

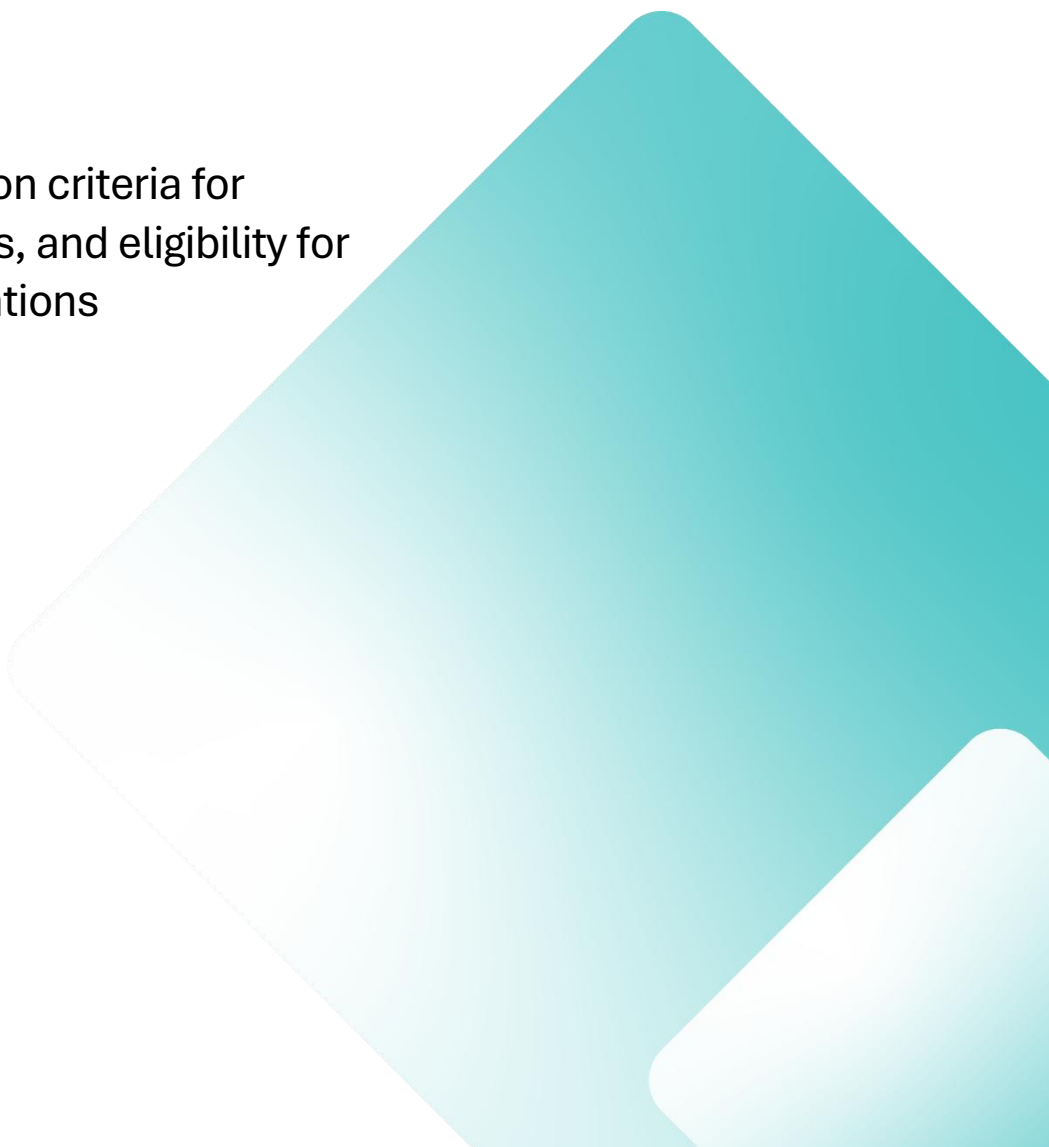


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Climate Actions for Building Resilience in Coastal Communities (CABRIC) in the Caribbean

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This annex provides a summary of the selection and eligibility criteria for beneficiaries under the CABRIC programme. It consolidates criteria across all three components to ensure consistency, efficiency, and compliance with GCF requirements. This annex serves as a reference for eligibility per activity.

For Component 2 (Grant Facility) sub-project activities, end-beneficiaries are identified through participatory Community-Led Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (pCRVAs) and cannot be pre-specified. The eligibility criteria for grantees are detailed in the Operations Manual (Annex 21, Sections 3.1.2 and 4.9). Where relevant, eligibility criteria reference the programme's logframe indicators and GCF Core/Supplementary Indicators to ensure that selection processes are designed to maximise the programme's contribution to its results framework.

Capacity Categorisation Thresholds (Activity 1.1.3)

The institutional readiness assessment evaluates organisations across six dimensions: fiduciary capacity, technical capability, GEDSI responsiveness, ESS awareness, GRM capacity, and M&E systems (OM Appendix II). Organisations are categorised as: High (satisfactory across all six dimensions; eligible to proceed to write-shops); Medium (satisfactory in at least four of six; eligible for targeted TA then write-shops); Low (satisfactory in fewer than four; requires foundational capacity strengthening and is eligible for small grants only).

Component 1: Institutional capacity

Activity	Sub-activities	Selection / eligibility criteria
1.1.1 Conduct participatory community CRVAs	1.1.1.1 Facilitate pCRVA workshops 1.1.1.2 Synthesize CRVA reports	Target communities - Must be a coastal community located in one of the five CABRIC countries. - Must be identified as a high climate-risk area based on national climate data and NDA-validated priority zones, with priority given to areas with the highest exposure and the greatest concentration of vulnerable populations. Participants - Must be a resident of, or have a livelihood connection to, the target coastal area. - Minimum 40% female participation per workshop. - Each workshop must include a minimum of 30 community participants, with representation from at least three of the following: women's organisations, youth groups, indigenous communities, persons with disabilities, elderly persons.

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		- Documented evidence of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) must be obtained where indigenous communities are involved. - Willingness to engage in the full pCRVA process and to consent to the use of community-validated data for programme planning. The resulting pCRVAs serve as the mandatory grounding for all sub-project proposals under Component 2, directly contributing to the identification of beneficiaries with enhanced resilience to climate impacts (GCF Core Indicator 2).
1.1.2 Phased outreach, onboarding, and EOI registration	1.1.2.1 Produce outreach materials and EOI registry 1.1.2.2 Decentralized entry-point workshops 1.1.2.3 Periodic calls for registration	Eligible entities - Must be a CSO, NGO, CBO, producer group, cooperative, or LA. International organisations, private for-profit entities, political parties, religious organisations (unless delivering secular community services), and individuals are not eligible. - Must be legally registered in one of the five CABRIC countries. - Must provide a certificate of registration or incorporation. - Must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous operational activity, with evidence (e.g., annual reports, project records, or a signed declaration). - Must provide audited financial statements or equivalent financial records for the most recent fiscal year, or a written explanation of why these are unavailable. - Willingness to register an Expression of Interest and provide basic organisational information. - Workshop attendance is open to all interested eligible entities; no capacity threshold for attendance.
1.1.3 Institutional readiness and capacity assessments	1.1.3.1 Deploy participatory readiness tool 1.1.3.2 Community-led action roadmaps	- Must have registered an EOI under Activity 1.1.2 and provided the required documentation. - Must consent to the assessment process and designate an organisational focal point. - Assessment covers six dimensions: fiduciary capacity, technical capability, GEDSI responsiveness, ESS awareness, GRM capacity, and M&E systems (OM Appendix II). Organisations categorised as High, Medium, or Low capacity (see thresholds above). Categorisation determines eligibility to proceed to training (1.1.4), write-shops (1.1.5), and ultimately to apply for grants under Component 2. The capacity categorisation directly determines the pathway to grant eligibility, contributing to Logframe Outcome 1 (institutional capacity increase) and ensuring that funded grantees have the institutional strength to deliver resilience outcomes (GCF Core Indicator 2). - Must commit to following the resulting community-led action roadmap.
1.1.4 Targeted capacity strengthening and proposal incubation	1.1.4.1 Modular LLA Toolkit and curriculum 1.1.4.2 Foundational and moderate-capacity training	- Must be staff of a CSO/NGO/LA assessed under Activity 1.1.3. - Training pathway differentiated by capacity category: Low-capacity organisations receive foundational support; Medium-capacity organisations receive targeted TA on specific gaps. - Each organisation must nominate a minimum of 2 staff members for the training programme. - Participating staff must attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled training sessions to be certified as having completed the pathway.

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		- Minimum 40% female participants across all training cohorts. - Organisation must commit to applying the training toward the development and submission of a sub-project proposal within the next available call for proposals window.
1.1.5 Collaborative project design write-shops	1.1.5.1 Write-shops for sub-project proponents	- Organisation must have been categorised as Medium or High capacity under Activity 1.1.3. - Participating staff must have completed the required capacity training under Activity 1.1.4 with certified minimum 80% attendance. - The organisation must operate in or serve a community whose priorities have been validated through a completed pCRVA (Activity 1.1.1). - Each organisation must be accompanied by at least one community representative from the target area to ensure co-creative design, contributing to community participation in sub-project co-design (Logframe Outcome 2). - Participants must commit to producing a draft concept note by the end of the write-shop and submitting a full proposal within the next available call for proposals window. - Willingness to share non-confidential elements of the concept note for peer review during the write-shop.
1.1.6 Engage MFIs, SMEs, and private sector	1.1.6.1 Capacity-building for MFIs and SMEs	- Must be an MFI or SME legally registered and in good standing in one of the five CABRIC countries. - Must have a minimum of 3 years of continuous operational activity. - Must demonstrate an existing or planned interest in climate-resilient livelihood financing or financial products. - Must designate a senior staff member as institutional focal point. - Must commit to attending the full capacity-building programme and to exploring the development of at least one climate-resilient financial product or partnership as a result, contributing to livelihood diversification for beneficiaries (Logframe Co-benefit 1). - Willingness to sign a partnership agreement with CCCCC or the relevant Grant Administrator.
1.2.1 Gender-responsive coastal policy framework	1.2.1.1 Participatory gap assessment 1.2.1.2 Co-design frameworks and roadmaps	1.2.1.1 Gap assessment - Scope covers all relevant national coastal zone management, climate adaptation, and marine/land-use policies in each country. This is a comprehensive assessment; no eligibility criteria applied to filter which policies are included. - Participants must be government policymakers or technical staff in relevant ministries (environment, planning, fisheries, agriculture, disaster management), nominated in writing by the NDA or the relevant line ministry. 1.2.1.2 Co-design - Sites must be selected based on pCRVA findings (Activity 1.1.1), validated through NDA consultation, with priority given to areas where policy gaps are most acute. - Co-designers must include government technical staff, community representatives from the target coastal areas, and CSO/NGO practitioners.

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		- Participating ministries must designate a focal point and commit to reviewing and, where appropriate, adopting the resulting framework recommendations, contributing to the strengthening of institutional and regulatory systems for climate-responsive planning (Logframe Outcome 1).
1.2.2 Institutional capacity for coastal policy implementation	1.2.2.1 Training for policymakers 1.2.2.2 Standardised training curricula 1.2.2.3 Regional guidance and toolkit 1.2.2.4 Community of Practice	Training (1.2.2.1-1.2.2.2) - Must be a government official, policymaker, or technical staff member from a national ministry or agency responsible for coastal zone management, climate adaptation, or DRR. - Must be nominated in writing by the NDA or the relevant line ministry, based on their role in coastal policy implementation. - Must attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled training sessions. - Willingness to apply the resulting toolkit and guidance in their policy work. CoP (1.2.2.4) - Must have completed the training under Activities 1.2.2.1 and 1.2.2.2; <i>OR</i> Must be a CSO/NGO practitioner with a minimum of 3 years of demonstrated expertise in coastal resilience policy. - Must commit to active participation in cross-country knowledge exchange (minimum quarterly engagement).
1.3.1 CABRIC Helpdesk with technical panels	1.3.1.1 Quarterly site visits 1.3.1.2 Establish the Community Resilience Support Centre	Helpdesk beneficiaries - Must be an approved grantee under Component 2 with an active grant agreement. No additional eligibility threshold. Access is on-demand. - Must be willing to host quarterly site visits and provide requested documentation by the National Coordinator. Technical panel members - Must be a regional or national expert with a minimum of 5 years of relevant thematic expertise in CABRIC areas. - Must not have a conflict of interest with any active grantee. - Recruited through a selective process at programme inception (see OM Section 2.5). - Willingness to provide advisory support on a demand-driven basis.
1.3.2 Institutional capacity through mentorship	1.3.2.1 Community-owned data systems 1.3.2.2 GEDSI and ESS training	- Must be staff of a CSO/NGO/LA that has received an approved grant under Component 2. - Training content tailored based on the capacity assessment results from Activity 1.1.3 and the specific ESS/GEDSI requirements of the approved sub-project. - Each grantee must designate at minimum 2 staff members for the mentorship programme. - Mentors (higher-capacity organisations) must commit to a minimum engagement period aligned with the mentee's grant duration. Mentees must commit to applying the training to their active sub-project, supporting the quality of implementation and contributing to the percentage of community members actively participating in co-design and execution (Logframe Outcome 2).
1.3.3 Performance monitoring and learning	1.3.3.1 Data collection templates 1.3.3.2 Performance	- Must be an approved grantee under Component 2 with an active grant agreement. - Performance criteria defined in the grant agreement:

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	assessments 1.3.3.3 Peer learning exchanges	underperformance determined by failure to meet reporting deadlines, utilisation rates below 50% of the previous tranche, or material deviation from the approved work plan. - Peer learning open to all active grantees. Priority given to sub-projects with replicable lessons or innovative approaches. - Willingness to share implementation experience and data with peers.

Component 2: EDA Grant facility

Activity		Selection /eligibility criteria
2.1.1 Establish CABRIC operational framework	n/a	- Grant Administrators must designate their National Board, National Grant Committee, and key operational personnel for attendance. - Grant Administrators must formally acknowledge the Operations Manual as the governing framework and commit to implementing its procedures.
2.1.2 Launch periodic calls for proposals	2.1.2.1 Communicate calls 2.1.2.2 Manage submissions	- Must be a CSO, NGO, CBO, producer group, cooperative, professional association, or LA. International organisations, private for-profit entities, political parties, religious organisations (unless delivering secular community services), individuals, and government ministries/agencies are not eligible. - Must be legally registered in one of the five CABRIC countries with a certificate of registration or incorporation. - Must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous operational activity. - Must provide audited financial statements or equivalent financial records for the most recent fiscal year. - Must demonstrate alignment with CABRIC Theme A (Gender-transformative livelihood security) or Theme B (Inclusive health, wellbeing, and social resilience). - Must demonstrate grounding in a completed pCRVA for the target community, ensuring that the proposed sub-project responds to locally validated climate risks and contributes to enhanced resilience of direct beneficiaries (GCF Core Indicator 2). - Must provide evidence of community co-design, contributing to community participation in the design and execution of adaptation interventions (Logframe Outcome 2). - C1 pipeline is the primary feeder, but calls are open to all eligible entities that independently meet the above criteria. Up to six calls over the first 3.5 years of programme implementation.
2.1.3 Screen, appraise, and select sub-projects	2.1.3.1 Pre-screening and completeness 2.1.3.2 Appraisal by National Grant Committees 2.1.3.3 Final approval by National Boards	Pre-screening - Completeness of documentation. Legal registration. Alignment with Theme A or B. ESS risk category must be Category B or C; Category A proposals are excluded. Mandatory pCRVA grounding. Co-financing commitment confirmed. Appraisal scoring - GCF investment criteria: impact potential, paradigm shift, sustainable development, community needs, efficiency.

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		GEDSI integration quality. Proposals must demonstrate how the intervention addresses differentiated climate risks and contributes to women's leadership in sub-project governance (Logframe Co-benefit 2). - ESS compliance. Technical and financial feasibility. Sustainability and O&M plan. - Community ownership evidence, LLCA weighting requires community validation to constitute 25-40% of total proposal score. - For Theme A proposals: must demonstrate how the intervention contributes to climate-resilient livelihood practices (GCF Supplementary Indicator 2.1) and/or food security (GCF Supplementary Indicator 2.2) and/or ecosystem protection/restoration (GCF Core Indicator 4). - For Theme B proposals: must demonstrate how the intervention contributes to EWS coverage (GCF Supplementary Indicator 2.4) and/or physical asset resilience (GCF Core Indicator 3) and/or climate-responsive health/psychosocial services. Decision-making Appraisal by National Grant Committee (non-binding, advisory). Final approval by National Board (binding). Unsuccessful applicants receive written feedback and may resubmit in a subsequent call. Recourse available through the GRM.
2.1.4 Disburse funds to grantees	2.1.4.1-5 Per-country disbursement	- Must have received National Board approval for the sub-project proposal. - Must sign the grant agreement, including flow-down of GCF obligations, asset retention provisions, and O&M requirements. - Must submit an inception work plan within 30 days of grant agreement signing. - Must provide evidence of the co-financing commitment: 5% (Small grants up to USD 150,000), 10% (Medium grants USD 150,000-300,000), or 15% (Large grants USD 300,000-500,000). Co-financing may be cash or in-kind, valued at prevailing local market rates. - Must submit a sustainability and O&M plan for any physical assets to be procured or constructed, demonstrating how assets will be maintained beyond the programme period, contributing to lasting resilience of physical assets (GCF Core Indicator 3). - Must designate community monitors for Participatory MEL, who will be compensated through stipends from a dedicated PMEL budget line within the sub-grant. - Must complete the ESS screening form (OM Appendix V). - Disbursement in minimum three tranches tied to milestone achievement and satisfactory narrative and financial reporting. - All sub-projects must fall within Theme A or Theme B

Component 3: Knowledge sharing and agency

Activity	Sub-activities	Selection / eligibility criteria
3.1.1 Knowledge and Action Platform	3.1.1.1 Audit of information barriers 3.1.1.2 CABRIC knowledge hub 3.1.1.3 Climate risk maps	- Platform access open to all stakeholders (CSOs, NGOs, LAs, policymakers, community members, researchers) across the five CABRIC countries. No eligibility threshold. - Climate risk maps: one per country. Must be validated through at minimum one community validation workshop per country. - Community members contributing to map validation must provide informed consent for the use of community-validated data. - Maps must be produced in locally accessible formats, contributing to community awareness and access to climate information (Logframe Outcome 3).
3.1.2 Knowledge products from implementation	3.1.2.1 Case studies 3.1.2.2 Collaborative research 3.1.2.3 Multimedia	Case studies - Selected from approved and active/completed sub-projects under Component 2. Priority given to sub-projects demonstrating replicable lessons, innovative approaches, or strong community ownership. Grantees must consent to participation. Research partners - Must be a regional research institute or university with relevant thematic expertise in climate science, coastal management, or social equity research. - Must have institutional capacity to deliver applied research outputs. - Must have a minimum of 3 years of demonstrated experience working with community-level stakeholders. - Must agree to open-access publication of findings through the CABRIC Knowledge Hub.
3.1.3 Peer-to-peer learning networks	3.1.3.1 Problem-solving circles 3.1.3.2 Annual conference 3.1.3.3 Local CoPs 3.1.3.4 Research-community partnerships	Annual conference (3.1.3.2) - Open to all stakeholders. No eligibility threshold. CoPs (3.1.3.3) - Must be an active grantee under Component 2, a CSO/NGO practitioner with demonstrated community adaptation experience, or a technical panel member. - Must commit to regular participation (minimum quarterly engagement). - Willingness to share implementation experience, data, and lessons with peers. Research partners (3.1.3.4) - Must meet the same eligibility criteria as research partners under Activity 3.1.2.
3.2.1 Communication and Accountability Strategy	3.2.1.1 Accessible communication strategy 3.2.1.2 CABRIC website/portal 3.2.1.3 Communication materials	- Target audience: coastal communities, local governments, and general public in the five CABRIC countries. - All materials must meet universal design standards: braille, appropriate local dialect, colour contrast, etc. - Materials must be tested with community members from at least one target area per country before finalisation, to receive feedback on appropriateness.

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3.2.2 Community awareness and engagement	3.2.2.1 Social media advocacy	- Target audience: community members in coastal areas of the five CABRIC countries. - Outreach plans must demonstrate specific measures for reaching priority groups: women, youth, indigenous groups, persons with disabilities, and elderly populations. - Community members providing testimonials or participating in advocacy content must provide informed consent. - Outreach activities should contribute to community awareness of climate risks and the availability of the CABRIC grant facility, supporting identification of beneficiaries with enhanced resilience (GCF Core Indicator 2).