperation.

Moderator: Mr Javier Manzanares, Executive Director a.i., GCF

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 5: Experience Exchange on the Green Climate Fund's Progress in the Region**

Countries and entities from the region share experiences and lessons learned in engaging with the GCF to date.

Moderator: Mr Mitch Carpen, Head of Risk Management and Compliance, GCF

Empowering Countries: Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

Mr Titus Antoine, Senior Project Officer, Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economic Development and Physical Development, Grenada

Getting Accredited: Direct Access Accreditation and Support

Ms Sharon Lindo, Policy Adviser, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
Ms Nayari Diaz-Perez, Executive Director, Protected Areas Conservation Trust, Belize

Project Funding and Implementation

Mr Leroy Martinez, Economist, Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce, Belize
Ms Kelly Hunte, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Barbados

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 **Session 6: Lessons Learned from Country Programming**

Countries that have recently developed and/or embarked upon a GCF Country Programme are invited to share experiences and lessons learned from the process to date in a panel discussion.

Moderator: Mr Douglas Leys, General Counsel, GCF

Ms Gail Imhoff-Gordon, Senior Public Financial Management Officer, Ministry of Finance, Antigua and Barbuda
Ms Una May Gordon, Principal Director, Climate Change Division, Jamaica
Dr Rhianna Murphy, Senior Environmental Officer, Ministry of Environment and Housing, The Bahamas
Ms Marcelle Edwards-John, Deputy Director of Planning (ag.), Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

18:00 - 20:00 **Reception Hosted by the Government of Grenada**

Welcoming Remarks: HE Dr Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, Grenada

DAY TWO

Regional Technical Workshop

Wednesday, 7 November 2018

09:00 - 09:30 **Session 7: Key Takeaways from the High-level Segment**

The GCF presents the key takeaways from the high-level segment and outline the dynamic of the day.

Moderator: Mr Clifford Polycarp, Deputy Director of Country Programming, GCF

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 8: Updates on the Outcomes of the 2017 Structured Dialogue**

This session takes stock of progress made in relation to the priority initiatives identified at the 2017 Caribbean Structured Dialogue.

Moderator: Mr Mahendra Saywack, Associate Professional for the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Desk, GCF

Mobilizing Private Sector Engagement in the Caribbean Region

Ms Una May Gordon, Principal Director, Climate Change Division, Jamaica

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Session 8: Updates on the Outcomes of the 2017 Structured Dialogue (cont'd)**

Strengthening the Capacity and Pipeline of Direct Access Entities at the Regional Level

Dr Donneil Cain, Project Development Specialist, CCCCC

Building a Regional Platform to Manage Climate Risk

Ms Neranda Maurice-George, Regional Advisor for the Caribbean, GCF
Regional Readiness Proposal on 'Improving Climate Change Risk Management and Resilience in the Caribbean'

Mr Kapa Solaun, Partner and General Director, Factor Ideas
Findings: Study on Adaptation Priorities in the Caribbean

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 - 15:00 **Session 9: Breakout Sessions on Priority initiatives and next steps**

Three parallel breakout sessions on the priority initiatives are conducted to further advance progress and identify areas for additional strategic support.

TOPIC 1:
**Mobilizing Private Sector
Engagement in the
Caribbean Region**

Mr Thomas Bishop,
Associate Professional,
Private Sector Facility,
GCF

TOPIC 2:
**Strengthening the
Capacity and Pipeline of
Direct Access Entities at
the Regional Level**

Mr Keith Alger,
Entity Relations
Specialist, GCF

TOPIC 3:
**Enhancing Regional
Collaboration and
Pipeline Development
for Adaptation**

Mr Patrick Van Laake,
Senior Ecosystems
Management
Specialist, GCF

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:30 **Session 10: Accountability at the Green Climate Fund**

Integrity in Action: Avoiding Red Flags in Project Procurement

The session focuses on preventing problems and improving accountability in projects. The Independent Integrity Unit presents on how to mainstream integrity in GCF projects by conducting proactive project reviews, including the identification of procurement red flags.

Mr Ibrahim Pam, Head of Independent Integrity Unit, GCF

What Happens When Projects are Not Approved?

Mr Lalanath de Silva, Head of Independent Redress Mechanism, GCF

16:30 - 17:00 **Session 11: GCF Privileges and Immunities**

The General Counsel presents on the GCF privileges and immunities, their scope and relevance for the effective work of the GCF, and how they contribute to a strengthened relationship between GCF and countries.

Mr Douglas Leys, General Counsel, GCF

17:00 - 17:30 **Session 12: Updated Caribbean Roadmap of the Green Climate Fund**

The GCF presents the key outcomes from the breakout sessions followed by an updated roadmap articulating regional priorities (short, medium and long term) for the Caribbean based on the Country Programmes, and discussions during the high-level session. The participants are invited to share and express their priorities as SIDS, and to identify the needs and expectations for the GCF replenishment process.

Moderator: Mr Clifford Polycarp, Deputy Director of Country Programming, GCF

DAY THREE

Regional Technical Workshop

Thursday, 8 November 2018

08:00 - 08:30 Session 13: Report-back on Day 2

The GCF presents the summary of the key takeaways during the technical sessions during day 2 and outlines the dynamic of the day, including a short introduction to the afternoon's parallel clinic sessions.

Moderator: Ms Neranda Maurice-George, Regional Advisor for the Caribbean, GCF

08:30 - 09:30 Session 14: Enhancing Strategic Programming for Effective Pipelines

This session examines the relationship between Country and Entity Work Programmes, and considers the opportunities and approaches to enhance synergies and interactions between different channels of funding.

Moderator: Mr Clifford Polycarp, Deputy Director of Country Programming, GCF

HE Mr Simon Stiell, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management, Information, Grenada

Ms Jessica Jacob, Country Dialogue Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, GCF

Dr Donnell Cain, Project Development Specialist, CCCCC

Mr Keith Alger, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF

Dr Ainka Granderson, Senior Technical Officer, CANARI

09:30 - 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 - 11:00 Session 15: Clinics

A series of parallel clinics focusing on the following work streams are conducted: (a) Project cycle, and (b) Readiness and Preparatory Support.

PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 1:

Country Ownership

The session focuses on the role of National Designated Authorities in the design and implementation of the projects and programmes funded by the GCF.

Mr Andreas Biermann,
Deputy Director and Mitigation
Coordinator, GCF

READINESS CLINIC 1:

Lessons Learned from the GCF's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

An overview of Readiness support and an interactive session to discuss and get feedback on the evaluation of the Readiness Programme

Mr Orville Grey,
Adaptation Planning Specialist, GCF

11:00 - 12:00

**PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 2:
Building the Climate Rationale**

A session dedicated to unpacking the key elements for a project with strong climate rationale, including examples and best practices in the region

Mr Patrick Van Laake,
Senior Ecosystems Management
Specialist, GCF

**READINESS CLINIC 2:
Completing the Readiness Proposal
Template**

An interactive session on completing the readiness proposal template, process overview and associated good practices

Mr Mahendra Saywack,
Associate Professional for the Latin
America and the Caribbean Regional
Desk, GCF

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

**PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 3:
Financial Structuring of Investment**

Public investment versus private sector investment

Mr Mitch Carpen,
Head of Risk Management and
Compliance, GCF

**READINESS CLINIC 3:
Development of Project Pipelines
using GCF Support Tools: The Project
Preparation Facility**

Ms Neranda Maurice-George,
Regional Advisor for the Caribbean, GCF

14:00 - 15:00

**PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 4:
Efficiency and Effectiveness**

Session on key elements to achieve economic and financial soundness of projects and how to leverage additional investments

Mr Yves-Patrick Karangwa,
Associate Professional, Private Sector
Facility, GCF

**READINESS CLINIC 4:
GCF Support for National Adaptation
Planning (NAP)**

This clinic looks at the current GCF readiness support available for adaptation planning and what makes a strong adaptation plan.

Mr Orville Grey,
Adaptation Planning Specialist, GCF

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:30

**PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 5:
Enhancing Implementation, Monitoring
and Reporting of GCF Projects**

This session orients participants on the components of a project lifecycle, including initiation, planning, execution, and closure. It also focuses on the role the Office of Portfolio Management plays in the project lifecycle and provide an overview of the monitoring and reporting tools, both for Readiness and funded activities.

**READINESS CLINIC 5:
The Role of an Accredited Entity and
Understanding the Accreditation Process**

This session will look not only at the role of an Accredited Entity and the accreditation process, but also other roles that organizations may play in working with the GCF (including delivery partners and executing entities).

Mr Keith Alger,
Entity Relations Specialist, GCF

Finally, the session alludes to issues concerning quality at entry, sound implementation and effective monitoring and evaluation plans.

Mr Rajib Ghosal,
Monitoring and Evaluation Senior
Specialist, GCF

16:30 - 17:30

**PROJECT CYCLE CLINIC 6:
Environmental, Social, Gender and
Indigenous People's Considerations in
Climate Change Action**

The session aims to raise awareness on how environmental and social, gender and indigenous peoples' considerations are integrated into climate change actions in general and the operations and decision-making processes of the GCF in particular. The session also addresses issues around handling complaints from project-affected people and the relationship between the Independent Redress Mechanism of the GCF and the redress/accountability mechanisms of Accredited Entities.

Mr Lalanath de Silva,
Head of the Independent Redress
Mechanism, GCF

Mr Clifford Polycarp,
Deputy Director of Country
Programming, GCF

**READINESS CLINIC 6:
Direct Climate Action Platform (DCAP)**

An introduction to the Direct Climate Action Platform (DCAP) that is a global online platform for institutions and experts from across the world to exchange knowledge, share technical expertise and foster capacity building, with the overall aim to empower National Designated Authorities/focal points and Direct Access Entities to address knowledge and capacity gaps to improve the quality of project that aim to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

www.dcap.community

Ms. Jessica Jacob,
Country Dialogue Specialist for Latin
America and the Caribbean, GCF

DAY FOUR

Market Place & Bilateral Meetings

Friday, 9 November 2018

08:00 - 08:30 **Session 16: Report-back on Day 3**

The GCF presents the summary of the key takeaways during the technical sessions during day 3 and outline the dynamic of the day.

Moderator: Ms Neranda Maurice-George, Regional Advisor for the Caribbean, GCF

08:30 - 10:00 **Session 17: Market Place**

The Market Place provides an opportunity for National Designated Authorities and Direct Access Entities to showcase country-owned project ideas for the GCF and receive feedback from stakeholders. This exercise is also intended to help National Designated Authorities identify potential Accredited Entities and other partners that may support further development of their project ideas that have a potential to be presented to the GCF in the future.

10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **Session 17: Market Place (cont'd)**

11:30 - 12:00 **Session 18: Closing Remarks**

HE Dr Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, Grenada
Mr Javier Manzanares, Executive Director a.i., GCF

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 - 17:30 **Bilateral Meetings**

Bilateral meetings for NDAs or focal points with the GCF Secretariat

Countries are invited to meet with the GCF staff, as per scheduled times, providing them an opportunity to ask questions and raise specific issues of national priority (pipeline development, P&I, readiness, etc.). A signup list to book meetings will be available at the registration table from day 1 and finalized at the end of day 2.

Bilateral meetings with Accredited Entities and other participants

Countries selects the Accredited Entities and other stakeholders that they wish to have bilateral meetings to progress their priorities.

19:00 - 21:00 **Closing Dinner Hosted by the Green Climate Fund**

