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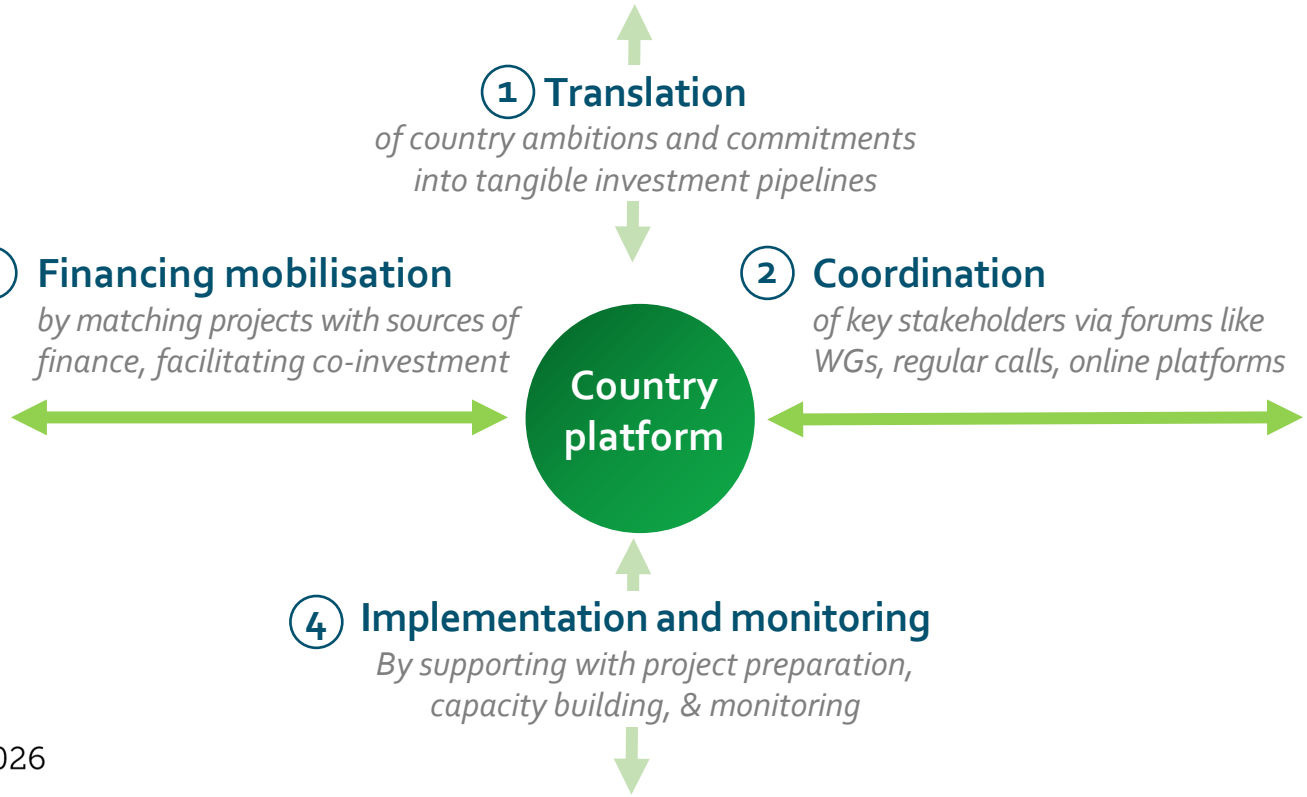
Building successful country climate investment platforms

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Defining country platforms

- G20 Saudi Arabia (2020). “G20 reference framework for effective country platforms”:
- *“Voluntary **country-level mechanisms**, set out by governments and designed to **foster collaboration** among development partners, based on a shared **strategic vision and priorities***



Benefits of country platforms



Stronger country ownership

Enable countries to prioritize sectors **where investment is most urgently needed** and to **align large-scale financing** behind those priorities, while empowering **governments to lead climate transitions**



Supporting systemic transitions

Move **beyond fragmented, project-by-project efforts** by enabling countries to build large, **strategic, investment-ready pipelines,** backed by policy reforms to attract and sustain long-term finance



Increased access to finance and mobilisation

Allow for **mobilizing financing at scale** by connecting **projects with financing sources,** creating investment-ready pipelines, and supporting a **stable policy environment,** while facilitating **co-investment and blended finance** arrangements to crowd in private capital



Enhanced coordination & efficiency

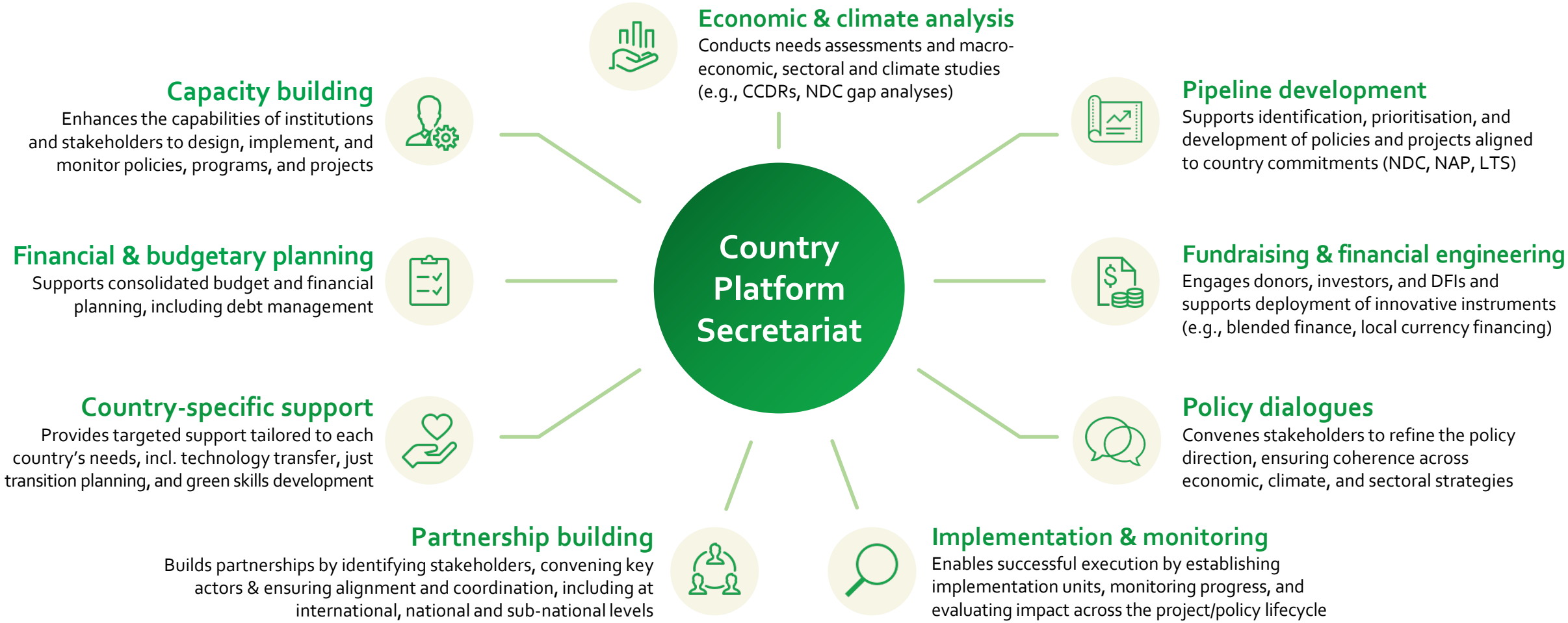
Bring together government agencies, international partners, development banks, and the private sector, supporting **more effective collaboration**, reducing duplication, **aligning funding streams,** and lowering administrative burdens

Various models possible, with 6 key principles as guardrails

1	**Alignment to national priorities**	Country platforms should be country-owned and -led. This must include strong alignment with **national commitments and priorities** (e.g., NDCs, NAPs, LTS) and government buy-in
2	**Inclusivity**	They should engage **diverse stakeholders** (including government, financiers, private sector, multilateral agencies, civil society), ensuring **broad participation** and **equitable representation**
3	**Access to finance**	Country platforms must have strong **connectivity to diverse financing sources** and ability to mobilise the **right types of finance**—including concessional funding—at **sufficient scale**
4	**Tailored**	Platforms should be tailored to **unique country contexts** (including to country needs like just transition planning, green skills development, technology transfer) and adaptable to **evolving circumstances**
5	**Strong governance**	They should include **well-defined governance mechanisms** and be based on cross-sectoral national coordination platforms to ensure effective, balanced decision-making
6	**Monitoring capacity**	Strong **monitoring, evaluation, and learning** capabilities should be integrated to track progress, assess effectiveness, and adjust strategies accordingly

Sources: GCF analysis; Tanaka, J., Gilmour, A., Raubenheimer, S. (2025) Country platform Development Note; Tanaka, J., Garnak, A., Orozco, D. (2024) 'Country climate and development investment platforms.' Instituto Clima e Sociedad; NDC Partnership. (2024) "Country Coordination Mechanisms: Best Practice Brief."

A menu of activities – to be tailored to country contexts



Economic & climate analysis
Conducts needs assessments and macro-economic, sectoral and climate studies (e.g., CCDRs, NDC gap analyses)

Capacity building
Enhances the capabilities of institutions and stakeholders to design, implement, and monitor policies, programs, and projects

Pipeline development
Supports identification, prioritisation, and development of policies and projects aligned to country commitments (NDC, NAP, LTS)

Financial & budgetary planning
Supports consolidated budget and financial planning, including debt management

Fundraising & financial engineering
Engages donors, investors, and DFIs and supports deployment of innovative instruments (e.g., blended finance, local currency financing)

Country-specific support
Provides targeted support tailored to each country's needs, incl. technology transfer, just transition planning, and green skills development

Policy dialogues
Convenes stakeholders to refine the policy direction, ensuring coherence across economic, climate, and sectoral strategies

Partnership building
Builds partnerships by identifying stakeholders, convening key actors & ensuring alignment and coordination, including at international, national and sub-national levels

Implementation & monitoring
Enables successful execution by establishing implementation units, monitoring progress, and evaluating impact across the project/policy lifecycle

Partnering with the GCF

Commitment to country ownership	**UNFCCC mandate** to support **country-owned and -led strategies,** in line with national priorities; assistance tailored to specific country context and needs
End-to-end support	From Readiness Programme support for **country platform design and operationalization**; to **pipeline preparation** via the Project Preparation Facility; to **project finance** with a full suite of instruments
Flexibility	Broad geographical scope and **sectoral and thematic coverage**, incl. both adaptation and mitigation; **full suite of support modalities**, incl. Readiness, PPF, project finance (grant, loans, equity, guarantees)
Experience supporting successful CPs	**Track record** of supporting successful country platforms (e.g., Brazil's BIP) and ability to share **lessons learnt** from experience
Predictability	Offering a stable partnership over **multi-year timeframes**
Highly concessional finance	Ability to offer **grants** (incl. a **USD 500 million grants-based capacity-building** portfolio) and other **affordable financing** options; higher risk tolerance allows for effectively de-risking other players

Partnering with the GCF | Available support

Readiness Programme

Offers **grant-based support** for the **set-up and/or strengthening of country platforms,** including platform secretariats

Examples:

- Establish governance mechanisms
- Build secretariat capacity
- Support stakeholder engagement
- Fund climate & development assessments

Project Preparation Facility

Offers **financing and technical support** to accredited entities to develop high-quality, **investment-ready project pipelines**

Examples:

- Support feasibility and technical studies
- Fund environmental and social assessments
- Provide project preparation guidelines

Project finance

Offers full **suite of instruments,** including grants, loans, guarantees and equity to **directly invest in projects** prioritized through the platform

Examples:

- Deploy concessional financing in line with project needs
- Facilitate co-financing
- Build capacity of local stakeholders through direct access

Indicative steps to set up a country platform



Build case & vision for the platform

- Identify climate priorities and policy/ financing gaps at the national level
- Identify key elements (host agency, goals, priority sectors etc.)
- Pick dedicated initial team
- Define CP structure, key activates and TOR



Set up governance & secretariat

- Set up coordination and decision-making bodies (e.g., working groups secretariat, steering committee)
- Design mechanisms for stakeholder engagement
- Upskill secretariat & key bodies



Operationalise & define programme approach

- Prepare an investment plan and identify financing sources
- Define project prioritization criteria
- Conduct studies (e.g., CCDR) to inform approach
- Analyze policy env. and draft recommendations



Prepare project pipeline

- Conduct detailed investment planning, including project sequencing
- Build capacity of project developers & partners
- Support project-level feasibility studies & technical assessments



Mobilise finance and implement

- Structure & promote investment opportunities
- Match financing sources to investment opportunities
- Facilitate co-financing & bended finance
- Monitor, communicate progress, compile learnings & adjust as needed

(1) Early GCF engagement

(2) GCF Readiness support

(3) GCF Readiness & PPF[1] support, and project financing

1. Project Preparation Facility

Country platform support so far

# of countries receiving CP Readiness support*

11

# of countries with CP Readiness proposals under review

14

Total Readiness support approved for CP

$21.8m

Supported Country Platforms: Brazil, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Burundi, Jamaica, Eritrea, Oman, Ghana*, Kazakhstan*

Countries receiving funding for foundational discussions:** Morocco, Philippines

as of 30 Sept 2026

GCF approach to supporting country platforms

Readiness Funding

Stage 1
Build platform vision

- build the **foundation** to enable the creation of a future CP
- Identify **key CP elements** (host agency, goals, priority sectors)
- Pick dedicated initial **team**

Stage 2
Set up governance

- Set up **coordination** and **decision-making bodies**
- Design mechanisms for stakeholder **engagement**
- **Upskill** secretariat and key bodies

Stage 3
Define programme approach

- Prepare **an investment plan** and **identify financing resources**
- Define project prioritisation criteria
- Conduct **studies** to inform approach
- **Analyse policy environment** and draft recommendations

Morocco

Readiness funding to develop a **preparatory document** for an enhanced climate finance coordination mechanism

Brazil

Readiness funding to establish the **platform's governance** structure (Secretariat, ToR, SoP)

*Results: The platform has already developed a pipeline of over USD 24.3bn with so far **USD 2.1b committed for four projects*.***

Burundi

Readiness funding to replace separate sectoral project lists with **a coherent set of investment priorities**

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GCF approach to supporting country platforms

Readiness Funding / PPF support / Project Financing

Stage 4
Prepare project pipeline

- Conduct **detailed investment planning**, including project sequencing
- **Build capacity** of project developers and partners
- Project-level feasibility studies

Stage 5
Mobilise finance & implement

- **Structure and promote** investment opportunities
- Match financing sources to investment opportunities
- Facilitate co-fininancing
- Monitor, communicate progress and learnings



Ghana

Readiness funding to develop a **Technical Assistance Facility**, providing support on structuring projects and financing arrangements

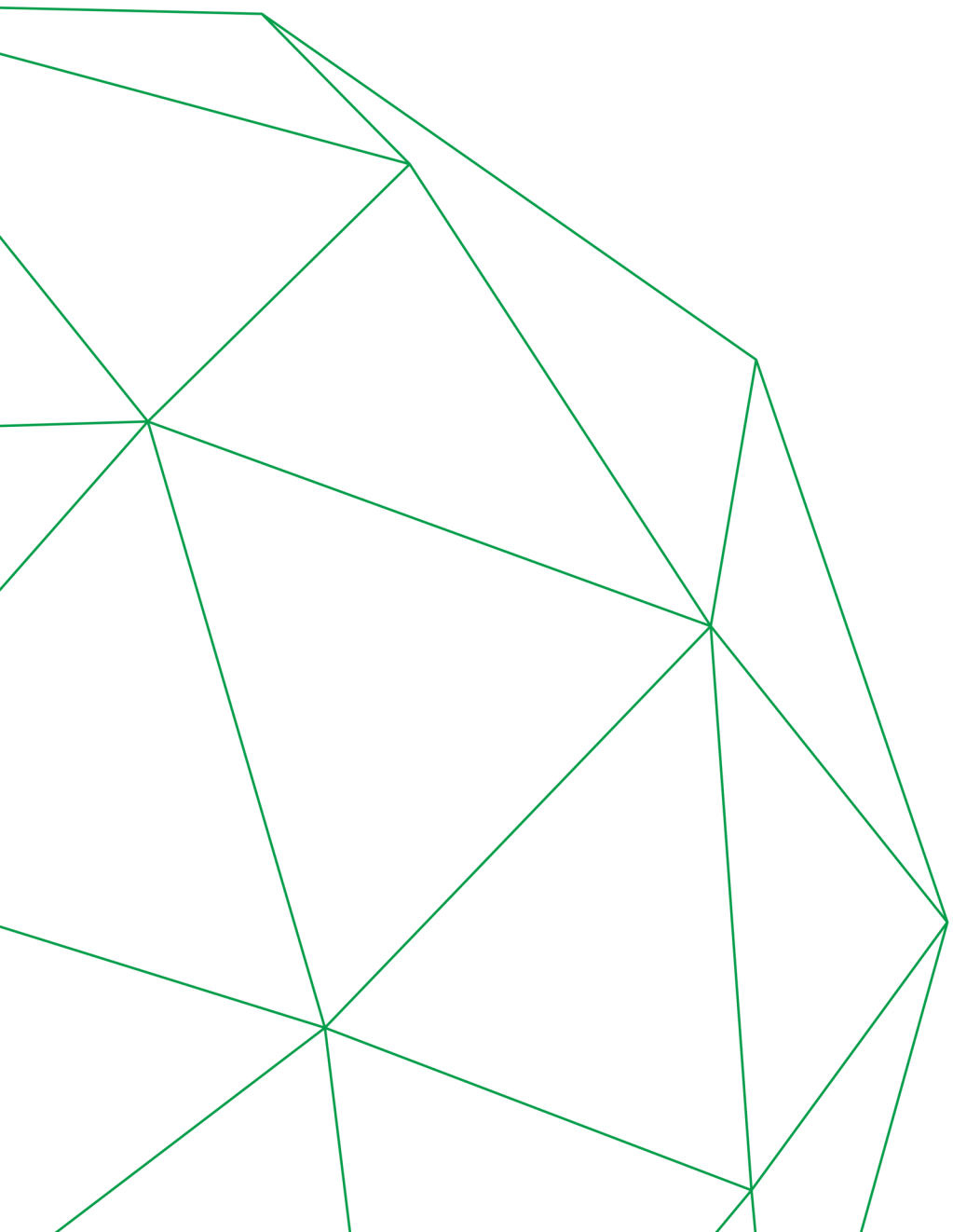


Dominican Republic

Readiness funding to develop a **Digital Funding Platform** linking investment planning with potential funding opportunities and climate-finance mobilisation

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