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Liaison Officer & NDA Exchange

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Part of GCF's reform journey

Launched in late 2023 to make GCF more country-led, efficient and impactful 2030.



Closer to countries

- Regional teams
- **Liaison officers**
- Country platforms
- Planned regional offices

▲ The Liaison Officer scheme sits here



Better access to finance

- Streamlined programming
- 9-month target for appraisal and accreditation
- Digitized processes and GCF Partner Portal
- Simpler legal arrangements



Stronger impact

- Better data
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Knowledge management
- Risk management systems

Core idea:

Move from occasional engagement to continuous, locally embedded support that strengthens national ownership.

Strong demand since launch in October 2024

96

requests received

60

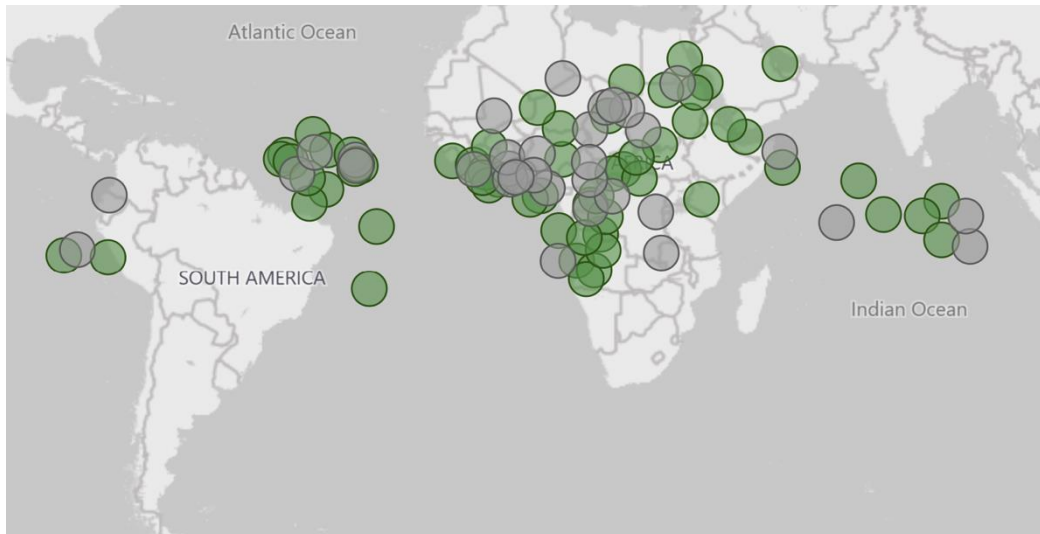
Liaison Officers with active contracts

44

already onboarded



In Africa: **24** Liaison Officers recruited + **20** under recruitment



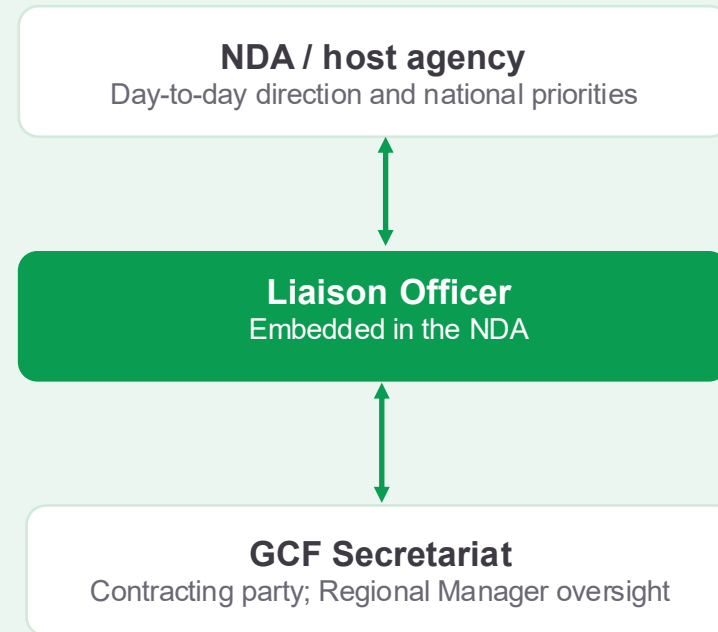
Role of the Liaison Officer

An embedded expert in the NDA and the primary link between the country and the GCF Secretariat.



WHAT THE ROLE COVERS

WHERE THE ROLE SITS



Readiness planning

Co-develop readiness ToRs from medium-term planning; engage stakeholders to find capacity gaps; support the FMCA, adaptive management and mid-term reviews



Programming and pipeline

translate national climate priorities into GCF investment opportunities. Help develop project ideas, concept notes and funding proposals, public and private, with NDAs, AEs and the Secretariat



Portfolio oversight of investments

Support implementation follow-up, No-Objection processes, monitoring and country portfolio reporting stay in touch with AEs on implementation and flag issues early to the Secretariat



Knowledge transfer and capacity building

Advise on GCF policies and processes; transfer skills to the NDA and stakeholders; Transfer GCF knowledge and strengthen durable national systems, skills and institutional memory.



Coordination

Facilitate engagement across government, the private sector, civil society, delivery partners and GCF.



The role is country-focused: priorities are agreed with the NDA and coordinated with the GCF Regional Team.



Across all functions: transfer knowledge and skills to the NDA and national stakeholders, and build lasting capacity

How the placement is financed

LDCs AND SIDS

USD 320,000

dedicated allocation per country over 4 years; any excess may come from the country support window

ALL OTHER COUNTRIES

Country support window

placement fees drawn from the country's readiness allocation (up to USD 4 million over 4 years)

GCF covers: consultancy fees (UN/ICSC local salary scales) and approved work travel

Country covers: operational costs (workspace, meetings, communications) through NDA in-kind support, the country support window, unused legacy readiness funds or, exceptionally, the DAE window



Contract terms

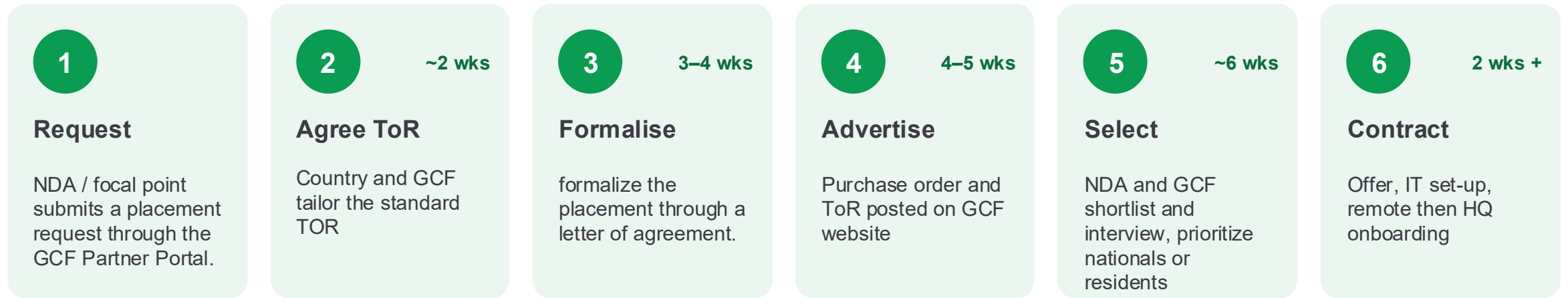
11 months, 29 days per contract, up to 180 working days

Renewable based on need and satisfactory performance

Local first nationals or residents preferred; international only if needed

Travel up to 20% of contract days, max. 5 days/month

How a country requests a Liaison Officer



Indicative: about 4–5 months from request to contract, based on the timeframes in the operational guidance

Once in post

-  **Dual reporting**
Day-to-day to the NDA; contract oversight by the GCF Regional Manager
-  **Quarterly rhythm**
NDA clears the report and timesheets; a three-way review sets the next priorities
-  **Accountability**
Final report and joint NDA–GCF performance evaluation at contract end

Your views can help how GCF works with you

GCF 2026 Stakeholder Perception and Satisfaction Survey

Tell us about your experience engaging with GCF.

Parlez-nous de votre expérience avec le GCF.

