

# GCF REGIONAL DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA

## 24-26 JULY 2023, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

The GCF Regional Dialogue with Latin America serves as a platform for stakeholders to accelerate their engagement with GCF, to learn from experience, to identify and prioritize climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives that will support sustainable development in their respective countries and region, thereby strengthening the impact of GCF in each region. The objectives of Regional Dialogue include:

- To increase understanding of GCF priorities, policies, tools, and guidance among National Designated Authorities (NDAs), Accredited Entities (AEs), Direct Access Entities (DAEs), Delivery Partners (DPs), and other stakeholders;
- To support countries to identify and address their Readiness support needs and optimize the benefit obtained from the Readiness Programme, and in particular from the revised Readiness Strategy;
- To advance programming through the discussion and coordination of project ideas at the national and regional levels;
- To strengthen the capacity of DAEs to develop strong Concept Notes and Funding Proposals;
- To hear from stakeholders in relation to their priorities, challenges, and ideas related to working with GCF;
- To foster collaboration among stakeholders to increase the effectiveness and impact of GCF-funded initiatives.

## AGENDA

**Venue:** Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza

**DAY 1 – MONDAY, 24 JULY 2023**

**Moderator:** Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF

Time	Topic
08.00 – 09.00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09.00 – 09.40 (40 min)	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of the event – Moderator (5 min)</li> <li>• Opening remarks – Henry Gonzalez, Executive Director (a.i.), GCF</li> <li>• Welcome remarks – Juan Carlos Jintiach, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities and Indigenous People’s Advisory Group of the GCF (TBC)</li> <li>• Welcome remarks – Natalie Pareja, National Designated Authority and Director of Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment, Oriental Republic of Uruguay</li> <li>• Welcome remarks – His Excellency Robert Bouvier, Minister of Environment of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay</li> </ul>
09.40 – 10.30 (50 min)	<p><b>SESSION 1: GCF PRIORITIES 2024-2027</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEU evaluation of GCF-1 and recommendations for GCF-2 – Galyna Uvarova, Data and GIS Specialist, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>• Updated Strategic Plan and links to increased NDC ambition – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (15 min)</li> <li>• The road to a successful GCF-2 replenishment – Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director, Division Country Programming, GCF (10 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (15 min)</p>

<p>10.30 – 11.00 (30 min)</p>	<p><b>NETWORKING, COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
<p>11.00 – 12.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 2: REGION STATE OF PLAY</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of GCF’s engagement in Latin America including analysis of public and private sectors portfolio – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country and entity perspective on opportunities for engagement with GCF             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ivan Cruz, Director of Financial Mechanisms and Portfolio Management, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic (10 min)</li> <li>2. Alejandro Miranda, Executive Principal, Vice-presidency Sustainable Development, CAF (10 min)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (25 min)</b></p>
<p>12.00 – 13.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 3: ENHANCING COUNTRY OWNERSHIP</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latest developments on GCF and country ownership - Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director, Division of Country Programming, GCF (15 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination mechanisms, procedures for project review and issuance of no-objections, alignment of GCF support to NDCs (10 min)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jimena Cortés, Technical Advisor to the NDA, Department of National Planning, Colombia (5 min)</li> <li>2. Edward Werner Escobar, public Policy Specialist, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru (5 min)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (35 min)</b></p>
<p>13.00 – 14.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> <i>Arcadia Restaurant (25<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p>
<p>14.00 – 15.15 (75 min)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 4: READINESS FOR NDC AND NAP IMPLEMENTATION FINANCING – PLENARY</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEU evaluation of the Readiness Programme - Galyna Uvarova, Data and GIS Specialist, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>• Latest developments (NDC and NAP Implementation Financing Framework, revised Readiness Strategy) – Valentina Villoria, Regional Officer for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>• Overview of the methodology for developing a pipeline of resilient projects – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (20 min)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country experience             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karina Barrera, Undersecretary of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition, Ecuador (10 min)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (20 min)</p> <p><b>Introduction to working groups</b> - Valentina Villoria, Regional Officer for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (5 min)</p>		
15.15 – 15.45	<b>NETWORKING, COFFEE BREAK</b>		
15.45 – 17.00 (75 min)	<b>SESSION 5: READINESS FOR NDC AND NAP IMPLEMENTATION FINANCING – PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>		
	<p><b>Theme 1: Readiness programming and prioritization</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Francisco Arango, Readiness Consultant for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF</p>	<p><b>Theme 2: Readiness for enabling environments</b></p> <p><i>Renoir (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Valentina Villoria, Regional Officer for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF</p> <p>Country experience. Wenceslao Carrera, Project Director, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment, Cuba (5 min)</p>	<p><b>Theme 3: Readiness for investment projects origination</b></p> <p><i>Picasso (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Marc Dumas-Johansen, Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF</p> <p>Country and Entity experiences. Edward Werner Escobar, Public Policy Specialist, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru (5 min)</p> <p>Anton Willems, Executive Director, Profonampe (5 min)</p>
17.00 – 17.30 (30 min)	<p><b>SESSION 5: READINESS FOR NDC AND NAP IMPLEMENTATION FINANCING – PLENARY</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting back to plenary</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Valentina Villoria, Regional Officer for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF</p>		
17.30 – 17.45 (15 min)	<p><b>WRAP-UP DAY 1</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key take aways day 1 - Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director, Division of Country Programming, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>Closing – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (5 min)</li> </ul>		
18.30 – 20.00	<p><b>WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY URUGUAY</b></p> <p><i>Venue: Auditorio Nacional del Sodre, Calle Florida esquina Mercedes (5 min walking from Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza)</i></p>		

## DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 25 JULY 2023

Time	Topic
09.00 – 09.15 (15 min)	<p><b>OPENING DAY 2</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap from day 1 and introduction to day 2 agenda - Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (10 min)</li> </ul>
09.15 – 10.15 (60 min)	<p><b>SESSION 6: ACCREDITATION AS A PROGRAMMING TOOL</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board guidance, alignment of accreditation with country priorities and lessons learned from accreditation/reaccreditation - Olena Borysova, Division of Country Programming, GCF (20 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country and entity experience (20 min) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paula Ellinger, Climate Action Director, Fundación Avina</li> <li>Alejandro Camacho, Director of Sustainable Financing, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (20 min)</p>
10.15 – 10.45 (30 min)	<p><b>NETWORKING, COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
10.45 – 12.00 (TBC) (75 min)	<p><b>SESSION 7: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: GCF-ALIGNED AND HIGH-QUALITY PROJECTS – PLENARY</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What to programme with GCF: overview of public sector priorities – Marc Dumas, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>What to programme with GCF: overview of private sector priorities – Daniel Farchy, Climate Investment Manager, Private Sector Facility, GCF (10 min)</li> <li>Updates on the Simplified Approval Process (SAP) and the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) – Freddy Soto, Project Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF (15 min)</li> <li>Overview of environmental and social safeguards and sexual exploitation abuse and harassment risk tool, gender and indigenous peoples – Bertha Chiudza, Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist, Office of Sustainability and Inclusion, GCF (10 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (20 min)</p> <p><b>Introduction to parallel sessions</b> - Marc Dumas-Johansen, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF (10 min)</p>

12.00 – 13.00 (60 min)	<b>SESSION 8a: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: GCF-ALIGNED AND HIGH-QUALITY PROJECTS – PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>		
	<b>Theme 1: Climate rationale</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> Marc Dumas-Johansen, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF Shahid Parwez, Division of Portfolio Management, GCF	<b>Theme 2: Innovation/ Additionality</b> <i>Renoir (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> Anurag Mishra, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF Daniel Farchy, Division of Private Sector Facility, GCF	<b>Theme 3: Environmental and Social Standards, Sexual Exploitation, Gender</b> <i>Picasso (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> Bertha Chiudza, Office of Sustainability and Inclusion, GCF
13.00 – 14.00 (60 min)	<b>LUNCH</b> <i>Arcadia Restaurant (25<sup>th</sup> floor)</i>		
14.00 – 15.00 (60 min)	<b>SESSION 8b: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: GCF-ALIGNED AND HIGH-QUALITY PROJECTS – PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>		
	<b>Theme 4: Financial Instruments</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> Yunyeong Yang, Division of Private Sector Facility, GCF Grace Lee, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF	<b>Theme 5: Scalability</b> <i>Renoir (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> Freddy Soto, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF	<b>Theme 6: Indigenous Peoples</b> <i>Picasso (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> TBC
15.00 – 15.30 (30 min)	<b>SESSIONS 8: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: PLENARY</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting back to plenary</li> </ul> Moderator: Marc Dumas-Johansen, Senior Agriculture and Food Security Specialist, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, GCF		
15.30 – 15.40 (10 min)	<b>WRAP-UP DAY 2</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key take aways day 2 - Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director, Division of Country Programming, GCF</li> <li>Closing – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF</li> </ul>		
15.40 – 16.00 (20 min)	<b>NETWORKING, COFFEE BREAK</b>		

<p>16.00 – 18.00 (120 min)</p>	<p><b>BILATERALS</b></p>					
	<p>Bilateral sessions (25 mins each). All rooms on the fourth floor</p>					
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18.30 – 20.00	<p><b>NETWORKING DINNER HOSTED BY THE GCF</b></p> <p><i>Venue: Bodega Joanico (the dinner will include a visit to the winery and wine tasting. Transportation of all participants by bus from Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza)</i></p>					

## DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023

Time	Session		
09.00 – 09.15 (15 min)	<p><b>OPENING DAY 3</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap from day 2 and introduction to day 3 agenda – Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (10 min)</li> </ul>		
09.15 – 10.15 (60 min)	<p><b>SESSION 9: SUPPORTING CLIMATE-ALIGNED FINANCIAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT– PLENARY</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status quo of climate-aligned financial system development – Tobias Dorr, Project Director, Partnering for Readiness, GIZ (10 min)</li> <li>How can the GCF support climate-aligned financial system development – Yunyeong Yang, Climate Investment Specialist, Division of Private Sector Facility, GCF (10 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Countries' experiences engaging with the private sector               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leandro Gorgal, Undersecretary of International Financial Relations for Development, Ministry of Economy, Argentina (10 min)</li> <li>Mirthia González, Climate Change Analyst and Planner, Ministry of Environment, Panama (10 min)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (20 min)</p>		
10.15– 10.45 (30 min)	<p><b>NETWORKING, COFFEE BREAK</b></p>		
10.45 – 11.45 (60 min)	<p><b>SESSION 10: SUPPORTING CLIMATE-ALIGNED FINANCIAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT– PARALLEL SESSIONS</b></p> <p>Breakout group discussions by themes</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td> <p><b>Theme 1: Effective engagement with financial sector actors, central banks, financial institutions</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Marco Schiewe, Head of Project, GIZ Brazil</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Macarena Mo, Technical Consultant of the Ministry of Environment and Danela Medina, Sustainable Finance Department Chief, Central Bank, Uruguay</p> </td> <td> <p><b>Theme 2: Green Taxonomy/Green Bonds</b></p> <p><i>Picasso (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Tobias Dorr, Project Director, Partnering for Readiness, GIZ</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Jaime Tramon, Advisor Financial and International Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Chile</p> <p>Country representative (TBC)</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<p><b>Theme 1: Effective engagement with financial sector actors, central banks, financial institutions</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Marco Schiewe, Head of Project, GIZ Brazil</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>Macarena Mo, Technical Consultant of the Ministry of Environment and Danela Medina, Sustainable Finance Department Chief, Central Bank, Uruguay</p>	<p><b>Theme 2: Green Taxonomy/Green Bonds</b></p> <p><i>Picasso (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Tobias Dorr, Project Director, Partnering for Readiness, GIZ</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Jaime Tramon, Advisor Financial and International Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Chile</p> <p>Country representative (TBC)</p>
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<p>12.00 – 13.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 11: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF READINESS GRANTS/PPF IN LATIN AMERICA</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Latin America’s Readiness portfolio performance</li> <li>• Key challenges faced in the region during readiness implementation</li> <li>• Familiarity on the GCF’s adaptive management process</li> <li>• Exchange best practices and lessons learned from implementation that can inform the origination of high-quality proposals</li> <li>• Boosting administrative/operational efficiencies</li> </ul> <p>Shahid Parwez, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Division of Portfolio Management, GCF (45 mins)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (15 min)</b></p>					
<p>13.00 – 14.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> <i>Arcadia Restaurant (25<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p>					
<p>14.00 – 15.00 (60 min)</p>	<p><b>SESSION 12: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges during funded activities implementation; GCF’s adaptive management options/requirements, restructuring and cancellation – Roberto Lopez, Portfolio Management Lead, Division of Portfolio Management, GCF (45 min)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (15 min)</b></p>					
<p>15.00 – 15.30 (30 min)</p>	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator closes the event including presentation key take aways– Cayetano Casado, Regional Manager for Latin America, Division of Country Programming, GCF (25 min)</li> <li>• Closing remarks – Nonhlanhla Zindela, Deputy Director, Division of Country Programming, GCF (5 min)</li> </ul>					
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## SIDE EVENT

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023

Time	Session
16.00 – 17.00 (60 min)	<p><b>SIDE EVENT: CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM READINESS GRANTS WITH UNOPS</b></p> <p><i>Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor)</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the overall portfolio of grants that UNOPS manages on behalf of the GCF, the LATAM portfolio, as well as the Grant Management Team and process.</li><li>• Presentation of three main challenges in the grant management process.</li><li>• Success stories and lessons learned.</li></ul> <p>Robin Glinka, Project Management Support Specialist and Tianshu Zhang Project Management Support Officer, UNOPS (20 min)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> (35 min)</p> <p><b>Wrap up and takeaways</b> (5 min)</p>



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