

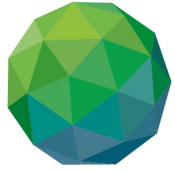
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Sustainable and Inclusive Programming through Locally Led Climate Action

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—— What is locally led climate action?



1

Devolved finance or decision-making to the lowest appropriate level

Local actors have direct access to GCF funding

Local actors are meaningfully involved in deciding the use of GCF funding

2

Empowering local actors to drive local climate action

Strong involvement across the project cycle from design to evaluation

Local and indigenous knowledge guides project activities and outcomes

3

Building capacity for locally-led climate action

Address structural inequalities faced by most vulnerable

Enable decentralization and community-based approaches

Enhance capacity to identify climate risks and implement solutions

Local ownership in the GCF context



WHO

- **Government:** Local, municipal, county, village, district; social sector agencies
- **Civil Society:** CBOs/NGOs, community representatives, grassroot groups, indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, youth and women groups
- **Industry, livelihood, private groups:** Farmer cooperatives, user associations, savings and loan groups, private enterprises/ MSMEs

HOW

Strategy/origination/ project development

- Community-based vulnerability, capacity, needs assessments
- Joint application of local, traditional and indigenous knowledge and climate data
- Guide project priorities and design and/or inform local climate planning

Project implementation

- Access on-granting/on-lending facility and implement sub-projects and/or inform climate planning
- Oversee and advise on project governance and adaptive management
- Engage in operations and maintenance

Project monitoring, learning and evaluation

- Develop, advise and validate appropriate indicators
- Engage in monitoring, accountability and evaluation systems
- Generate, signify and disseminate knowledge

Investment opportunities



READINESS

NATIONAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS

- Decentralization and community-informed local adaptation planning, including related regulations (climate-responsive fiscal transfer mechanisms)
- Local group capacity, particularly those supporting the most vulnerable
- National systems for tracking local outcomes of climate finance

DAE CAPACITY-BUILDING

- Inclusive design, governance and financing methodologies
- Due diligence and risk management capacities for devolved financing mechanisms
- Locally appropriate M&E systems and use of local, traditional and indigenous knowledge

FUNDING

TARGETED PROJECTS

- Programmes on municipal/city/county-based planning with sector-wide interventions linking policy and local level solutions
- On-granting for underserved groups: youth, IPs, women, social sectors
- Building community funds, revolving funds, saving groups and linking to anticipatory action/social protection
- Public-private partnerships for locally-led climate action
- Linking micro-finance and climate planning

LEVERAGING PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES

- Multiple programmes focus on interventions at local level – can embed a principle-based framework for locally-led downstream work
- Dedicated community windows

Project examples



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- Grant Facility funding prioritized adaptation actions by local authorities for coastal protection, food & water security
- Technical assistance delivered and knowledge platform established to share lessons learned across SIDs

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- Community-led adaptation planning informing local adaptation activities for agriculture and fisheries sectors
- Climate information and early warning systems at local level provided and training for local actors on coastal management

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- Grants Facility funding locally led EbA measures eligible to local NGOs, CBOs and local governments
- Capacity of partners strengthened to design and implement, and awareness of communities raised

Thank you