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# DAE write shop – opening session

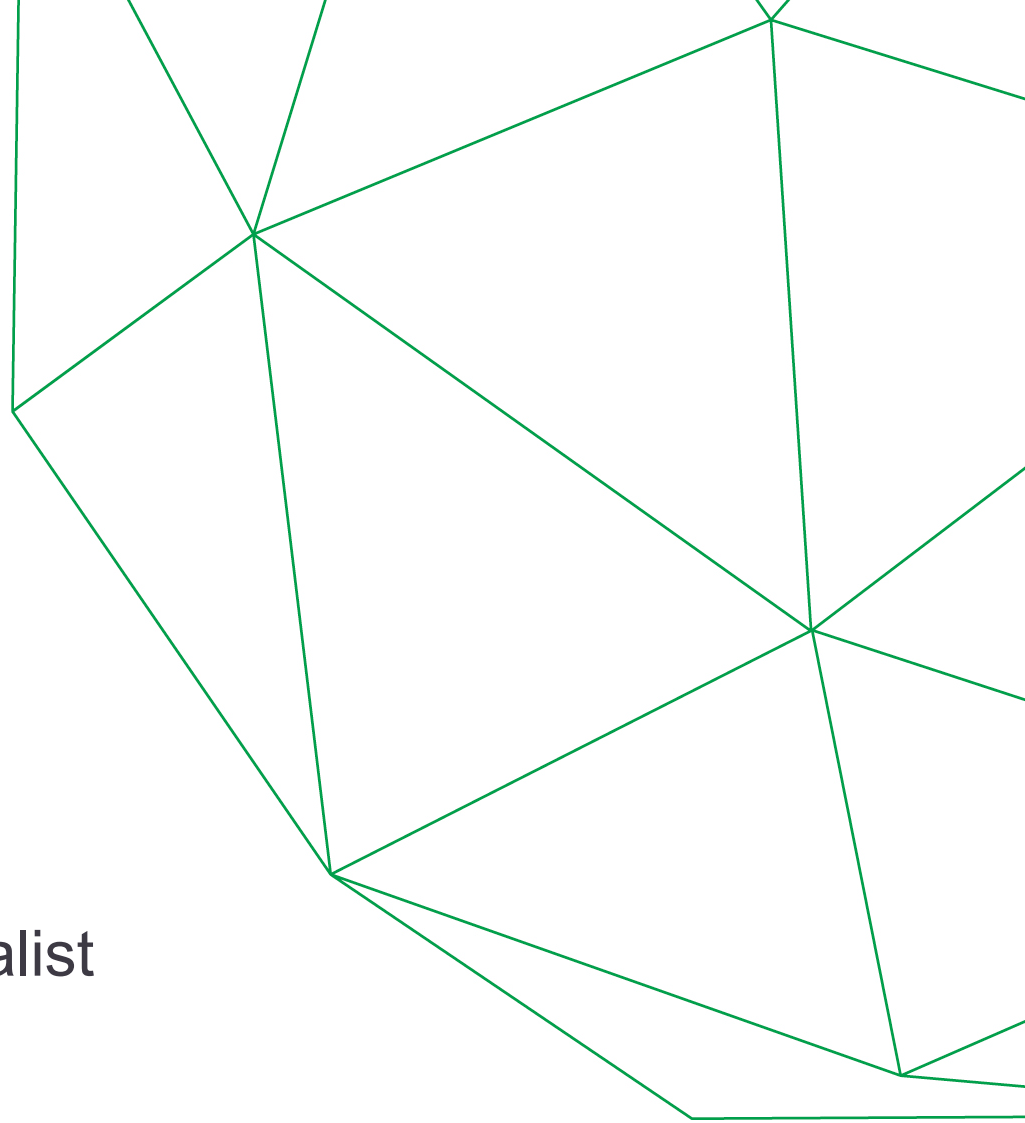
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# Objectives of the write shop

- **Build capacity to engage and operate with the GCF:**
- Developing a GCF concept note
  - *Climate context*
  - *Technical interventions*
  - *Theory of change*
  - *Financial structuring*
  - *GCF investment criteria*
  - *CN submission requirements*

# Format of the write shop



- Plenary sessions covering the different sections and topics of the concept note
- Group sessions where participants will work on their respective projects developing a concept note, section by section.

## Thursday 27 June

Session	Time	Subject
Opening session	09.00-10.00	Presentation
Session 1: Defining the climate problem (CN section B.1)	10.00-10.45	Presentation
	10.45-11.30	Group work
Coffee/tea break	11.30-11.45	
Session 2: Project description and ToC (CN section B.2)	11.45 -12.30	Presentation
Lunch	12.30-13.30	
Session 2 Section B.2 - Project description and ToC Session 2	13.30-14.15	Presentation
	14.15-15.30	Group work
Coffee/tea break	15.30-15.45	
Group work section B.1+B2	15.45-16.45	Group work
Wrap up	16.45-16.55	Wrap up

## Friday 28 June

Session	Time	Subject
Session 3 Financial structure and budget (CN section C)	9.00-9.45	Presentation
	9.45-10.30	Group work
Coffee/tea break	10.30-10.45	
Session 5 Investment criteria, implementation arrangements and submission requirements (CN section B.3)	10.45 -11.30	Presentation
Session 5 Investment criteria, implementation arrangements and submission requirements (CN section B.3)	11.30-12.15	Group work
	12.15-12.30	Wrap up
Lunch	12.30-13.30	
Session 6 Project development clinic (optional)	13.30-17.00	Group work

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# Project cycle

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# Concept note preparation



- CNs increase quality at entry for projects
- Provides an opportunity for NDAs and DAEs/AEs to engage in early discussions and project design
- Seek feedback from the Secretariat on the project alignment with GCF objectives

## CONCEPT NOTE

**Voluntary**

**Submitted by either the AE or the NDA**

**Contains basic project information**

**Annexes are optional**

# What is a good GCF concept note?

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## Additionality of GCF Funding

- Why GCF?
- Projects must crowd-in additional financing on top of GCF

## Strong Climate Rationale

- Climate impact of investment is key
- Scientific evidence to support climate rationale

## Country Driven Approach

- Alignment with NDCs
- Early country (NDA) engagement
- No-objection letter

## Six Investment Criteria

1. Impact Potential
2. Paradigm Shift Potential
3. Sustainable development potential
4. Recipient needs
5. Country ownership
6. Efficiency & effectiveness

## 8 Results Areas



Energy



Transport



Buildings, Cities, Industries



Forests and land use



Livelihoods of people & comm.



Health, food and water security



Ecosystems



Infrastructure

## Compliance with GCF Policies

- Fiduciary standards
- Risk Management
- ESS
- M&E Criteria
- Gender Policy
- Legal Standards

## Completeness of documentation

- Feasibility study
- Financial Model
- Project Timetable
- Gender Analysis
- Environmental studies
- No-objection letter

# Targeted results 2024-2027

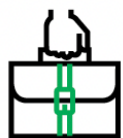
- Advance the implementation of their NDCs, NAPs and LTS.
- Double the number of Direct Access Entities with approved GCF funding.
- Establish new or improved early warning systems.
- Enable smallholder farmers to adopt low-emission climate-resilient agricultural and fisheries practices and secure livelihoods while reconfiguring food systems.
- Conserve, restore or bring under sustainable management terrestrial and marine areas.
- Develop or secure low-emission climate resilient infrastructure.
- Expand access to sustainable, affordable, resilient, reliable renewable energy, particularly for hardest to reach, and to increase renewable energy sources in the energy mix.
- Shift toward clean and efficient energy end-use for transport, building and industry sectors.
- Access adaptation funding, including for locally-led action.
- Provide seed and early-stage capital for innovative climate solutions, business models and technologies to local private sector early-stage ventures and MSMEs.
- Enable national and regional financial institutions to access GCF resources, and other green finance, particularly for MSMEs.

# Programming Priorities 2024-2027



## Empower developing countries

As a climate capacity-builder, GCF will enhance its Readiness Programme to help countries translate their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Long-term Climate Strategies (LTS) into climate investments and programming.



## Mobilise the private sector

GCF will optimise its risk appetite and flexible financing to engage the private sector and unlock the financial flows needed by developing countries for climate action.



## Improve access

GCF is committed to significantly improve access for developing countries to GCF finance, ensuring funding is delivered efficiently and effectively to communities who need it the most.



## Protect the most vulnerable

GCF will enhance support for the most vulnerable people and communities to address their immediate adaptation and resilience needs, such as urgent climate threats by expanding coverage of climate information and early warning systems.

# Concept note requirements



## The CN should provide the following information:

- A brief climate context and baseline;
- A project description, including project components;
- The project size, suggested financial instruments and other financial information;
- Brief information on how the concept note meets the GCF investment criteria; and
- Information on engagement with the NDA(s) and relevant stakeholders.

## Optional annexes to be included at the CN stage:

- Map indicating the location of the project/programme;
- Diagram of the theory of change;
- Economic and financial model with key assumptions;
- Pre-feasibility study, if applicable;
- Evaluation report of previous project(s), if any;
- Results of E&S risk screening.

## The following elements do not need to be provided at the CN stage:

- Project logical framework;
- Detailed budget;
- Project appraisal report.

# Concept note structure

- **Cover page:** basic information about the proposed project or programme
- **Section A:** Project/programme summary (result areas, adaptation and mitigation impact, funding request, PPF request, ESS category, project rationale, objectives)
- **Section B:** Project/programme information
  - B1. Context and baseline: climate vulnerability and impact, alignment with national climate strategies, main causes and barriers to be addressed
  - B2. Project/programme description: proposed interventions presented through components, outputs and activities to address the barriers and the climate vulnerability or impact
  - B3. Expected project results aligned with the GCF investment criteria: performance of the project against GCF's 6 investment criteria
- **Section C:** Indicative financing/Cost information
  - C1. Financing by components (total costs, GCF financing, Co-financing)
  - C2. Justification of GCF funding request (rationale, alternative funding, strong economic and financial justification for grant elements and concessionality level)
  - C3. Sustainability and replicability of the project (exit strategy)
- **Section D:** Supporting documents (e.g. map, ToC, pre-feasibility study, evaluation of previous projects, results of ESS screening)

# Concept note storytelling



1. What is the **problem** you want to tackle?

2. What are the **causes & impacts** of the **problem**?

3. What is the **current situation** and **gaps & challenges** to address the **problem**?

4. What is your **solution** to the **problem**?

5. What is the **impact** of your **solution**?

1. **Maize productivity** is **declining** and **will decline** further in the future,

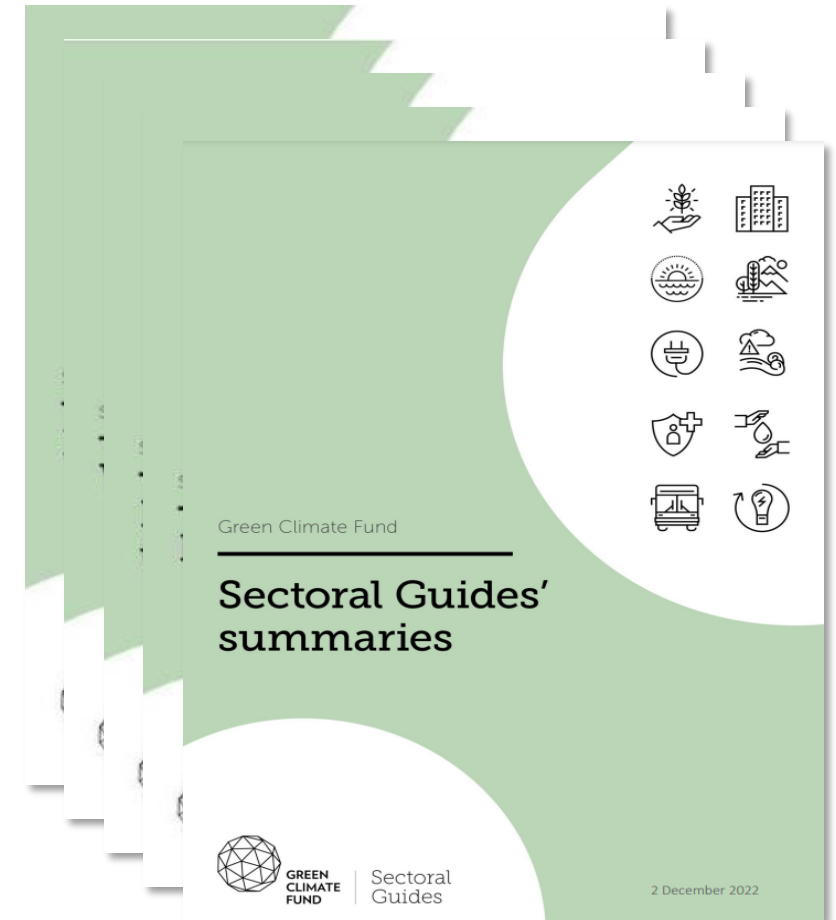
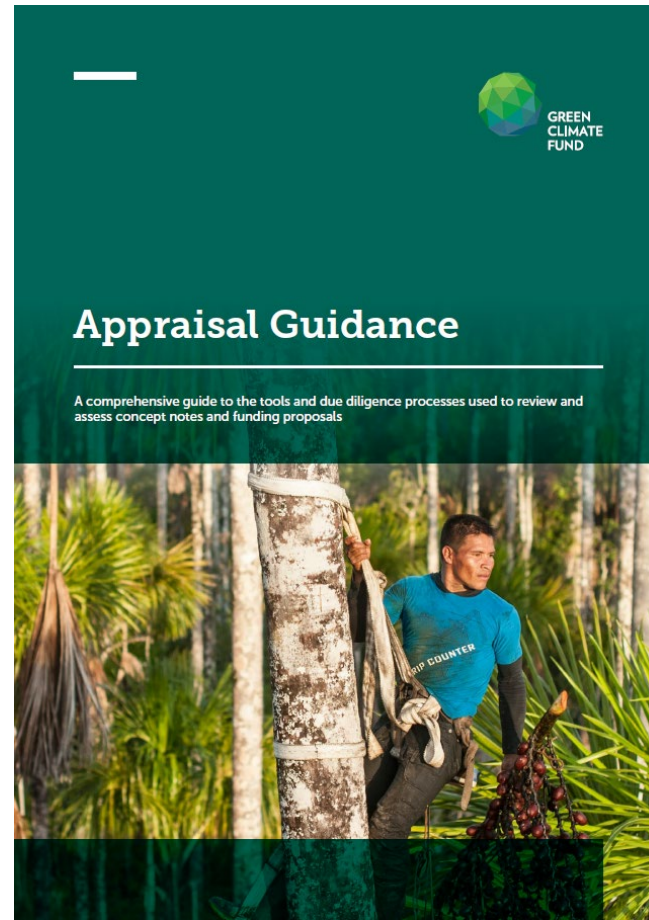
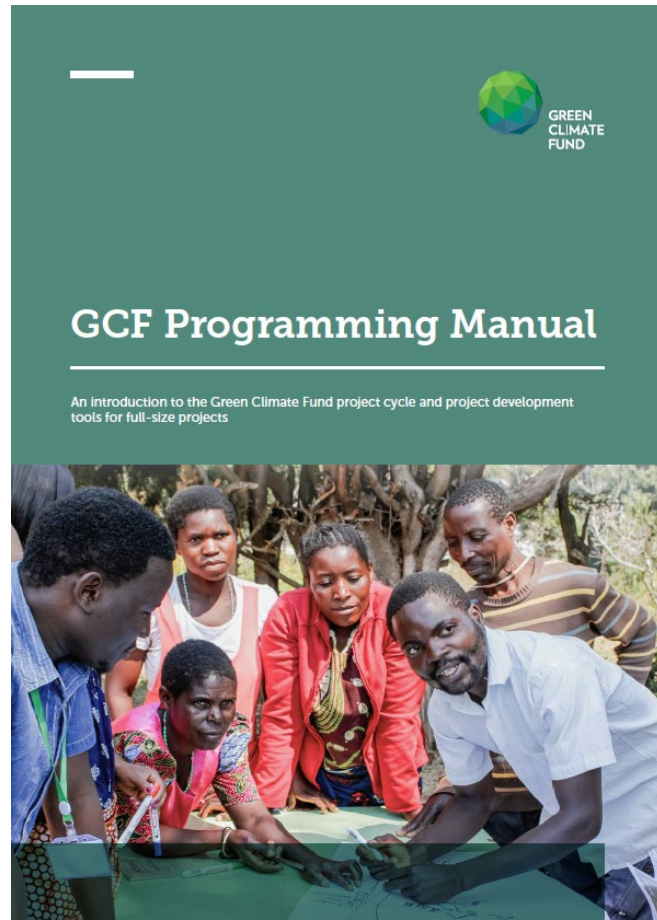
2. because of climate-induced **temperature** increase & decrease in **rainfall**. These are leading to rise in **evapotranspiration** and **subsequent yield decline**

3. Currently maize **monocropping, rainfed, pests**  
Gaps & challenges: Limited access to **water** & **drought-resistant varieties, storage and processing**

4. **Irrigation** and provision of **resilient varieties, species diversification and access to storage**

5. **Increased yields, resilient food systems**

# GCF guidance materials



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# Project case study

**SAPo25**

**Adaptation of agricultural production systems in Coastal Areas of Northwest Guinea-Bissau**

**GCF funding:** USD 9.8 million (grant)

**Total project funding:** USD 10 million

**Accredited Entity:** Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)

*Adaptation  
Guinea-Bissau*



Direct access project to combat seawater intrusion of mangrove fields. The project enhances food security, improves water and soil quality and undertakes reforestation of mangroves, benefiting 200,000 vulnerable people.

# Concept note guidance and support

- Concept note templates
- Concept note checklist
- Concept note user guide
- Sectoral guides

# GCF guidance material for SAPs

- Simplified Approval Process (SAP) technical guidelines
- E-learning course for SAP
- SAP review toolkit

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/projects/sap/resources>

# Project pitches – elevator speech

Please present your project idea note (1 mins per group/pitch)

1. What is the climate problem?
2. What are the proposed interventions to solve the identified climate problem?
3. What is the proposed financial structure to finance the interventions?



# Thank you