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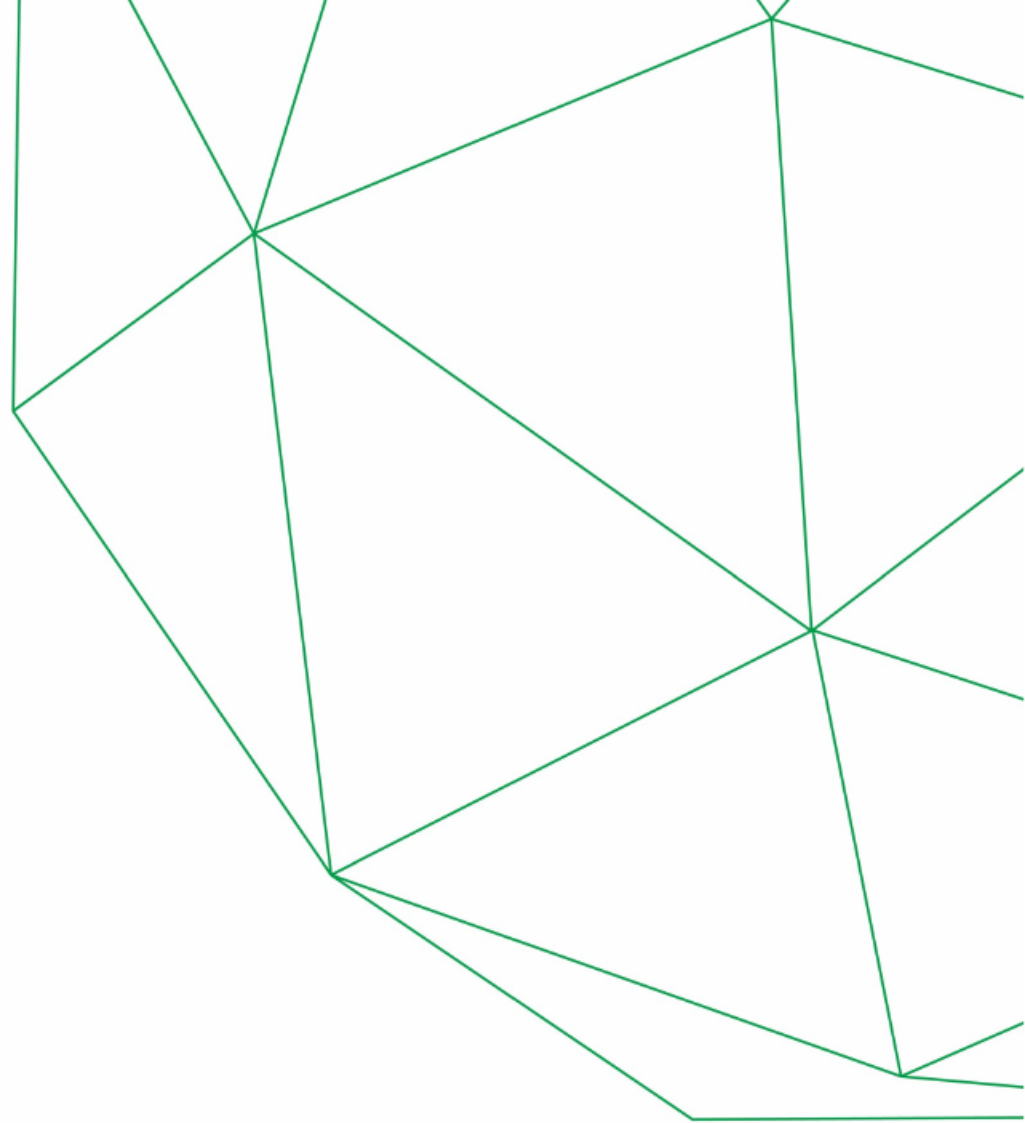
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Readiness Stocktaking and Planning for Impact

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GCF Readiness Programme

WHAT IT IS



The world's largest climate-related capacity building programme



Provides resources to developing countries to enhance their capacity to access climate finance



Specific country allocation

WHAT IT IS NOT



Distinct from the “investment projects” or “funded activities”



Does not cover on-ground activities or the implementation of climate solutions

Readiness 2024–2027

OBJECTIVES

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Objective 1

Capacity building for climate finance coordination and enabling environment

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Objective 2

Programming for adaptation and mitigation, based on country needs

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Objective 3

Knowledge sharing and learning

FUNDING MODALITIES

Country modality

USD 4 million

per country over 4 years

Up to

USD 3 million

NAP.1 formulation

Up to

USD 3 million

NAP.2 implementation

DAE modality

USD 1 million per entity over 4 years

Additional **USD 320k** per LDC/SIDS over 4 years for placement



121 readiness grants across 25 countries

Proposals approved

121

Countries covered

25

Amount approved

USD 101.3M

National: USD 80.3M
Regional: USD 21.0M

National vs regional proposals

111 national

10

■ National 111 · 92%

■ Regional (multi-country) 10 · 8%

Grant status

All 10 regional grants in implementation

67

50

■ Completed 67 · 55%

■ Disbursed / in implementation 50 · 41%

■ In legal processing 4 · 3%

What the grants support

SECTORS

Forests, land use & REDD+

Agriculture & agrifood

Energy & cooling

Water & WASH

Health & nutrition

Blue economy & coasts

Low-carbon transport

Green buildings & cities

TYPES OF INITIATIVE

NDA & country programming

National Adaptation Plans (19)

Direct access & accreditation

NDC update & delivery

Technology needs assessments

Private sector & green finance

Pipeline development

COVID-19 resilient recovery

CSOs, parliaments & academia

20 grants worth USD 28.5M approved for 16 countries

Amount approved

USD 28.5M

Grants approved

20

Countries

16

Two funding windows, by amount

USD 19.9M · 70%

USD 8.7M · 30%

■ Transitional arrangements

16 grants · 13 countries

14 disbursed · 2 in legal processing

 Approved Q2 2025, charged to
the 2024–2027 budget

■ New modalities (since May 2025)

Equatorial Guinea USD 3.2M · disbursed

Ghana USD 3.0M · approved

Burundi USD 2.0M · disbursed

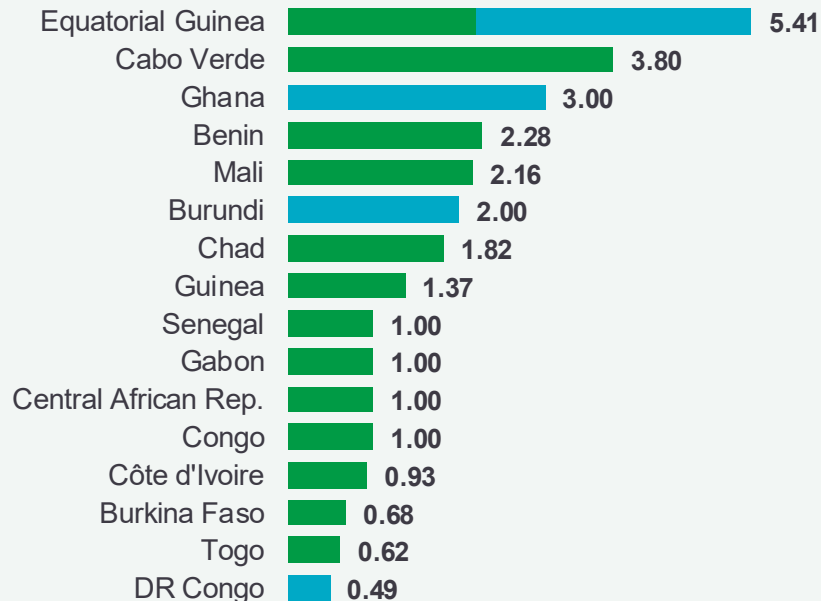
DR Congo USD 0.5M · approved

Countries receiving grants

■ Transitional

■ New modalities

USD M



Modest approvals so far, significant country interest

25 requests for support
from 20 of 25 countries

6 proposals under review
USD 19.5M requested

4 grants approved
USD 8.7M since May 2025

Proposals under review

5 resubmission recommended · 1 in review

Country	Focus	USD M
Guinea	Finance architecture, direct access	2.62
Burundi	Blue economy framework	1.00
Liberia	Low-carbon development frameworks	2.26
Central African Rep.	Institutions & project pipeline	3.00
DR Congo	Governance & direct access	3.00
Regional (11 countries)*	Urban poor resilience (BCRUP)	7.60

Countries that requested support



■ ×2 two requests submitted

Sep 2025 – Sep 2026 · all cleared



The amount approved so far is very modest, but interest is significant. USD 8.7M across 4 new-modality grants, against requests from 20 countries and USD 19.5M already under review.

*BCRUP covers 11 African countries, 6 in West & Central Africa; USD 7.6M is the whole-programme amount.

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What we heard from you

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The challenge lies in needs assessment and programming scoping.

Challenges faced by NDAs in accessing GCF Readiness Support

Partnerships Priorities Scoping

Alignment

Use of Resources Field Impact Funding

Readiness Objectives Eligible Activities

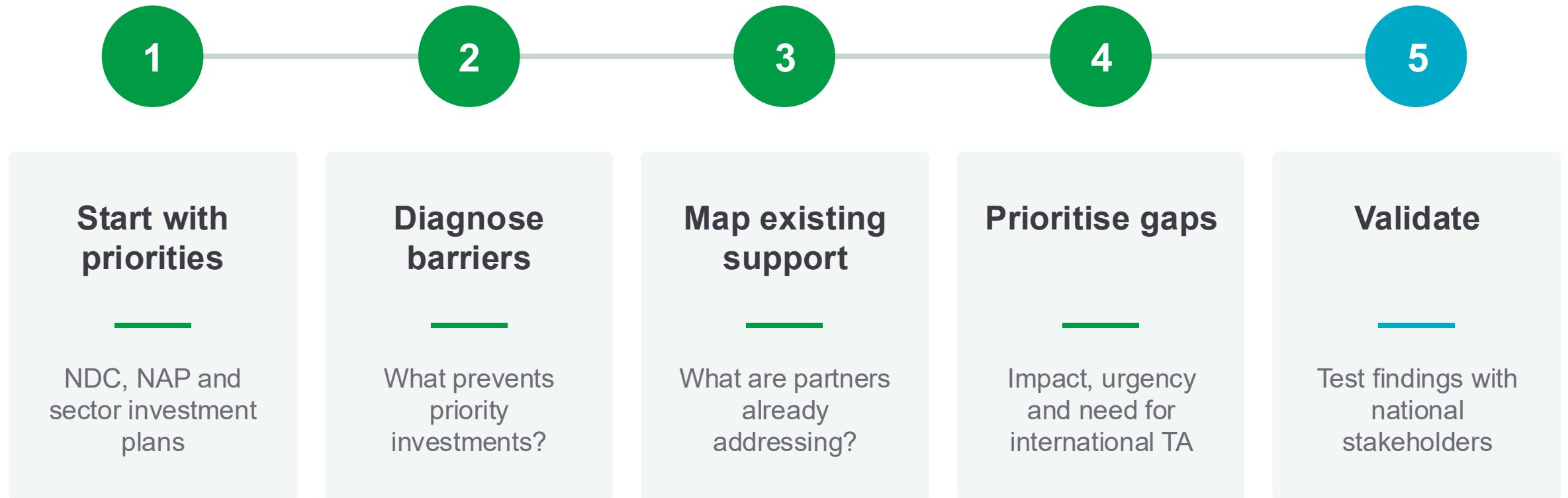
Alignment with Development Priorities

Stakeholder Meetings Direct Access Data Mobilisation

Accurate Data Data Sources FMCA Process

■ Linked to needs assessment and scoping

Indicative Readiness Planning Steps



Some principles for scoping



Build long-term capacity

- Strengthen mandates, policies, procedures and systems
- Use coaching, learning-by-doing and train-the-trainer approaches
- Integrate content into internal onboarding material
- Use peer-learning as a tool, not an end



Align policy frameworks through concrete outputs

- Policy instruments must be designed with the active engagement of relevant sectoral partners
- Build an exit strategy



Align programming with existing pipeline

- Anchor support in government and sector pipelines
- Match assistance to the project stage and investment barrier
- Address the specific barriers to unlock investment
- Right-size budgets and procurement packages
- Include post-submission support and identify the AE
- Engage GCF at the early stages



Capitalise on established investment planning frameworks such as the GCF-NDC Partnership's Climate Investment Planning and Resource Mobilization Framework

Objective 1 in Practice



Ghana Climate-Resilient Investment Platform (CRIP-Ghana)

Grant: USD 3M

Delivery partner: Ecobank Ghana

PROJECT SCOPE

- National climate investment platform and TA facility for project preparation
- Finance mobilisation strategy, investment pipeline and PPP solutions
- Two GCF concept notes; accreditation support for two potential DAEs
- Climate finance tracking and reporting systems



Institutional and technical support for REDD+ readiness in West Africa

Grant: USD 3,279,997

Delivery partner: FAO

Countries: Benin, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone

PROJECT SCOPE

- REDD+ governance, coordination, and CSO and community engagement
- Drivers of deforestation and degradation assessed
- REDD+ roadmaps, strategies and safeguards systems
- National REDD+ investment concept notes



National Frameworks for Energy-efficiency cooling in Gambia

Grant: USD 400,000

Partner: UNEP

PROJECT SCOPE

- Stakeholder capacity and a coordination mechanism for cooling policy
- Cooling market assessment and National Cooling Action Plan
- Minimum energy performance standards and labels for ACs and fridges
- Concept note to scale up efficient, climate-friendly cooling



Enabling Environment for Green Bond Listing on Jamaica's Stock Exchange

Grant: USD 582,749

Partner: Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Jamaica

Countries: Jamaica and Dominica

PROJECT SCOPE

- Market assessment, roadmap and Caribbean listing standards
- Capacity of issuers, investors, regulators and verifiers
- Green bond guidance for Dominica's geothermal sector
- GCF concept for a Caribbean Green Bond Facility

Climate finance coordination

Strategic frameworks and policies

Climate investment planning

Private-sector engagement

Direct access and accreditation

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Objective 2 in practice



West African Initiative for Climate Smart Agriculture

CN endorsed

Accredited entity: EBID

READINESS SUPPORT BEHIND THE CN

Grant: AFR-RS-004

Amount: USD 1,451,030

Delivery partner: RFAA



Enabling environment to support the decarbonisation of Moroccan steel production through the application of green hydrogen

Grant: USD 499,052

Partner: UNIDO

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Public and private capacity on green hydrogen and low-carbon steel
- Policy, regulatory and certification gaps assessed; low-carbon steel guidelines
- Steel cluster identified, with pre-feasibility and ESS, safety and water assessments
- Investment concept for green-hydrogen-based steel production



African DAE capacity

8 grants · USD 7.6M

DIRECT ACCESS ENTITIES SUPPORTED

Ecobank Ghana

DBN Nigeria

EIF Namibia

DBN Namibia

APIA Tunisia

FIE

NSIA

BNDA-Mali

SUPPORT FOR

- Pipeline development
- Capacity in M&E, ESS, gender, information disclosure, climate risk management and greening operations

Implementation Capacity

Studies and Assessments

Concept notes

Funding Proposals

Both for GCF and Others

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Key take-aways



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE



Country focal point(s)



Liaison Officer



Readiness Consultant



Delivery partner, when identified

TAKE ACTION EARLY

1

Engage GCF upstream

2

Share activity descriptions before the full package

3

Submit well ahead of 31 March

4

Start FMCA early for a new delivery partner

Your views can help how GCF works with you

GCF 2026 Stakeholder Perception and Satisfaction Survey

Tell us about your experience engaging with GCF.

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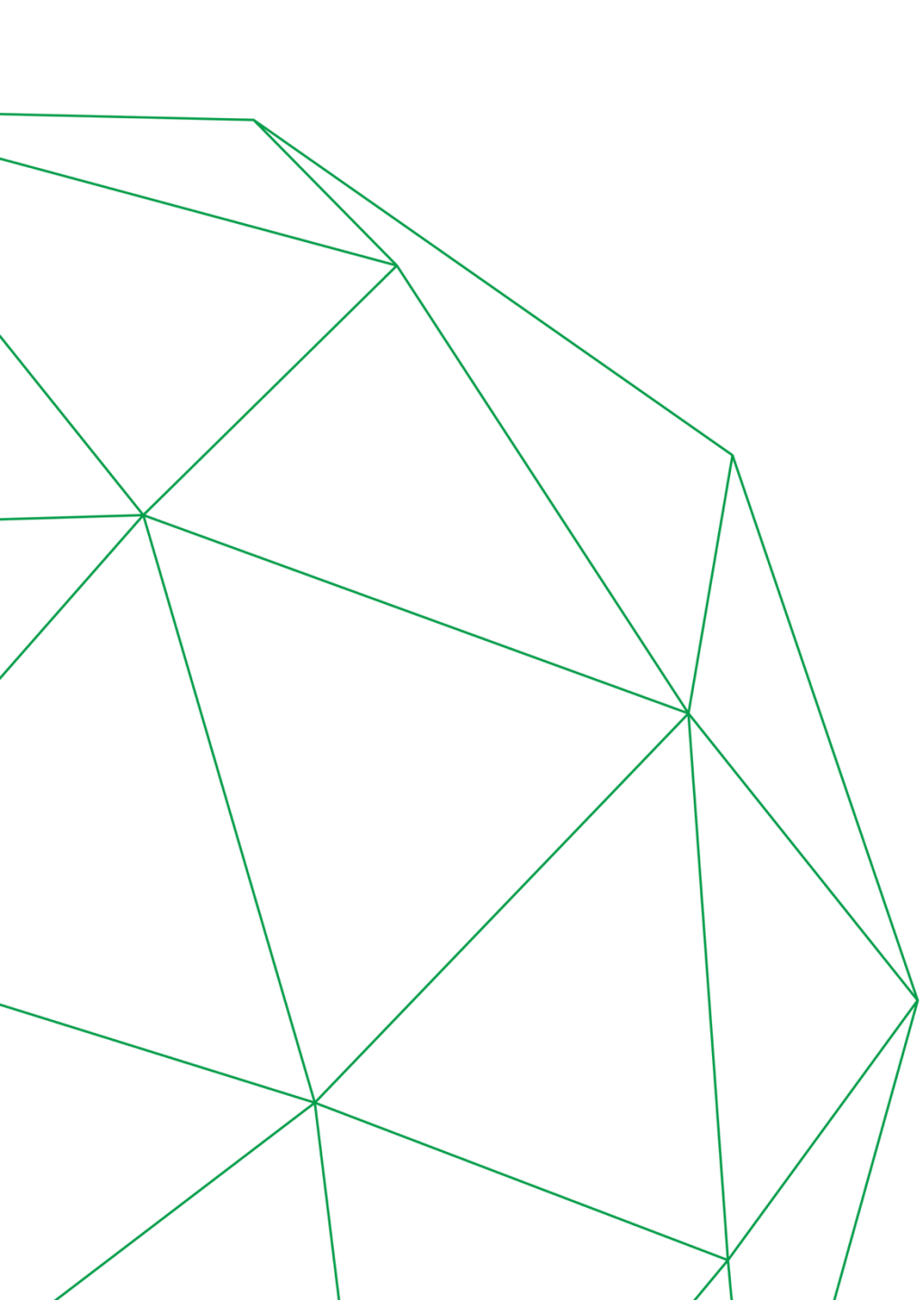
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Thank you