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Agenda

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From Proven Results to Greater Resources: GCF Programming, GCF-3 and Investment Structuring

08:00–09:00	Registration and Networking Venue: Alisa Hotel
09:00–09:30	Session 1.1: Plenary Venue: Pavilion Interpretation: English / French / Portuguese Opening Session Moderators: Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF; and Mr. Gabriel Boc, Head of North and Central Africa, GCF Opening remarks: • Honourable Mr. Thomas Nyarko Ampem, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ghana • Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF The opening ceremony of the GCF Regional Dialogue with West and Central Africa marks the formal launch of a strategic gathering at a defining moment for climate finance and multilateral cooperation. The dialogue brings together National Designated Authorities (NDAs), GCF leadership, Accredited Entities, Direct Access Entities, Ministries of Finance, development partners, the private sector, and the broader climate finance community.
09:30–09:45	Group Photo
09:45–10:30	Session 1.2: Plenary GCF Programming in Africa: Results Delivered, Ambition Ahead Moderator: Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF Speakers: 1. Presentation by Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF 2. Moderated panel: • Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region, GCF • Ms. Fortunée Dossou Worou, Director of Financial Resources Mobilization, Fonds National pour l'Environnement et le Climat (FNEC) • Ms. Phyllis Fraikue, Head, Climate, ESG and EITI Unit, Real Sector Division, Ministry of Finance, Ghana • Ms. Almerinda de Pina, National Directorate of Planning, Resource Mobilization Service, Ministry of Finance, Cabo Verde 3. Q&A This opening plenary will set the tone, establish a shared factual baseline, and frame the strategic questions—scale, instruments, partnerships, speed and structural reforms—that subsequent sessions will explore in depth. It is both a stocktake and a forward look, structured as a candid exchange between GCF leadership, panellists and GCF partners attending the Dialogue.
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–11:30	Session 1.2 – continued: Plenary GCF Programming in Africa: Results Delivered, Ambition Ahead
11:30–12:30	Session 1.3: Plenary GCF Updated Strategic Plan 2028–2031 (USP-3) Q&A session facilitated by Ms. Lisa Jade Sinclair, Head of Strategy, Department of Strategy, Policy, and Innovation, GCF This session will gather perspectives from West and Central African countries and partners to inform the development of 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 GCF can strengthen its impact, accessibility, effectiveness and responsiveness in supporting transformational climate action.
12:30–13:30	Lunch and Networking

From Proven Results to Greater Resources: GCF Programming, GCF-3 and Investment Structuring

13:30-14:30 Session 1.4: Plenary

Public-Sector Climate Finance: Structuring that Meets Investment Needs

Moderator: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF

Speakers:

1. Presentation by Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF
2. Moderated Panel:
 - Ms. Aji Sainabou Jallow, Principal Climate Finance Officer, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs of The Gambia
 - National Designated Authority of Barbados - TBC
 - Ms. Gillian Cerbu, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank
 - Ms. Mukhaye Muchimuti, Resilience Partnerships Manager, One Acre Fund
3. Q&A

This session showcases how GCF financing has been structured and deployed to meet public sector investment needs while maximising cost-efficiency and long-term sustainability. Panellists will share their experience structuring public sector operations with GCF, explaining how they made best use of the Fund's instrument range and concessionality, and what motivated them to seek GCF financing. The Secretariat will set out the principles guiding the public sector window, drawing on insights from the current portfolio.

14:30-15:15 Session 1.5: Plenary

Making PPPs Work for Climate: GCF's contribution

Moderator: Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF

Speakers:

1. Presentation by Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF
2. Moderated panel:
 - Ms. Fadza Muson, Investment Director, Africa50
 - Mr. Jean Stephane Koffi, Associate Vice President, Infrastructure Investments, Africa Finance Corporation
 - Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF
3. Q&A

The session will use two approved GCF private-sector programmes to make the PPP financing logic concrete and to enable an open exchange among governments, financiers and implementing institutions. It will clarify where GCF adds value, what governments and NDAs should expect from a PPP proposal, and what conditions are needed to turn a climate priority into an investable and accountable partnership.

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 Session 1.6: Plenary

Crowding in Capital: How GCF Invests with the Private Sector

Moderator: Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF

1. Presentation by Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF
2. Group Discussions: "From Private Investment to Country Impact"
 - a. Option 1: Discussion on designated question
 - b. Option 2: Discussion on a investment model (role play)
3. Each representative from the group reports back to the Plenary
4. Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara presents key learning points from GCF perspective

This participatory session will invite Regional Dialogue participants to discuss practical ways GCF can help unlock country-level impact through private sector climate investment.

17:15-17:30 Recap of the day

18:00-20:00 Dinner reception by the Host Country

Sectoral Deep Dives: Investment Pathways for Resilience and Low-Emission Growth

08:45–09:00	Opening and run-through of the day's agenda Venue: Pavilion Interpretation: English / French / Portuguese	
09:00–09:45	Session 2.1: Plenary Resilient Cities, Cleaner Mobility: Turning Urban Ambition into Investment Moderator: Mr. Marcus Mayr, Climate Investment Principal, GCF Speakers: - Mr. Samuel Lefevre, Senior Coordinator Cities and Climate Change, AFD - TBC This session will present the investment case for two GCF Results Areas, Cities & Buildings, and Low Carbon Transport, including practical project examples from across the region.	
9:45–10:30	Session 2.2: Closed Session – By Invitation Only Kijani Cities Programme: Consultation with Government Representatives Moderator: Mr. Marcus Mayr, Climate Investment Principal, GCF - Programme presentation: Mr. Samuel Lefevre, Senior Coordinator, Cities and Climate Change, AFD - NDA and Ministry of Finance representatives from Mauritania, Guinea, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of Congo, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo This workshop focuses on programmatic discussions with NDAs and Ministry of Finance representatives from Mauritania, Guinea, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of Congo, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.	
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–12:00	Session 2.3: Plenary Financing Food Security and Resilient Rural Livelihoods Moderator: Mr. Ibrahima Bamba, Climate Investment Principal, GCF - Presentation by Mr. Gabriel Boc, Head of North and Central Africa, GCF - Moderated panel: - Mr. Kingsley Kwako Amoako, Deputy Director, Directorate of Crop Services, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana - Mr. Jean Paul Bamogo, NDA, Office of the Prime Minister, Burkina Faso - Mr. Abdou Aziz Diedhiou, Head of Studies and Strategy, La Banque Agricole, Senegal - Ms. Nadine Valat, Senior Coordinator FAO-GCF Partnership, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) - Q&A This session will highlight practical lessons from GCF-supported climate-resilient agriculture and food systems initiatives in Africa, with particular attention to West and Central Africa. Building on the results and impacts of GCF-funded projects and programmes, it will examine how GCF climate finance can strengthen food security, build rural livelihood resilience, and de-risk investments for smallholder farmers while promoting strong country ownership.	
12:00–12:30	Session 2.4.1: Closed Session – By Invitation Only Venue: Pavilion The West African Initiative for Climate Smart Agriculture: Consultations with Government Representatives Moderator: Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF Speakers: - Presentation by Mr. Tolulope David Adebayo, EBID - Q&A This invitation-only session will introduce the West African Initiative for Climate Smart Agriculture (WAICSA) programme being developed by EBID to the participating countries. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about the proposed regional climate-smart agriculture initiative, and facilitate an open Q&A with EBID and the programme team.	Session 2.4.2 Venue: Asante Hall Strengthening Accountability through effective Grievance Redress Mechanisms - Presentation by Ms. Seyram Agbemenya, Capacity Building Specialist, GCF-IRM - Q&A This session introduces the mandate and independence of the GCF Independent Redress Mechanism, and the avenues for redress available to individuals and communities adversely affected by a GCF-funded project. Participants will also learn how Accredited Entities can access capacity building support to strengthen grievance mechanisms at entity and project level.
12:30–13:30	Lunch and Networking	

Sectoral Deep Dives: Investment Pathways for Resilience and Low-Emission Growth

13:30–14:15 **Session 2.5: Plenary**

Venue: Pavilion

Clean Energy: Investing in Power and Opportunities

Moderator: Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF

1. Presentation by Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF
2. Moderated Panel
3. Q&A

Africa's energy and climate finance challenges are widely understood. Stakeholders consistently identify many of the same constraints: project preparation, bankability, currency and offtaker risk, access to finance, implementation capacity, and limited pipelines of investment-ready projects. These issues have been discussed extensively, and the diagnosis is increasingly well established. This session is therefore intentionally designed not to repeat the diagnosis, but to move from diagnosis to action. The central question is what can actually be changed to enable faster and larger-scale investment, who needs to act, and what can realistically be delivered over the next 12–24 months.

14:15–15:00 **Session 2.6: Plenary**

Investing in the Most Vulnerable in Complex Operating Environments: Climate Finance in Support of Stability, Peace and Development

Moderator: Mr. Gabriel Boc, Head of North and Central Africa, GCF

1. Framing remarks (*pre-recorded video*) by Ms. Stephanie Speck, Global Director, Strategic Partnerships, Engagement and Communications, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
2. Moderated Panel:
 - Mr. Abakar Mournou Abdoulaye, Environment Expert and Primary Focal - NDA, Ministry of the Environment, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, Republic of Chad
 - Dr. Petra Bonometti, Head of Climate and Resilience, Western and Central Africa Regional Office, World Food Programme (WFP)
 - Ms. Alix Camus, Country Director for Central African Republic, Acted
3. Q&A

GCF's ambition and Africa investment strategy are rooted in the idea of leaving no one behind in the collective effort to address climate change. As such, GCF's investments and support have reached some of the most vulnerable populations across the continent, especially in contexts affected by fragility, conflict and instability. This session will showcase and discuss how climate finance has been deployed and how it can be better structured to contribute to climate goals, development, peace and prosperity. The discussion will also delve into lessons learned from the partnerships, investment design and implementation choices, and adaptive management practices required for success in complex operating environments.

15:00–15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30–16:15 **Session 2.7: Plenary**

Landscapes, Livelihoods and Nature Finance: Scaling Ecosystem Investments in West and Central Africa

Moderator: Ms. Songjoo Kim, Climate Investment Officer, GCF

1. Opening and framing presentation by Ms. Songjoo Kim, Climate Investment Officer, GCF
2. Moderated Panel:
 - Mr. Serge Amissah, Special Advisor to the CEO, Gabonese Agency for the Development of the Green Economy (AGADEV), Gabon NDA
 - Dr. Saidou Hamadou, Head of Unit, Strategic Planning and Foresight Division, Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT), Cameroon
 - Mr. Amadou Sock, National Coordinator, GCF Unit, Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE), Senegal
 - Ms. Kelly Witkowski, Director, Green Climate Fund Unit, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
3. Q&A

The session will examine how GCF climate finance can catalyze the next generation of ecosystem programming in West and Central Africa. Anchored in the USP-2 ambition of having impacted over 120 million hectares of ecosystems by 2027 and building on more than USD 1.7 billion invested to date, this session will explore four shifts reshaping the delivery of GCF support: from site-level projects to landscape-scale transformation; from beneficiaries to community ownership; from conservation to ecosystems as productive climate infrastructure; and from grant-only to complementary blended finance. The discussion will identify where these shifts are taking hold in the sub-regions and what it will take to move from pilots to portfolios.

Sectoral Deep Dives: Investment Pathways for Resilience and Low-Emission Growth

16:15–17:00	Session 2.8.1 Venue: Pavilion GCF's Support to REDD+: From Readiness to Results-Based Payments Moderator: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF 1. Presentation by Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF 2. Moderated Panel: • Prof. Isaac Kalonda Kanyama, National Coordinator and GCF Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and New Climate Economy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo • Ms. Nadine Valat, Senior Coordinator FAO-GCF Partnership, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) This session will highlight GCF's support to REDD+ across the full value chain, from readiness and preparatory support, through implementation of policies and measures, to Results-Based Payments for verified emission reductions. Panellists will share their experience building the institutional and technical foundations required to access RBPs, sequencing readiness support towards a submission, and the practical lessons that raise proposal quality. The Secretariat will set out the RBP policy, eligibility criteria, scorecard assessment and simplified review process, drawing on insights from the current portfolio and pipeline, with a view to strengthening pipeline development ahead of the closure of the current results period.	Session 2.8.2: Closed Session–By Invitation Only Venue: Asante Hall AGRI-SHIFT: Consultations with Government Representatives Moderator: Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Mr. Mouhanad Atta, Principal, Innovative Blended Finance – Climate & Nature, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) 2. Q&A AGRI-SHIFT (Accelerating Green, Resilient and Inclusive Sustainable High-impact Investment in Food System Transformation in SSA) is EBRD's proposed GCF programme and this session will consult government representatives on its design, relevance, and alignment with national climate and food system transformation priorities.
17:00–17:15	Recap of the day Venue: Pavilion	

Parallel Programmes: Private Sector Day and Building Country Capacity to Access and Deliver

08:45–09:00 Opening and run-through of the day's agenda Venue: Pavilion Interpretation: English / French / Portuguese	
09:00–10:00 Session 3.1.1 Venue: Pavilion Readiness Stocktaking and Planning for Impact Moderator: Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF 1. Presentation by Ms. Safaa Loukili Idrissi, GCF 2. Moderated Panel: • Mr. Samuel Arkhurst, Director, Real Sector Division, Ministry of Ghana • Dr. Eric-Michel Assamoi, Director of International Cooperation and Mobilisation of Funding, Ministry of Environment and Ecological Transition 3. Q&A This session will provide an opportunity for peer learning on readiness needs assessments and programme design. It will showcase Ghana's approved direct access proposal for a National Climate Resilient Investment Platform and Côte d'Ivoire's multi-sectoral scoping exercise to develop readiness proposals supporting a national climate and development facility and the enabling environment for carbon markets and priority sectors.	Session 3.1.2: Private Sector Forum Venue: Asante Hall Blended Finance in Action: Using GCF Concessional Capital Moderator: Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, GCF 2. Moderated Panel: • Mr. Mouhanad Atta, Principal, Innovative Blended Finance – Climate & Nature, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) • Mr. Baafour Otu-Boateng, Investment Director, Acumen Capital Partners, Kawisafi Ventures • Mr. Jean-Stephane Koffi, Associate Vice President, Infrastructure Investment, Africa Finance Corporation • Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 3. Q&A This session will provide a practical overview of how GCF partners with the private sector through blended finance, including GCF's private sector mandate, financing instruments, engagement pathways, and expectations for climate impact, concessionality and country ownership.
10:00–10:30 Session 3.2.1 Venue: Pavilion Signing Ceremony: New Readiness Financing Agreements Facilitator: Mr. Landry Ahouansou, Head of West Africa, GCF This session will mark the signing of new Readiness financing agreements and highlight how targeted Readiness support can help countries strengthen institutional capacity, advance climate planning, and prepare investment-ready programming aligned with national priorities.	Session 3.2.2: Private Sector Forum Venue: Asante Hall Accreditation for Private Sector Entities: What to Expect and How to Prepare Moderator: Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Mr. Mallé Fall Sarr, Accreditation Specialist, <i>a.i.</i>, GCF 2. Moderated panel: • Mr. Okke Loman, Investment Officer, XSML (<i>pre-recorded video</i>) • Mr. Mallé Fall Sarr, Accreditation Specialist, <i>a.i.</i>, GCF • Ms. Nishdeep, Sethi, Group Director of Programmes at African Guarantee Fund 3. Q&A This session will help private sector institutions understand GCF accreditation requirements, common challenges, and available pathways for building a longer-term partnership with GCF, including through the Project-Specific Assessment Approach.
10:30–11:00 Coffee Break	

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11:00–11:45 Session 3.3.1 Venue: Pavilion Deploying Readiness for Direct Access: Peer Learning and Open Dialogue Moderator: Mr. Marcus Mayr, Climate Investment Principal, GCF • Mr. Malla Fall Sarr, Accreditation Specialist, a.i., GCF • Mr. Frank Nkrumah, Senior Legal Officer, Ecobank • Omosede Imohe, Climate finance specialist, DBN This session will present the Direct Access Entity (DAE) modality and share practical experience from the first two approved DAE projects. It will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss lessons learned, implementation challenges, and practical entry points for strengthening direct access, followed by an open Q&A with the audience.	Session 3.3.2: Private Sector Forum Venue: Asante Hall Project-Specific Assessment Approach and Its Application to the Private Sector Moderator: Dr. Ayaka Fujiwara, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Dr. Wainella Isaacs, Project Preparation Facility and Technical Assistance Specialist, GCF 2. Moderated Panel: • Mr. Gabriel Boc, Head of North and Central Africa, GCF • Dr. Wainella Isaacs, Project Preparation Facility and Technical Assistance Specialist, GCF • Ms. Dieko Ojo, Novastar Ventures • Ms. Jenni Chamberlain, Founder and CEO, Atree Capital 3. Q&A This session will explain how the Project-Specific Assessment Approach enables private sector institutions with climate-relevant investment pipelines to engage with GCF. It will clarify eligibility criteria, expectations, and practical pathways for developing projects and future partnerships with GCF.
11:45–12:30 Session 3.4.1 Venue: Pavilion Standard Conditions Explained: What This Means for Accredited Entities 1. Presentation from Mr. Taras Stasiv, Legal Counsel, GCF 2. Q&A This presentation provides an overview of GCF's revised approach to legal arrangements, including the use of Standard Conditions, simplified project-specific agreements, updated terminology, and the transition to a one-stage approach.	Session 3.4.2: Private Sector Forum Venue: Asante Hall Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement: Peer Learning and Country Accountability in Practice Moderator: Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Moderated Panel • Mr. Paul Tchawa, Secretary General NDA, Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development • Mr. Amidou Goita, Agence de l'Environnement et du Developpement Durable, Ministere de l'Environnement 2. Q&A This session will facilitate peer learning among NDAs, private sector partners and relevant stakeholders on meaningful stakeholder engagement, accountability, and effective grievance redress practices in the preparation and delivery of climate investment proposals.
12:30–13:30 Lunch and Networking	

Parallel Programmes: Private Sector Day and Building Country Capacity to Access and Deliver

13:30–14:15 Session 3.5.1 Venue: Pavilion Supporting the National Adaptation Process: From Planning to Implementation Moderator: Mr. Keith Mudadi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF • Ms. Eva Comba, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) • Ms. Nadine Valat, Senior Coordinator FAO-GCF Partnership, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) • Mr. Abakar Mournou Abdoulaye – Expert Environmentalist, Ministry of the Environment, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, Republic of Chad • Mr. Zargou Elija Whapoe, Coordinator, National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS), Environmental Protection Agency, Liberia This session will provide an overview of GCF's support for national adaptation planning, highlighting lessons from NAP formulation, the transition from planning to implementation, the NAP implementation window, and opportunities to translate adaptation priorities into investable projects, programmes and financing pipelines.	Session 3.5.2 Venue: Asante Hall Clinic with the Accreditation Panel: Understanding GCF's Standards and Preparing a Strong Application Moderators: Ms. Annie Wallace, Head of Accreditation and Entity Relations, GCF; and Mr. Mallé Fall Sarr, Accreditation Specialist, <i>a.i.</i>, GCF • Ms. Diana Isiye, GCF Accreditation Panel Chair, Fiduciary Expert • Ms. Natalie Unterstell, GCF Accreditation Panel, ESS and Gender Expert • Mr. Marcus Mayr, Climate Investment Principal, GCF This session is a practical clinic for accreditation applicants, particularly government applicants, on preparing for GCF accreditation under the Revised Accreditation Framework. It will explain the accreditation process, clarify key fiduciary, legal, environmental, social and gender requirements, highlight common gaps, and provide practical guidance on organizing institutional evidence and preparing a strong application. The first half of the session (13:30–15:00) will present the revised accreditation framework, related legal requirements, and the Accreditation Panel's fiduciary requirements. The second half (15:30–17:00) will focus on environmental and social safeguards, gender and Indigenous Peoples policy requirements, followed by a Q&A session open to all participants.
14:15–15:00 Session 3.6 Venue: Pavilion Leveraging Existing Support for Climate Investment Planning and Resource Mobilization Moderator: Mr. Jean-Gustave Afrika, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Mr. Mohamed Boussaid, Regional Manager for Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa, MENA & West Indian Ocean, NDC Partnership 2. Presentation by Sandra Freitas, AAI-SSA 3. Q&A This session introduces the support available to countries through the NDC Partnership and the African Adaptation Initiative, covering climate investment and readiness planning, pipeline development and climate resource mobilisation. It sets out how NDAs can draw on this support to strengthen their readiness programming and build a robust pipeline of GCF investments.	
15:00–15:30 Coffee Break	

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15:30–16:15 Session 3.7 Venue: Pavilion Adaptive Management in Practice: GCF Guidelines and Good Practice Moderator: Ms. Marileth Enriquez, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation on adaptive management in GCF-funded activities by Ms. Marileth Enriquez, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 2. Sharing of experience by Ms. Ndéye Coumba Pathé Keita, Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE), Senegal 3. Q&A This session will strengthen the understanding of NDAs, DAEs and AEs on when and how adaptive management is used in GCF-funded activities, and how stakeholders can prepare, review and support timely, well-documented requests.	Session 3.5.2 – continued Venue: Asante Hall Clinic with the Accreditation Panel: Understanding GCF's Standards and Preparing a Strong Application
16:15–17:00 Session 3.8 Venue: Pavilion The Liaison Officer Function: Strengthening the NDA–GCF Interface Moderator: Mr. Keith Mudadi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF; and Ms. Marileth Enriquez, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF 1. Presentation by Mr. Keith Mudadi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF 2. Moderated Panel: • Dr. Moussa Ba, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania • Mr. Boris Bemokolo, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Central African Republic • Ms. Aji Sainabou Jallow, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia This session will provide an overview of GCF's Liaison Officer Placement Scheme and facilitate an exchange between NDAs and Liaison Officers on the value and implementation of the modality, including how Liaison Officers are positioned and managed, where they add value to country engagement with GCF, and practical lessons for strengthening the scheme.	
17:00–17:15 Recap of the day Venue: Pavilion	
18:00–20:00 GCF Reception	

Hands-on Workshops: Enhancing Direct Access and Country-led Programming

08:45–09:00	Opening and run-through of the day's agenda Venue: Pavilion Interpretation: English / French / Portuguese	
09:00–09:45	Session 4.1.1 Venue: Pavilion DAE Workshop: Inside the GCF Funding Proposal Appraisal Process Moderator: Ms. Ivette Crespo, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF - Opening remarks: Mr. Gabriel Boc, Head of North and Central Africa, GCF - GCF appraisal perspectives: - Mr. Peter Ng'ang'a, Climate Impact Specialist, GCF - Mr. Taras Stasiv, Legal Counsel, GCF - DAE experience panel: - Mr. Frank Nkrumah, Senior Legal Officer, Ecobank Ghana - Ms. Fortunée Dossou Worou, Director of Financial Resources Mobilization, Fonds National pour l'Environnement et le Climat (FNEC) - <i>TBC</i>	Session 4.1.2 Venue: Asante Hall Privileges and Immunities Agreement: Enhancing Country Partnership with GCF Facilitator: Mr. Frederic Mao, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF Speakers: - Ms. Nastassja Jardim, Assistant General Counsel - Institutional Practice Group, GCF - Ms. Jiyoung Kwon, Legal Counsel, GCF This session will discuss the importance of Privileges and Immunities Agreements in strengthening GCF's country partnerships, supporting effective implementation, and clarifying the operational arrangements that enable GCF and national counterparts to work together more efficiently.
09:45–10:30		Session 4.2.2: Closed Session – National Designated Authorities (NDA) Only Venue: Asante Hall Working Session with National Designated Authorities: Brainstorming to Enhance GCF's Country-Led Programming Moderator: Mr. Ibrahima Bamba, Climate Investment Principal, GCF - Presentation by Ms. Marileth Enriquez, Climate Investment Associate Principal, GCF - Structured Working Groups - Open Dialogue This session will facilitate an open, peer-based discussion among NDA focal points on their experience engaging with GCF. It will focus on effective practices, areas requiring improvement, and practical adjustments that could strengthen engagement with DAFR and enhance country-led programming.
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00–12:30	Session 4.1.1 – continued Venue: Pavilion DAE Workshop: Inside the GCF Funding Proposal Appraisal Process	Session 4.2.2 – continued: Closed Session – Government Representatives Only Venue: Asante Hall Working Session with National Designated Authorities: Brainstorming to Enhance GCF's Country-Led Programming
12:30–13:30	Lunch and Networking	

Hands-on Workshops: Enhancing Direct Access and Country-led Programming

13:30–15:00	Session 4.1.1 – continued Venue: Pavilion DAE Workshop: Inside the GCF Funding Proposal Appraisal Process	Session 4.2.3 Venue: Asante Hall Programming for African Island States: SIDS Needs and the Regional Platform Moderators: Ms. Anyse Essoh, Liaison Officer, GCF; and Mr. Keith Mudadi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF Facilitators: - Mr. António Palazuelos, Climate Advisor, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa - Petra Bonometti, Resilience & Climate Team leader, World Food Programme, Regional Bureau for Western & Central Africa This session explores how GCF and its partners can support Atlantic African island states in moving from Readiness to investment, focusing on priority climate investments, the barriers constraining their advancement, and practical pathways, partnerships and financing solutions to accelerate implementation.
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30–16:15	Session 4.1.1 – continued Venue: Pavilion DAE Workshop: Inside the GCF Funding Proposal Appraisal Process	Session 4.2.4 – Closed session Venue: Asante Hall Ministries of Finance as Key Actors for More Transformational and Catalytic Climate Action in Africa Moderator: Mr. Marcus Mayr, Climate Investment Principal, GCF - Framing remarks: Ms. Catherine Koffman, Director of the Africa Region - Moderated panel with Ministries of Finance representatives from the Central African Republic, the Gambia, Sao Tome and Principe, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo - Q&A with the audience
16:15–17:00		Session 4.2.5: Closed Session – GCF Liaison Officers Only Venue: Asante Hall GCF Liaison Officers: Work Planning and Feedback Facilitators: Ms. Marileth Enriquez, Climate Investment Associate Principal; and Mr. Keith Mudadi, Climate Investment Officer, GCF This session will provide a practical peer-learning space for Liaison Officers to share experiences, good practices and operational challenges, with a focus on work planning, coordination with NDAs and the GCF Secretariat, stakeholder engagement, reporting, and knowledge transfer.
17:00–17:30	Closing Session Venue: Pavilion	