

# “Climate change is a brutal act of injustice toward the poor”

-Pope Francis

- Lower income communities are most at risk
- 55% of the worlds most vulnerable people are in Africa
- Adaptation is at the heart of economic transformation
- We need to crowd in \$170bn investment in SSA every year to meet our climate goals

UNFCC expects rising temperatures to reduce GDP by up to 12% in SSA

WRI estimates that climate impacts will push 100m people further into poverty





# A Just Transition

- A transition where people matter
- Fair, inclusive, and equitable
- Opportunity, access, jobs and income





## Together with GCF, we have already achieved much

- GCF was the first to support Acumen's KawiSafi Fund
- The Fund is focused on energy access and low-carbon technologies for underserved, vulnerable markets in Africa
- 10 investments with clear incentives for impact on those that are most at risk



**100m**  
people positively  
impacted (40%  
below poverty  
line)

**20<sub>mt</sub>**  
**CO<sub>2</sub>e**  
averted

**67%**  
Average revenue  
growth of portfolio  
companies

**>20x**  
Multiple on GCF  
capital crowded in

# Key Challenges, and some opportunities to overcome them

Lack of access to low-cost capital  
(often paying 7x debt costs of  
developed countries)

- Blended equity capital structures that are sufficiently flexible to meet market requirements

Often poor investment climate that  
hinders private sector flourishing to  
contribute to public goals

- Ecosystem approach that works across public and private sector to leverage insights and learning

Talent, experience and diversity in the  
workforce

- Targeted Technical Assistance to build capacity and address key issues

Few early-stage equity funds, few  
managers willing to lead investment  
terms




- Locally-based investors that are willing to lead investments, syndicate transactions, and put in the sweat after investment

# Meeting the Adaptation Mandate – Means Shifting the Lens to People

Challenges	Approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of clear indicators</li><li>• Interconnected systems and challenge of attribution/causal linkages</li><li>• Complex concepts without well established methodologies and baselines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on investments that serve vulnerable and underserved communities</li><li>• Asking: what helps to drive resilience for people on the ground?</li><li>• Engage with people in countries to understand needs and expectations</li><li>• Bring in external expertise to challenge thinking and develop frameworks</li><li>• Create incentives for impact that are transparent and authentic</li></ul>



# A focus on adaptation and resilience for underserved markets

	Risks and Impacts	Low carbon innovations
<div>Energy Generation</div> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Droughts reduce capacity and reliability of Hydropower</li><li>• Grid-based infrastructure susceptible to floods and extreme weather events</li><li>• Energy security and costs as a result of global market movements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renewables-plus-storage offer greater reliability</li><li>• Distributed systems more resilient and adaptable</li><li>• Energy independence and predictability of pricing</li></ul>
<div>Productivity</div> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extreme weather and increased unpredictability leads to crop losses in the field and in storage</li><li>• Low income, vulnerable populations draw-down on limited assets and have reduced productivity as a result of erratic and extreme weather</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to irrigation and cooling technology improves yields and avoids losses</li><li>• Access to information (ICT) enables improved planning and pricing</li><li>• Access to energy-enabled machinery increases productivity and assets</li></ul>
<div>Transportation and distribution</div> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation systems increasingly fragile and fragmented as a result of floods, droughts and other climate impacts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EVs offer safer, cheaper and more reliable public and private distribution solutions (E-bikes and fleet management)</li></ul>

## **Our proposal is a follow-on fund to scale-up climate-smart pathways from poverty to prosperity**

- **Products and services that meet essential, every-day needs for everyone, especially under-served communities**
- **Existing markets that are inefficient or over-priced**
- **High CO<sub>2</sub> markets that will benefit from low carbon technology**

**Energy Transition**



**Energy Productivity**



**Mobility & Logistics**



# Partnering with GCF

- A partner to build a better world together
- A clear focus on impact and outcome on the ground
- GCF shares our ambition to go boldly into markets where others typically fear to tread in order to make an impact
  - Recognising the challenges of creating impact in emerging markets
  - Not business as usual
- GCF is willing to lead and anchor new Funds and initiatives
- As a result, together, we crowd in capital and create impact







In our hands

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