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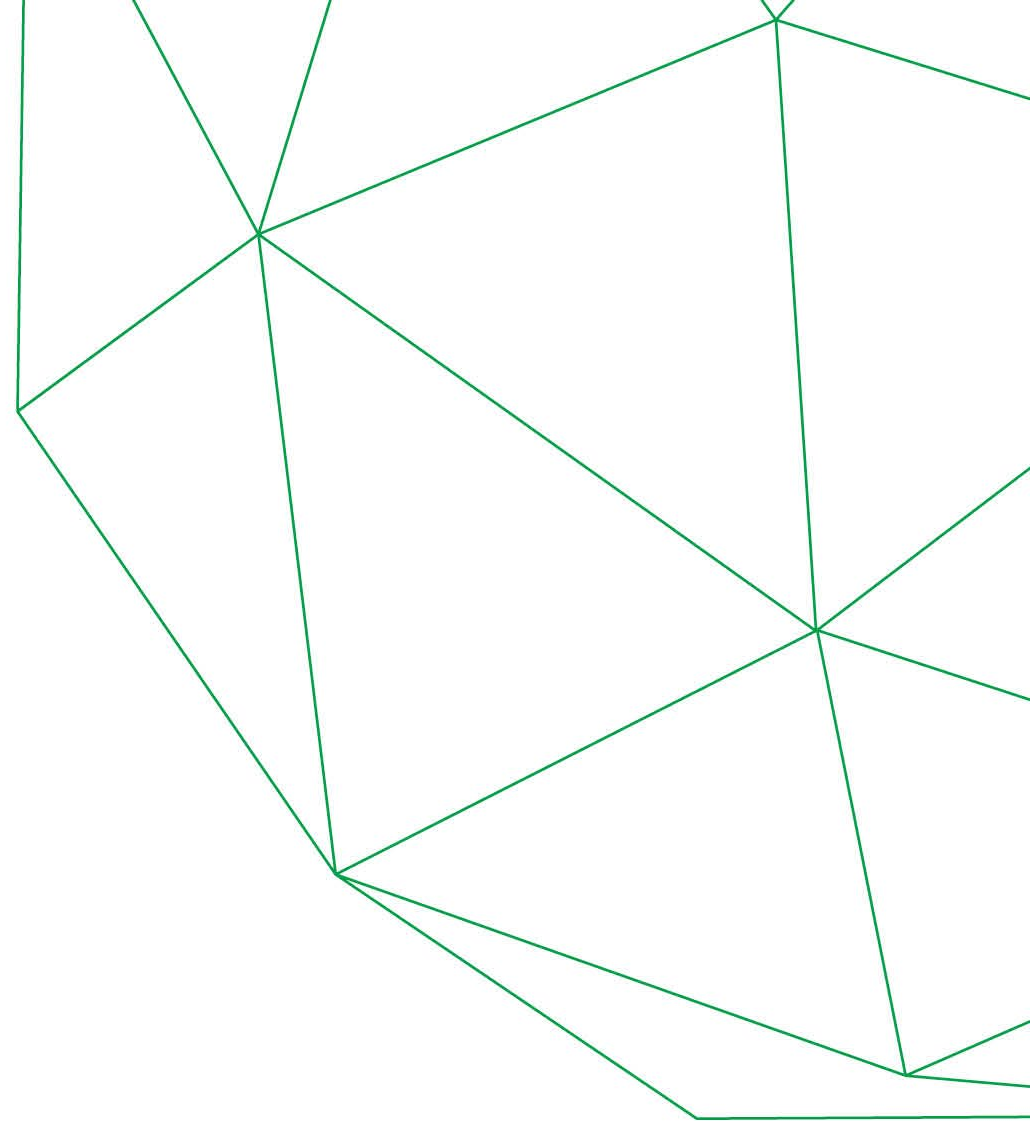
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# Locally-led Climate Action

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# What is locally-led climate action



## 01: Devolved finance or decision-making to the lowest appropriate level

Local actors have direct oversight of the use of GCF finance

Local actors are meaningfully involved in deciding the use of GCF climate finance

## 02: 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

## 03: 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

- Validate vulnerability, needs, capacity 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

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

# Impact potential



## Why invest in locally-led approaches

- ✓ Equitable climate finance for those most in need building capacity for local responses
- ✓ Key driver for long term sustainability by building ownership through context-specific solutions
- ✓ Transparency, trust and accountability mechanism between funders & beneficiaries

## ... some myth busting. LLCA is not..

### ! Standard engagement or consultations

Risk-based approaches are covered by safeguarding

### ! Confined to specific scales or geographies

Local needs are far-reaching, solutions require integration with wider policy/market/public good access.

### ! A cure for all or always affordable/feasible

Need to account for competing interests and involve entire local ecosystem – requires time, budget, intent

## IMPACT POTENTIAL

Funding reaching local level

Building local systems and approaches for resilience, including for the most vulnerable

Enhanced sustainability of local institutional design and improved local government performance

Effective new livelihood strategies and local market creation

# Investment & support 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



# Thank you