

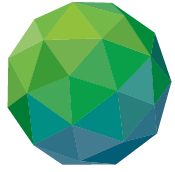
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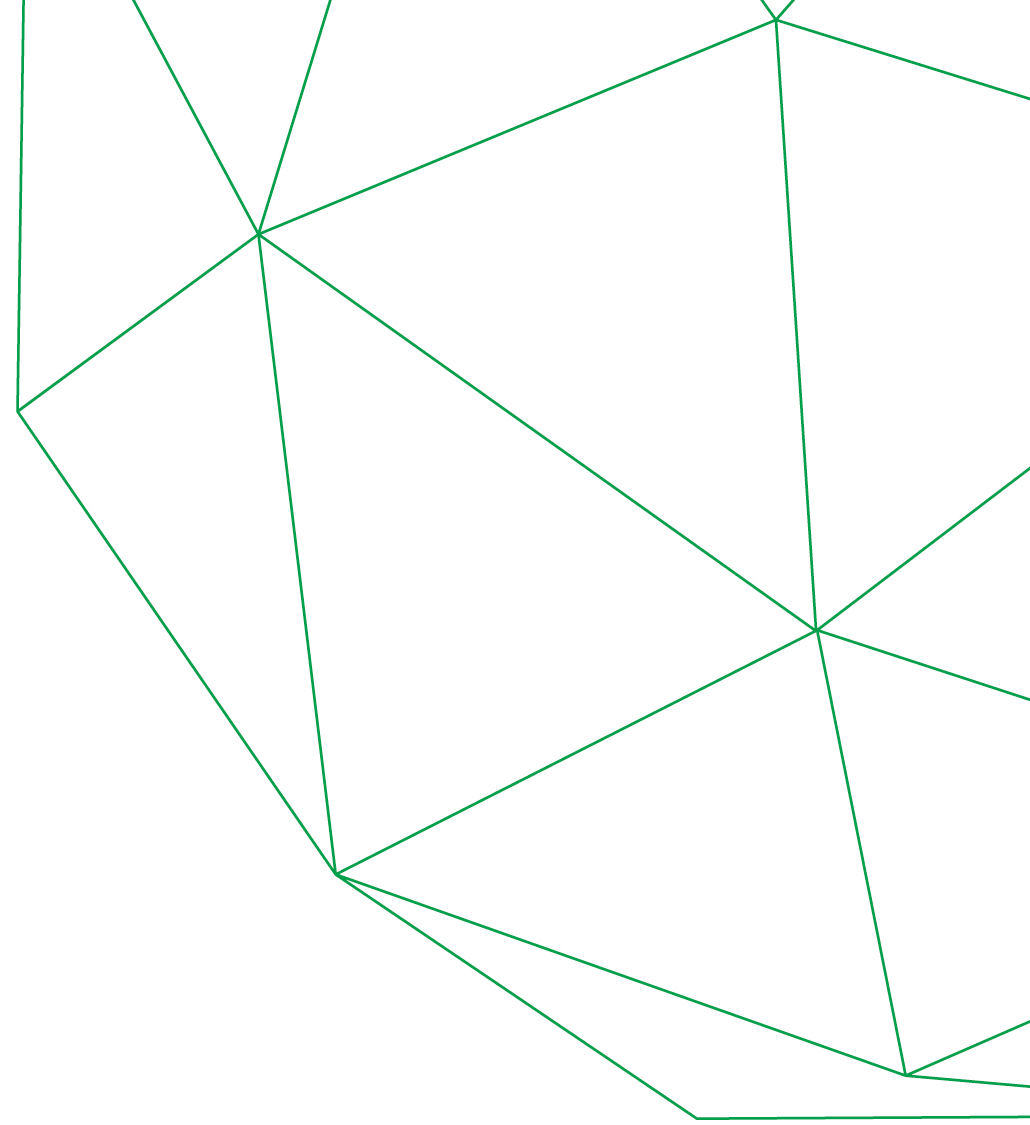
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Readiness Support for Pipeline Development and Concept Preparation

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A mandate for readiness support

“The Fund will provide resources for readiness and preparatory activities and technical assistance, such as the preparation or strengthening of low-emission development strategies or plans, NAMAs, NAPs, NAPAs and for in-country institutional strengthening, including the strengthening of capacities for country coordination and to meet fiduciary principles and standards and environmental and social safeguards, in order to enable countries to directly access the Fund.”



Readiness in Figures (USD)

TOTAL GCF READINESS PORTFOLIO



Indicative list of activities:



Total **number** of
readiness grants
approved for
MENA



Total amount
disbursed
USD million

Readiness Strategy 2024-2027



Country Modality

NDA

- **\$ 4 million** per country* over 4 years for activities outside of adaptation planning
- **\$ 3 million** per country* over 4 years for adaptation planning and implementation
- **Up to \$ 3 million** of additional NAP **implementation** → if required over & above \$ 7 M →
 - Based on clear, justifying need & demonstrable impact on NAP implementation

DAE Modality

DAEs

- **\$ 1 million** per entity

Programming for mitigation and adaptation

Country programme

Assessment and prioritisation of project ideas in line of national strategic frameworks, multistakeholder consultation and validation

Concept development and strengthening

Project scoping/ideation, situational analysis, prioritise interventions, formulate concept note. Can include the development of a pre-feasibility study

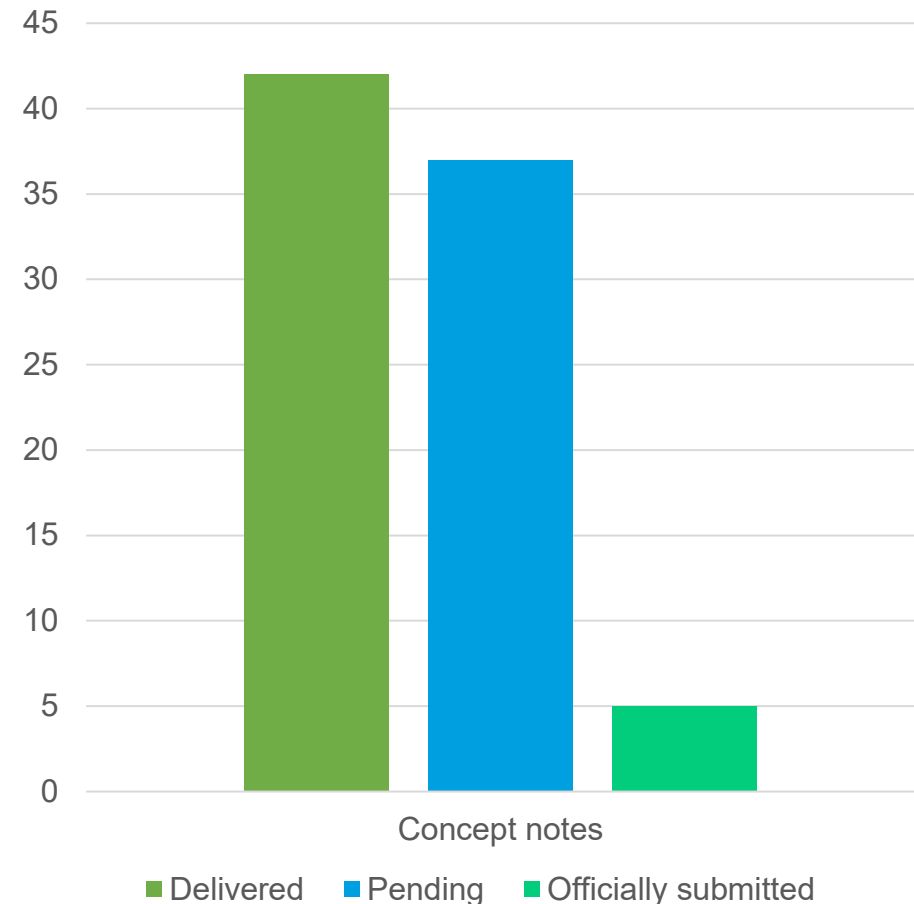
Programming capacity building

Building capacity of Direct Access Entities, Executing entities, and other relevant stakeholders for project design (incl. ESS), implementation, monitoring, and reporting

- Underlying data collection: Climate data, sectoral baseline assessments, CCRVAs, GHG inventories and MRV systems, modelling tools and other research

Pipeline Development in MENA

- Country programmes:
 - 10 developed; one under development
- 42 Concept notes developed, often with pre-feasibility studies



Challenges experienced

- Concept notes are often not aligned with GCF standards and requirements
 - Porous climate rationale
 - Misalignment between problem statement and proposed interventions
 - Overreliance on grant instruments
- Misalignment between country programmes and concept notes developed under the readiness:
 - Concurrent grants and lack of coordination to enhance complementarity of implementation
 - Late submission of concept notes due to grant implementation delays
- Concept notes not officially submitted to GCF for investment:
 - Readiness deliverables are not automatically considered for investment
 - Lack of accredited entities to carry the project
 - Lapse in the review of concept notes by AEs can affect viability or relevance of the project idea

Ways forwards

Strategic, medium-term planning of readiness support

Focus readiness on GCF pipeline origination and country ownership

Competitive selection of the most suitable technical & financial offers

Country-centered approach and more hands-on management from GCF



Thank you