



GREEN
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GCF Regional Dialogue with East and South Asia

Agenda

14-17 September 2026
Colombo, Sri Lanka

DAY 1

Monday, 14 September 2026

Venue: Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams Sri Lanka



Objective: To provide a platform for country-to-country knowledge sharing and peer learning. The regional dialogue is expected to broaden engagement with countries, understand the impact of Green Climate Fund (GCF) investments and explore opportunities to enhance country ownership.

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-11:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Venue: The Studio

Welcome and ceremonial opening, facilitated by Ms. Ranoshi Siripala, Technical Advisor (National Facilitator), Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka

- A minute of silence for Nepal
- Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp and National Anthem

Opening Remarks

- Mr. K.R. Uduwawala, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Hemant Mandal, Director of the Asia and the Pacific Region, GCF
- Hon. Dr. Dammika Patabendi, Minister of Environment, Sri Lanka

Cultural Performance

GCF Strategic Outlook and Programming Update

- Mr. Hemant Mandal, Director of the Asia and the Pacific Region, GCF
 - GCF's 50 by 2030 vision, GCF Activities in the Region, GCF Readiness in the Region, Climate Impact Delivered by GCF along with Development Partners

GCF Operational Priorities and Partnership Opportunities

- Dr. Achala Abeysinghe, Director of Investment Services, GCF
 - Country Platform, Revised Accreditation Framework, Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, Project Preparation Facility (PPF)

GCF 10 Anniversary Video

11:00-11:30 Group Photo & Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 **SESSION 1-1 (Part 1): REGIONAL STATE OF PLAY**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Bapon Fakhruddin, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Ms. Shakera Ahmed, Deputy Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh
- Mr. Arjun Dhakal, Under Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance, Nepal
- Mr. K.R. Uduwawala, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka

Countries to present an overview of their accomplishments and impact of GCF investments including analysis of public and private sectors portfolio and identification of key trends, financing gaps, and potential opportunities for their country.

13:00-14:00 Lunch & Networking

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14:00-15:00 **SESSION 1-1 (Part 2): REGIONAL STATE OF PLAY**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Satya Shiva Saswat, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Ms. Tshering Choden, Program Coordinator, Department of Macro-fiscal and Development Finance, Ministry of Finance, Bhutan
- Dr. Doljinsuren Myagmar, Senior Officer, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Mongolia
- Ms. Shweta Kumar, Director, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, India

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15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 **SESSION 1-2: PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS: GCF AEs PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Satya Shiva Saswat, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Lightning presentations from selected AEs:

- Mr. Buddika Hapuarachchi, Policy Specialist and Team Lead (Climate and Environment), UNDP Sri Lanka
 - FP016 - Strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers in the Dry Zone to climate variability and extreme events through an integrated approach to water management
- Mr. Manash Kumar Behera, Deputy General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
 - FP081 - Line of Credit for Solar rooftop segment for commercial, industrial and residential housing sectors
- Mr. Md. Abu Nashir Khan, Project Coordinator, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation
 - FP206 - Resilient Homestead and Livelihood support to the vulnerable coastal people of Bangladesh (RHL)

The panel session aims to exchange inspiring and concrete experiences from selected AEs on their practical insights into how successful GCF-funded proposals are designed, structured, and aligned with country priorities. The session will support peer learning among AEs through sharing of actionable lessons and guidance that AEs and countries can apply when preparing proposals that translate to an approved and effective project.

18:00-20:00 **NETWORKING DINNER/CULTURAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA**

Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel

DAY 2

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Venue: Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams Sri Lanka



Objective: To deepen stakeholder understanding of GCF's Readiness Programme and Private Sector engagement, while fostering collaboration through country platforms and gender-responsive approaches. The day will also provide practical opportunities to translate country and sector priorities into stronger proposals, investment concepts and pipelines, through focused discussions on climate-resilient and investment-ready solutions in key sectors.

9:00-9:10

OVERVIEW OF DAY 2

Venue: The Studio

Recap of the programme

9:10-11:00

SESSION 2-1A: READINESS AND PREPARATORY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Venue: The Studio

Inclusive of a working coffee break

Moderator: Mr. Anurag Mishra, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

East and South Asia Readiness Portfolio: Implementation

- Presentation on the current readiness portfolio in the sub-region by Ms. Gladys Huchu, Climate Investment Associate, GCF
- Key successes and lessons learned from the existing readiness programme.
 - Strengthen the Process and Capacity of Implementation of National Adaptation Plan of Sri Lanka (LKA-RS-002) by Mr. Leel Randeni, Director (Climate Change), Ministry of Environment (NDA) and Dr. Sonali Senaratna Sellamuttu, Sri Lanka Country Representative, Global Green Growth Institute
 - Advancing carbon market readiness in Mongolia (MNG-RS-010) by Dr. Doljinsuren Myagmar, Senior Officer, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (NDA) and Ms. Bulgantamir Khaltar, National Project Coordinator, UNDP Mongolia

Panel Discussion on Country Platforms for Climate Finance

- Overview of GCF's approach, available support and impact by Ms. Lisa Jade Sinclair, Head of Strategy, DSPI, GCF
- Presentation by each country on their approach and idea in developing their Country Platform
 - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Facilitated Q&A

New Readiness Approach

- Presentation on the new readiness approach and key considerations for developing strong proposals by Mr. Pattabiraman Subramanian, Readiness Programme Manager, GCF

Facilitated Q&A

11:00-12:00

SESSION 2.1B: READINESS WRITESHOP

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Pattabiraman Subramanian, Readiness Programme Manager, GCF

Each country brings its draft Readiness Proposal and engages directly with its respective Country Lead, while the DINVS team provides support across the tables

12:00-13:00

SESSION 2-2: MONITORING & ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK (MAF) AND RISK REGISTER

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Anurag Mishra, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Presentation on the updated MAF by Mr. Gareth Zahir-Bill, Head of the Office of the CIO, GCF (Virtual)
- Presentation on Risk Register and its application by Mr. Bapon Fakhruddin, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Facilitated Q&A

Group discussion on key common risks across the EASA sub-region; practical approaches to support risk-based decision-making and adaptive management; and recommendations to strengthen the design and implementation of GCF-funded activities and readiness grants.

Plenary reporting and feedback

The updated Monitoring and Accountability Framework (MAF) aims to strengthen the impact and effectiveness of GCF-funded activities by enhancing oversight of Accredited Entities (AEs) and enabling timely corrective and supportive actions. It emphasizes early risk identification, risk-based supervision, and clearer accountability, while integrating fiduciary standards, environmental and social safeguards, results management, and integrity. Supported by tools such as the Risk Register, the MAF promotes adaptive management across the project cycle to safeguard resources and maximize climate impact. This session will highlight the framework's key features and explore practical approaches to strengthening AE performance and compliance.

13:00-14:00 Lunch & Networking

14:00-15:30 **SESSION 2-3: PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Mayuresh Patange, Private Sector Manager, Department of Asia and the Pacific Region, GCF

Panelists:

- Mr. Enkh-Erdene Erdenekhuyag, Senior Officer, Eco Banking Division, XacBank JS
- Ms. Munazza Mansoor, Unit Head - Sustainable Finance, JS Bank
- Mr. Nazirul Azam Biswas, Senior Officer, IDCOL

The session will demonstrate private sector success stories from GCF portfolio. The AEs will showcase their projects/ programs approved covering the climate problem identified, GCF's role in the solution, and AE's perspective on the implementation progress.

15:30-16:15 **SESSION 2-4: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (P&I) (By invitation only)**

Venue: The Studio A

Inclusive of a coffee break Moderator: Ms. Diane Jegam, Regional Manager, East and South Asia, GCF

Panelists (virtual):

- Ms. Nastassja Jardim, Assistant General Counsel - Institutional Practice Group, GCF
- Ms. Jiyoung Kwon, Legal Counsel, GCF

This session will provide an opportunity to sensitize the countries on having an early agreement on the P&I with GCF and the impact on the programming.

16:30-17:30 **SESSION 2-5: TECHNICAL SECTORAL SESSIONS (in parallel)**

PARALLEL SESSION 2-5A:

Municipal Solid Waste Value Chain in South Asia

Venue: The Studio A

The session will examine climate risks across the waste lifecycle and explore how integrated circular waste systems can serve as climate-relevant infrastructure, helping countries develop GCF-aligned concept notes and investment pipelines.

Moderator: Ms. Diane Jegam, Regional Manager, East and South Asia, GCF

Panelists:

- Mr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari, Deputy Executive Director, Alternative Energy Promotion Center
- Mr. Siddharth Gauba, Executive Director, Eversource Capital
- Ms. Shruti Srivastava, Partner, Avaana Capital

Facilitated Q&A

PARALLEL SESSION 2-5B:

Early Warning Systems 2.0: Building Integrated, Sustainable and Intelligent Early Warning Systems

Venue: The Studio BCD

The session will discuss how to scale integrated, people-centered early warning systems by strengthening institutions, leveraging innovation, and embedding EWS into national and sectoral investments. WMO, REAP, and private sector leaders will share lessons and emerging solutions.

Moderator: Mr. Anurag Mishra, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Ms. Maria Lourdes Kathleen Macasil, CREWS Secretariat, World Meteorological Organization (Virtual)
- Dr. Catalina Jaime, Head of Secretariat, The Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) Secretariat (Virtual)
- Mr. Dulip Tillekeratne, Strategic Partnerships Director, Mobile for Humanitarian Innovation, GSMA

Facilitated Q&A

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19.00-21:00 **NETWORKING DINNER HOSTED BY GCF**

Venue: Lotus Tower

DAY 3

Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Venue: Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams Sri Lanka



Objective: To build participants' capacity to translate climate risks and country priorities into high-quality, investment-ready projects aligned with GCF requirements, through practical guidance on concept and funding proposal development, climate-responsive project design, risk and accountability, sectoral investment opportunities, and the revised accreditation framework.

09:00-09:10 **OVERVIEW OF DAY 3**

Venue: The Studio

Recap of the programme

09:10-10:30 **SESSION 3-1: CONCEPT NOTE AND FUNDING PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT**

Inclusive of a working coffee break **Venue: The Studio**

Moderator: Ms. Tsolmon Baasanjav, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Mr. Bapon Fakhruddin, Climate Investment Principal, GCF
- Mr. Steven Burak, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF

Concept Note – Revised GCF template and Screening Process

- Additionality – Why GCF?
- Choice of Accredited Entity
- Choice of financial instruments
- Implementation arrangements (engagement of potential executing entities)
- Climate Rationale and GCF investment criteria

Funding Proposal – Development, Appraisal, and Approval

- The elements of a viable Funding Proposal
- No Objection Letter (NOL)
- Project Preparation Facility (PPF)
- Finance (budget structure, financial terms and conditions)
- Term Sheets and Funding Activity Agreement (FAA)

Panel discussion and experience sharing by select DAEs

Facilitated Q&A

10:30 -12:30 **SESSION 3-2: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE RISK AND STRUCTURING CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE PROJECTS**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Bapon Fakhruddin, Climate Investment Principal, GCF

Panelists:

- Mr. Krishna Khrisnamurthy, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF (Virtual)
- Mr. Sokleang Kim, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GCF

Facilitated Q&A

Climate change is increasingly affecting infrastructure, services, and livelihoods across sectors. Designing effective climate projects requires understanding how climate hazards translate into risks, and how investments can be structured to reduce those risks. This session introduces participants to the core concepts of climate risk assessment, adaptation design, and project structuring, with a focus on developing GCF-aligned concept notes and funding proposals. The session aims to equip NDAs and DAEs—with a practical understanding of how climate risk and adaptation considerations can be translated into structured, results-based climate projects

12:30-13:30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

13:30-14:30 **SESSION 3-3: GENDER ACTION PLAN 2026-2031 (GAP)**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Ms. Diane Jegam, Regional Manager, East and South Asia, GCF

Panelist:

- Ms. Seblewongel Negussie, Gender and Social Specialist, CSIO-FO, GCF (Virtual)

The session will strengthen participants' understanding of the GCF Gender Action Plan and its application across readiness, project preparation, funding proposals, and funded activities. It will highlight tailored capacity building, engagement with women and women-led organizations, peer learning, and continued strategic support through the RPSP and PPF.

14:30-15:30	SESSION 3-4: TECHNICAL SECTORAL SESSIONS (in parallel)		
	PARALLEL SESSION 3-4A: Water Security Venue: The Studio BCD This session explores a systemic approach to water security and climate finance, using GCF's Water Sector Project Preparation Guidelines to show how integrated programmes can replace fragmented projects. It also examines River Bonds as an innovative mechanism linking investment returns to measurable resilience outcomes. Moderator: Mr. Bapon Fakhruddin, Climate Investment Principal, GCF Panelists: • Mr. Matthew McCartney, Research Group Leader – Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Ecosystems, IWMI • Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, ADB • Mr. Jorge Alvarez-Sala, WASH Specialist - Climate Resilient Solutions Sanitation, UNICEF • Ms. Cynthia Mela, Country Director for Bangladesh, AFD (Virtual) Facilitated Q&A	PARALLEL SESSION 3-4B: E-Mobility in South Asia Venue: The Studio A The session will explore how e-mobility models are evolving across contexts, the role of public and private actors, and lessons for developing scalable, climate-relevant investment pathways. Moderator: Mr. Satya Shiva Saswat, Climate Investment Principal, GCF Panelists: • Mr. Herbert Fabian, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB • Mr. Manjunath Chande Sekhar, Project Director, Sustainable Urban Mobility, GIZ • Ms. Shruti Srivastava, Partner, Avaana Capital • Mr. Sandeep Gambhir, Chief Executive Officer, Vertelo Facilitated Q&A	PARALLEL SESSION 3-4C: Independent Evaluation Unit session: Country Ownership and the GCF Evaluation Policy Venue: Board Room This panel will explore how findings from the independent evaluation of country ownership are shaping the new GCF Country Ownership Guidelines and what they may mean in practice. It will also highlight key provisions of the GCF Evaluation Policy relevant to Accredited and newly accredited entities. Moderator: Ms. Aiko Ward, Principle Evaluation Officer, IEU, GCF Panelists: • Dr. Archi Rastogi, Chief Evaluation Advisor, IEU, GCF • Dr. Achala Abeysinghe, Director, Department of Investment Services, GCF • Mr. Sokleang Kim, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GCF • Ms. Aiko Ward, Evaluation Advisor a.i., IEU, GCF Facilitated Q&A
15:30 –16:00	COFFEE BREAK		
16:00-17:00	SESSION 3-5: REVISED ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK – WHAT HAS CHANGED?		
	Venue: The Studio Moderator: Mr. Anurag Mishra, Climate Investment Principal, GCF Panelists: • Ms. Annie Wallace, Head of Accreditation and Entity Relations, GCF (Virtual) • Mr. Cameron Tabrizi, Accreditation Officer, GCF (Virtual) • Ms. Yongeun Lee, Accredited Entities Officer, GCF (Virtual) • Mr. Christopher Brough, Senior Counsel, GCF (Virtual) • Ms. Kana Okamoto, Associate Counsel, GCF (Virtual) • Mr. Mayuresh Patange, Private Sector Manager, DAPAC, GCF Facilitated Q&A		

DAY 4

Thursday, 17 September 2026

Venue: Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams Sri Lanka



Objective: From Ideas to Investment — Building the Country Pipeline Together - To provide participants with structured, hands-on feedback to refine priority pipeline projects both public and private sector across mitigation and adaptation—strengthening alignment with GCF's strategic priorities, enhancing climate rationale and financial structuring, and advancing clear next steps toward concept development.

10:00-11:00 **SESSION 4-1: GCF UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN 2028–2031 (USP-3)**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator:

- Ms. Lisa Jade Sinclair, Head of Strategy, Department of Strategy, Policy, and Innovation, GCF

Facilitated Q&A

The session will gather perspectives from East and South Asian countries and partners to inform the development of the GCF's Third Updated Strategic Plan (USP-3) for 2028–2031. Discussions will focus on regional climate investment needs, emerging challenges and opportunities, and how the GCF can strengthen its impact, accessibility, effectiveness, and responsiveness in supporting transformational climate action.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 **REAFFIRMING COMMITMENTS AND CLOSING SESSION**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator:

- Ms. Diane Jegam, Regional Manager, East and South Asia, GCF

Closing Remarks:

- Mr. K.R Uduwawala, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
- Dr. R.D.S. Jayathunga, Additional Secretary (Environment Development), Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Hemant Mandal, Director of the Asia and the Pacific Region, GCF

12:15-13:15 Lunch & Networking

13:15-13:30 **OVERVIEW OF DAY 4 - SCENE-SETTING & RULES OF THE GAME**

Venue: The Studio

Moderator: Mr. Steven Burak, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF

- Overview of the day's format: pitch clinics and bilateral deep-dives

13:30-15:30 **PITCH CLINICS BATCH 1 (Rotating small groups in parallel)**

Venue: The Studio

- During the session: NDAs, together with their respective AEs/DAEs or entities in the accreditation pipeline, engage in a country-focused clinic with a small group of GCF experts. Each country is assigned to one GCF expert team for 60 minutes session during which it presents up to two project ideas.
- GCF experts provide targeted, iterative feedback on feasibility, strategic fit, potential financing pathways, ToC and logframe and next steps, concluding with structured guidance and project prioritisation for the country.

Timing	Team A	Team B
13:30 – 14:30	Bangladesh	India
14:30 – 15:30	Sri Lanka	

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15:30-17:30 **PITCH CLINICS BATCH 2 (Rotating small groups in parallel)**

Venue: The Studio

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15:30 – 16:30	Nepal	Bhutan
16:30 – 17:30	Mongolia	