

# ENHANCING CARIBBEAN CIVIL SOCIETY'S ACCESS & READINESS TO CLIMATE FINANCE



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## Readiness challenge

- Civil society organisations (CSOs) are well positioned to lead “bottom up” approaches to reduce vulnerability and build the resilience of high risk communities and their livelihoods
  - CSO-led climate change actions and innovations are not well-documented, shared or used for scaling up impact
  - Mechanisms for sustained CSO engagement with GCF country and entity programming are weak
  - CSOs have limited capacity to access finance, and existing systems and procedures makes access difficult
  - CSOs play a limited role in GCF and other climate change development processes



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## Readiness challenge



Discussions emerged with Jamaica, CANARI and Panos Caribbean at the GCF Structured Dialogue for the Caribbean held in Grenada in November 2018.



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## Purpose/Outcome

### Readiness grant purpose

- To enhance civil society's capacity, including knowledge, skills and organisational structures, and the enabling external institutions to improve access to climate financing and delivery of climate change adaptation and mitigation in the Caribbean.





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## Purpose/Outcome

### **Readiness outcomes to be achieved:**

1. Country Programming Process
  - Stakeholder consultation processes
  - Appropriate climate technology solutions
  
2. Direct access to climate finance
  - Direct access entities nomination
  
3. Climate finance strategies and project pipeline strengthened
  - Project concept notes development



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## Readiness support activities



### Component 1 - Engagement

- Identify & assess mechanisms for CSO engagement
- CSO guidelines for engagement to be integrated into NDA toolkit and enhance GCF programming inputs
- Series of national training workshops



### Component 2 – Scaling up

- Mapping of CSO climate change initiatives in the Caribbean (scaling up)
- Online, open access knowledge platform
- Cases of innovation shared using ICTs
- Regional Trainer of Trainers Workshop to enhance implementation



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## Readiness support activities



### Component 3 – Capacity building

- CSO assessment
- Regional dialogue on CSO readiness
- Online CANARI training module/toolkit
- CSO Capacity needs assessment
- Knowledge exchange and learning of global best practices
- Institutional gap analysis
- Readiness and preparatory support
- Nomination for accreditation



### Component 4 – Awareness raising

- Action Learning Group on CSO Readiness for Climate Finance(Community of Practice)
- Regional CSO Climate Change Agenda and Action
- Three project concept notes developed



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## Progress to date

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### **Readiness proposal conceptualised**

Started in November 2018 – JAMAICA, CANARI and Panos Caribbean

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### **Stakeholder engagement**

NDA's engaged during regional private sector workshop (April 2019)

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### **Readiness proposal developed**

No-objection letter received by NDA's (Jamaica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Belize)

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### **Delivery Partner Identified**

CANARI – Completed FMCA is under review

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### **Review of GCF comments for re-submission**

Submitted to GCF in May 2019

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## Expected Results and Next Steps

1. Mechanisms for CSO engagement and consultation developed and/or enhanced at the national and regional levels in the Caribbean
2. Increased uptake for scaling up of appropriate community-based climate change solutions
3. Strengthened capacity of Caribbean CSOs to directly access & deliver climate finance
4. Enhanced awareness and actions among civil society and the public and private sector to develop climate change projects led/co-implemented by Caribbean CSOs and strengthen the GCF pipeline of projects nationally and regionally

### Next Steps

- Review comments from Secretariat
- Re-submit by next deadline
- Secure no objections from other CARICOM States that may be interested
- Await approval of FMCA for CANARI as delivery partner



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