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Strengthening the climate investment ecosystem | The role of country platforms

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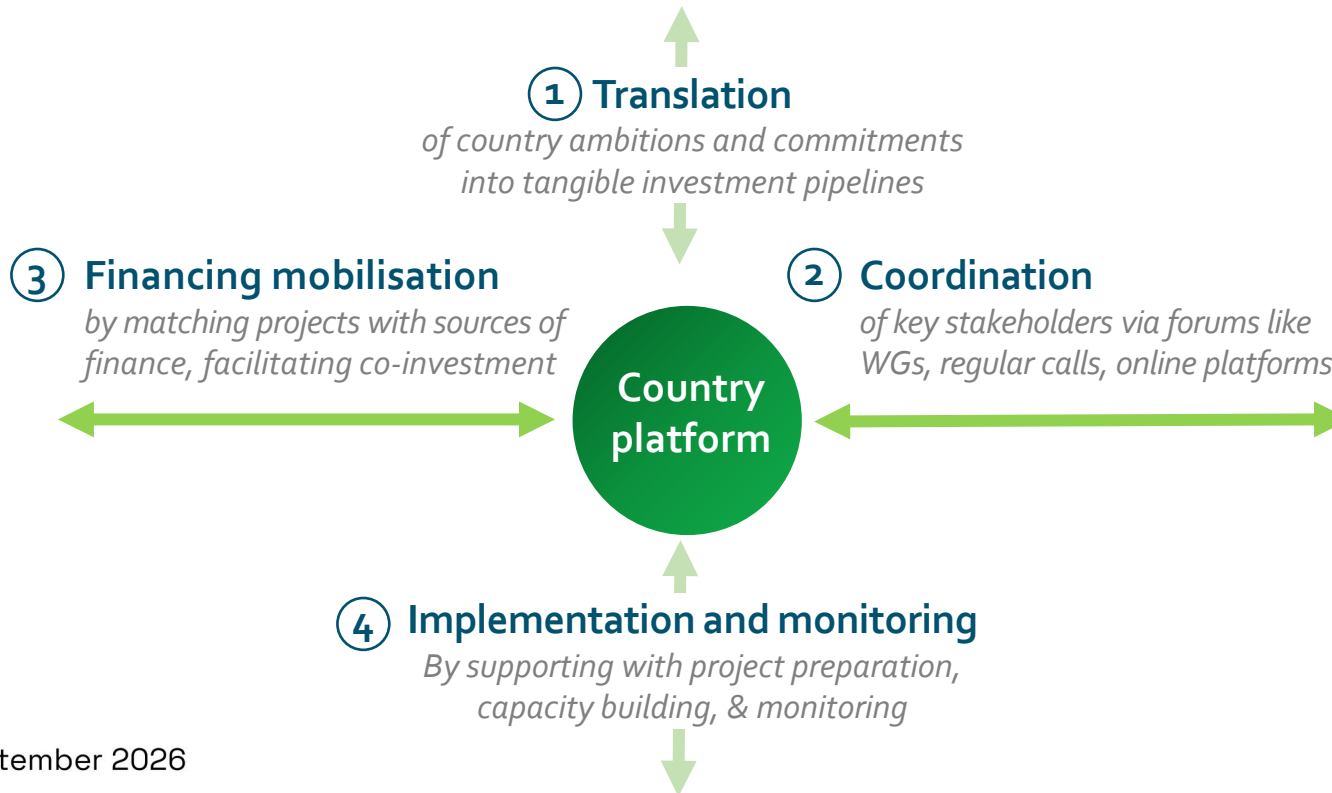
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Defining country platforms

- G20 Saudi Arabia (2020). “G20 reference framework for effective country platforms”:
- “Voluntary **country-level mechanisms**, set out by governments and designed to **foster collaboration** among development partners, based on a shared **strategic vision and priorities**”



Benefits of country platforms



Stronger country ownership

Enable countries to prioritize sectors **where investment is most urgently needed** and to **align large-scale financing** behind those priorities, while empowering **governments to lead climate transitions**



Supporting systemic transitions

Move **beyond fragmented, project-by-project efforts** by enabling countries to build large, **strategic, investment-ready pipelines**, backed by policy reforms to attract and sustain long-term finance



Increased access to finance and mobilisation

Allow for **mobilizing financing at scale** by connecting **projects with financing sources**, creating investment-ready pipelines, and supporting a **stable policy environment**, while facilitating **co-investment and blended finance** arrangements to crowd in private capital



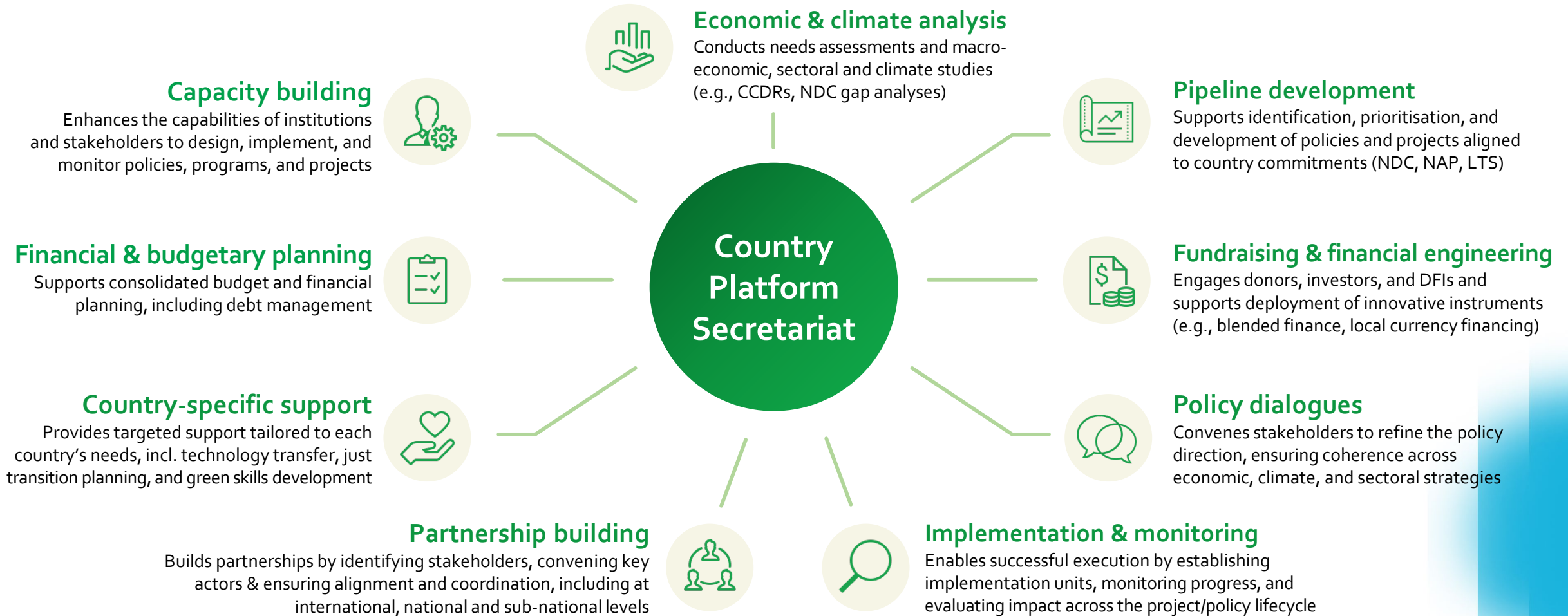
Enhanced coordination & efficiency

Bring together government agencies, international partners, development banks, and the private sector, supporting **more effective collaboration**, reducing duplication, **aligning funding streams**, and lowering administrative burdens

Various models possible, with 6 key principles as guardrails

- 1 Alignment to national priorities** | Country platforms should be country-owned and -led. This must include strong alignment with **national commitments and priorities** (e.g., NDCs, NAPs, LTS) and government buy-in
- 2 Inclusivity** | They should engage **diverse stakeholders** (including government, financiers, private sector, multilateral agencies, civil society), ensuring **broad participation** and **equitable representation**
- 3 Access to finance** | Country platforms must have strong **connectivity to diverse financing sources** and ability to mobilise the **right types of finance**—including concessional funding—at **sufficient scale**
- 4 Tailored** | Platforms should be tailored to **unique country contexts** (including to country needs like just transition planning, green skills development, technology transfer) and adaptable to **evolving circumstances**
- 5 Strong governance** | They should include **well-defined governance mechanisms** and be based on cross-sectoral national coordination platforms to ensure effective, balanced decision-making
- 6 Monitoring capacity** | Strong **monitoring, evaluation, and learning** capabilities should be integrated to track progress, assess effectiveness, and adjust strategies accordingly

A menu of activities – to be tailored to country contexts



Partnering with the GCF | Available support



Readiness Programme

Offers **grant-based support** for the **set-up and/or strengthening of country platforms**, including platform secretariats

Examples:

- ✓ Establish governance mechanisms
- ✓ Build secretariat capacity
- ✓ Support stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Fund climate & development assessments



Project Preparation Facility

Offers **financing and technical support** to accredited entities to develop high-quality, **investment-ready project pipelines**

Examples:

- ✓ Support feasibility and technical studies
- ✓ Fund environmental and social assessments
- ✓ Provide project preparation guidelines



Project finance

Offers full **suite of instruments**, including grants, loans, guarantees and equity to **directly invest in projects** prioritized through the platform

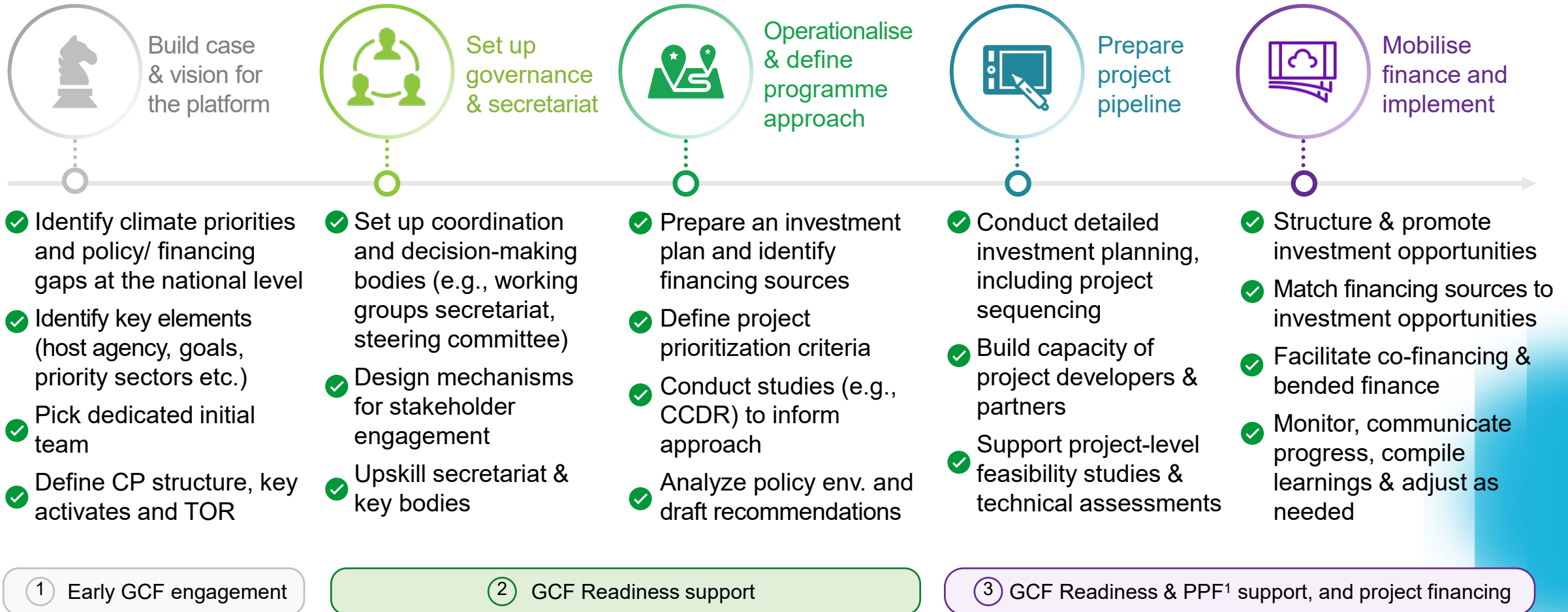
Examples:

- ✓ Deploy concessional financing in line with project needs
- ✓ Facilitate co-financing
- Build capacity of local stakeholders through direct access

Partnering with the GCF

	Commitment to country ownership	UNFCCC mandate to support country-owned and -led strategies , in line with national priorities; assistance tailored to specific country context and needs
	End-to-end support	From Readiness Programme support for country platform design and operationalization ; to pipeline preparation via the Project Preparation Facility; to project finance with a full suite of instruments
	Flexibility	Broad geographical scope and sectoral and thematic coverage , incl. both adaptation and mitigation; full suite of support modalities , incl. Readiness, PPF, project finance (grant, loans, equity, guarantees)
	Experience supporting successful CPs	Track record of supporting successful country platforms (e.g., Brazil's BIP) and ability to share lessons learnt from experience
	Predictability	Offering a stable partnership over multi-year timeframes
	Highly concessional finance	Ability to offer grants (incl. a USD 500 million grants-based capacity-building portfolio) and other affordable financing options; higher risk tolerance allows for effectively de-risking other players

Indicative steps to set up a country platform





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Accessing GCF Readiness support for country platforms

Category	Eligible costs	Non-eligible costs
Human resources	Fees for consultants and experts directly supporting country platforms	Salaries or compensation of government officials, ministerial staff, civil servants, or personnel whose salaries are covered by other funding sources
Technical assistance	Development or enhancement of strategies, policies, procedures, and institutional frameworks directly supporting country platform establishment and operation	Related costs that do not have a direct and demonstrable link to NDCs, NAPs, LTS, and Country Platforms' objectives
Organisational resources	- Stakeholder engagement activities (e.g. multistakeholder dialogue, conference, consultations etc) - Knowledge management, communications, translations - Participation in relevant GCF events (e.g. training, capacity-building)	Other set-up and operational expenses without a direct connection to NDCs, NAPs, LTS, and Country Platforms objectives
Office expenses	Office expenses may be considered during the initial setup of a CP secretariat subject to GCF pre-approval	Routine operational expenses, post the initial set-up of the Country Platforms, such as rent, utilities, and office supplies
IT and equipment	Procurement of project management systems, software, and IT equipment required to establish and operate the CP	Maintenance costs of IT equipment
Travel	Travel essential to fulfil the objectives of the Country Platform operations	Purchase or leasing of vehicles for travel
Workshops & training	Organisation of meetings, training sessions, workshops, exposures and consultations	Workshop, training, capacity building events which are not related to Country Platforms

Eligible costs for GCF Readiness Support



Readiness Financial Window

GCF Readiness Programme has a total grant envelope of over **USD 500 million**.

For each country, the following amounts are available:

- **USD 7 million** if the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) formulation allocation has not been utilised, for integrated use;
- **USD 4 million** if the NAP formulation allocation has been exhausted.

2024-27 Readiness budget will be available until the end of 2027.

See additional Readiness resource here: www.greenclimate.fund/readiness/country-window.

For enquires on the Readiness Programme, contact: readiness@gcfund.org.



Steps to access GCF support for country platforms

1 Request Readiness support under the Country Window

- NDAs/focal points, in their coordination capacity, submit a request to the GCF Secretariat using a standardized [template](#).

2 Plan strategically, over medium-term

- Countries and GCF engage in strategic planning re. the scope of Readiness support, integrating country platforms as part of one of the two programmes or within a single 4-year programme.

Countries choose from two access modalities and implementation begins:

3 OPTION 1: DIRECT ACCESS

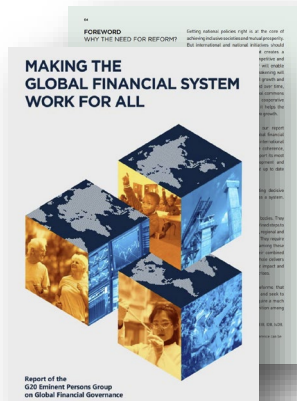
- The country designates an agency within the government that will i) represent the government under the grant agreement with GCF and ii) receive the readiness funding directly from GCF.
- The agency submits a Direct Access Proposal, and the Grant Agreement is signed.
- The agency can implement activities i) using its internal systems/staff, ii) by contracting external service providers, or iii) working with holders of the GCF Readiness Framework Agreements

OPTION 2: USE OF PRE-QUALIFIED DELIVERY PARTNERS

- Countries develop TOR, based on the strategic planning exercise, with support from the GCF.
- The GCF Secretariat conducts a mini-tender among Pre-Qualified Delivery Partners, where countries form part of the selection panel
- Implementation can begin immediately.

Country Platforms | BACKGROUND and DEFINITION

Country platforms can be defined as “voluntary country-level mechanisms, set out by governments and designed to foster collaboration among development partners, based on a shared strategic vision and priorities”¹



Making the Global Financial System Work for All, 2018 (see [link](#))

- 2018 report of the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance chaired by **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**
- **Introduced the concept** of a country platform to help “mobilise all development partners to unlock investments”



Country Platforms Development Note, 2025 (see [link](#))

- ODI paper by **J. Tanaka, A. Gilmour, S. Raubenheimer**, for the 2025 Country Platform Exchange workshop and FICS
- Outlines a 5-step **CP “escalator”**: Initial engagement, Programme readiness, Investment programme, Financing, and Implementation



Designing & Governing Country Platforms, 2024 (see [link](#))

- ODI report prepared by **A. Gilmour, J. Tanaka and S. Colenbrander**
- Focuses on the **role of MDBs** in country platforms design & governance, drawing on guidance from members of the G20 Intl. Financial Architecture Working Group, MDB staff and policy-makers

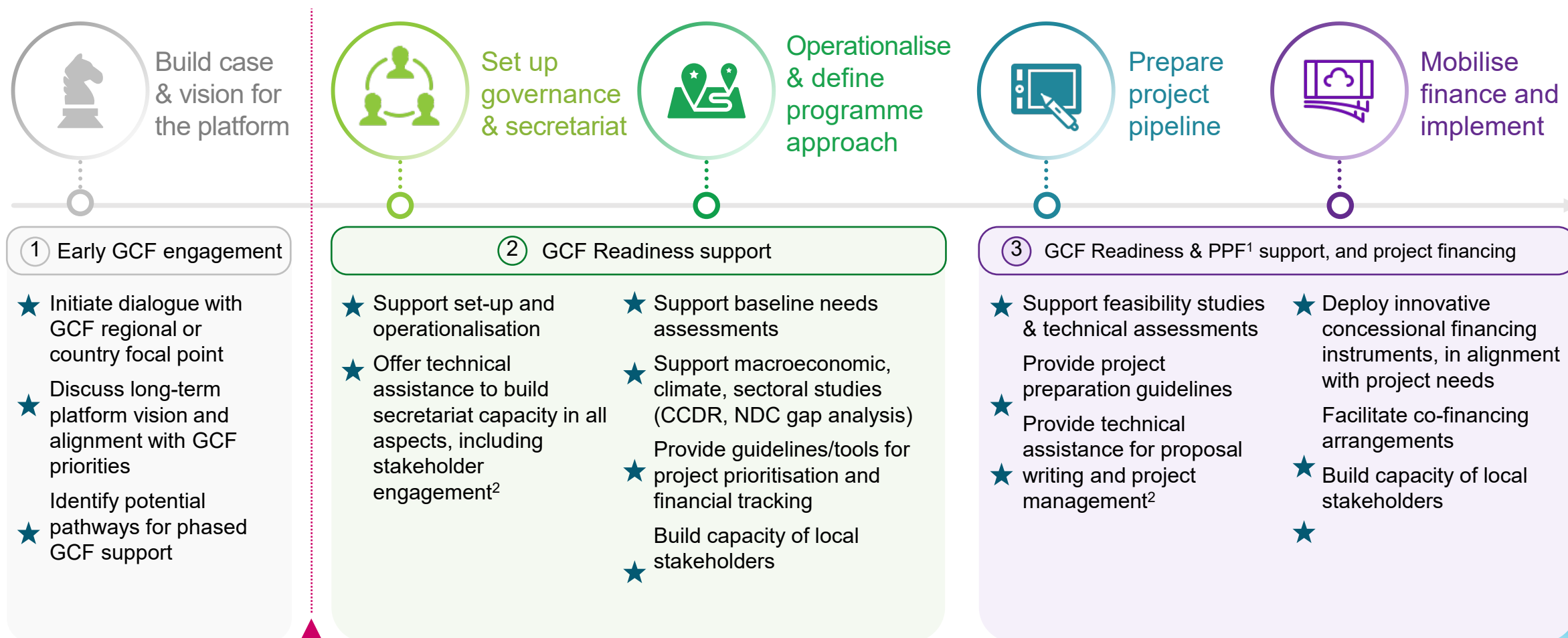


Are CPs the Key to Delivering Green Growth at Scale? 2025 (see [link](#))

- A “technical perspective” report by **M. Robinson & C. Olver** at WRI
- Discusses 6 ways to **make CPs more effective**, including ensuring country leadership, integrating climate with growth and development, and putting people at the heart of the process

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GCF Support across full CP Life Cycle | Example Activities



Request for Readiness support & TOR



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Case Studies

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Case Study | Brazil Climate & Ecological Transformation Investment Platform (BIP)

Context & overview

Context: Brazil is one of the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters. It has made progress towards its net-zero by 2050 goal, but mobilising finance remains a barrier.

Platform description: BIP connects projects and financiers and aims to address challenges such as limited governance and institutional capacities, fragmented project pipelines, low diversification, and insufficient private sector engagement.

Platform objective: “To support the advancement of Brazil's ambitious climate goals, increasing transition investment from all sources”

Key sector(s): Nature-based Solutions & Bioeconomy, Industry & Mobility, Energy

GCF role and impact

- GCF Readiness funding is helping establish a fully operational BIP Secretariat.
- This support aims to improve governance, stakeholder coordination, and pipeline development to strengthen private sector engagement and finance mobilisation
- Ultimately, it will help deliver on Brazil's net-zero transition

Governance & partners

Secretariat



Steering Committee



Select partners



MDBs and
civil society

Case Study | Caribbean Regional Platform for Catalyzing Resilience and Climate Action

Context & overview

Context: Caribbean nations face steep adaptation costs—up to \$14B annually—and have a bold mitigation agenda, seen in their NDCs and CARICOM's 47% renewable electricity goal.

Platform description: The Platform, open to all CARICOM member states, was spearheaded by PM of Barbados and Chair of CARICOM Mia Mottley. It is a first-of-its-kind regional climate platform, offering an innovative coordination mechanism for unlocking climate finance at scale and implementing enabling activities in priority sectors through a programmatic approach, leveraging regional collaboration to address shared climate challenges.

Key sector(s): Sustainable energy transition (incl. geothermal), regional connectivity/ transport, education, food and water security, and other potential areas¹

GCF role and impact

- The platform is being established by leveraging **GCF Readiness allocations** of participating CARICOM member states.
- Proposed activities under Readiness support include: i) establishing the platform, incl. the secretariat and governance mechanisms, ii) capacity-building and developing strategic frameworks, iii) pipeline development, and iv) knowledge sharing

Countries²



Governance & partners

Secretariat



Select partners



Partners TBC as the platform is operationalized

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