

# GCF Strategic Plan 2024-2027

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## Today's presentation

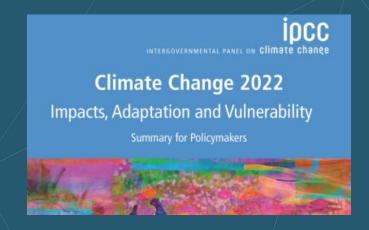
- 1. GCF's role in the climate finance landscape
- 2. GCF strategic programming directions for 2024-2027
- 3. How GCF is improving access



GCF's role in the climate finance landscape











Latest science — impacts being felt, narrowing window for mitigation AND adaptation requires systemic responses

Growing ambition

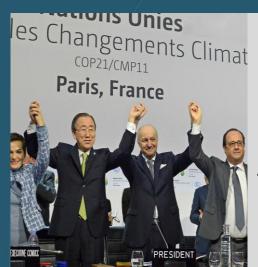
– from a widening set
of actors requires
enhanced finance and
greater coordination
& complementarity

## Linked challenges

imperative to address economic, energy, food, debt, biodiversity crises in conjunction with the climate fight

# The GCF response: Rising to the climate investment challenge





## DEDICATED TO REALIZING NDCs, NAPs AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

Translating country priorities into climate projects and investments



# SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING ACCESS TO GCF FINANCE

Enhancing predictability, speed, simplicity, complementarity, volume, partnerships and direct access



# DRIVING FOR CLIMATE RESULTS

Advancing readiness, mitigation, adaptation & private sector outcomes guided by targeted programming results for 2024-27, striving for multiple benefits



# COLLABORATING TO ACCELERATE & AMPLIFY IMPACT

Delivering distinctive value-add by working at unique nexus of risk, scale, instruments and drawing on partner strengths



GCF strategic programming directions for 2024-2027

## The GCF Strategic Plan 2024-2027



UNFCCC & PARIS AGREEMENT

THE PURPOSE OF THE GCF IS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT & AMBITIOUS CONTRIBUTION to the objective of the UNFCCC & goals of the Paris Agreement through successive cycles

Progress assessed by annual reporting to the COP/CMA

STRATEGIC VISION

GCF PROMOTES PARADIGM SHIFT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNFCCC AND PARIS AGREEMENT

(a) Promote the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways in the context of sustainable development; and

(b) Support developing countries in the implementation of the UNFCCC and Paris
Agreement within the evolving climate finance landscape

Progress evaluated through IRMF paradigm shift level

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

GCF AIMS TO DELIVER MILESTONE GOALS toward global pathways for 2030, with targeted results based on resourcing for 2024-2027

- (a) Mitigation of 1.5-2.4 gigatons of CO2 equivalent
- (b) Enhanced resilience of 570 to 900 million people

GCF WILL DIRECT 2024-2027 PROGRAMMING toward:

- (1) Readiness: enhanced focus on climate programming and direct access
- (2) Mitigation and Adaptation: Supporting paradigm shifts across sectors;
- (3) Adaptation: Addressing urgent and immediate adaptation and resilience needs;
- (4) Private Sector: Promoting innovation and catalysing green financing.

OPERATIONAL & INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

**PRIORITIES** 

GCF WILL LEARN AND ADAPT ITS OPERATIONS guided by a core goal of enhancing access, & pursue institutional measures to calibrate policies, processes, governance, risk, results management and organizational capacity for successful delivery

Progress measured through RRMF and IRMF mitigation/ adaptation & enabling environment impact levels & supplementary tracking

Progress tracked through RTT & work programme results framework

# Overview of programming directions



#### **LONG-TERM STRATEGIC VISION (Section 2)**

CONTRIBUTION TO 2030 GOALS (Section 3.1)

Meet or exceed portfolio level mitigation & adaptation results – > 1.5 GT CO2-e/ 570 million beneficiaries

#### 2024-2027 PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES (Section 3.2)

Priority 1:
Readiness and
Preparatory
support:
Enhanced focus
on climate
programming
and direct access

Priority 2:
Mitigation and
Adaptation:
Supporting
paradigm-shift
across sectors

Adaptation:
Addressing
urgent &
immediate
resilience needs
for particularly
vulnerable

**Priority 3:** 

Priority 4:
Private Sector:
Promoting
innovation and
catalysing green
finance

2024-2027 TARGETED RESULTS (Section 3.3)

11 targeted results covering capacity, DAEs, sectors, MSMEs, LFIs

50:50 mitigation:adaptation | Floor 50% adaptation to particularly vulnerable countries, aim to meet or exceed GCF-1 | Increase PSF share (35%)

MODALITIES, ACTIONS, PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER PROGRAMMING (Section 4)

# 4.1 Readiness and preparatory support: Enhanced focus on climate programming and direct access



Support 100+ countries to advance implementation of NDC/NAP/LTS

Double the number of Direct Access Entities with approved FPs

✓ Hone deployment of the world's largest climate capacity building program.



- ✓ Respond to key gaps in NDC/NAP/LTS integrated investment planning to mobilize finance, working with UNFCCC, NDC-Partnership, NAP global network
- ✓ Better differentiate GCF support to reach countries and DAEs that have not accessed GCF, and strengthen peer learning (including with Adaptation Fund)



- ✓ Respond to requests for NDC updates/NAP development, climate mainstreaming, green finance tools/methodologies, policy and enabling environment development
- ✓ Collaborating with AE FI partners to deepen local financial markets and access to capital markets, and mainstream climate risk into decision-making

~65-70%, 80FPs

FOOD: 190M+ adopting LECR agriculture & fisheries

# ECOSYSTEMS: 120+ Mha conserved, restored, sust. managed

: 45+ countries develop or secure LECR infrastructure CLEAN ENERGY: 20+ countries expand RE access / share in energy mix ENERGY DEMAND: 18+ countries shift to clean/efficient transport, building, industry sectors



- ✓ Build public and public-private programming collaborations & act as a convenor for developing countries to realize country-led sector/system initiatives
- ✓ Leverage opportunities for integrated, cross-cutting, inclusive interventions with a focus on just transitions in the energy, building, industry and transport systems harnessing potential of nature-based solutions/ecosystem-based approaches
- ✓ Enhance deployment of SAP for rapid replication & RfPs for under-served areas
- ✓ Pursue collaborative engagement with UNFCCC & peer funds to scale up successes
- Keep gender and equity dimensions at forefront and pursue collaborative stakeholder & IPAG engagement to source inclusive, locally-led solutions

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# 4.3 Adaptation: Addressing urgent & immediate resilience needs for particularly vulnerable countries

50+ countries protected by new or improved early CIEWS

40+ approved proposals for adaptation, including for locally-led action



- ✓ Curate easy to access resources on climate risks, impacts and vulnerability assessments, with WMO, IPAG and global experts
- ✓ Support immediate & systemic adaptation responses through GCF's planning and investment windows based on the GCF adaptation approach
- ✓ SAP fast-tracking to contribute to UNSG EWS4ALL goal



- Significantly expand deployment of EDA and devolved financing approaches for more rapid access to finance for locally led action
- ✓ Continue supporting activities relevant to avert, minimize & address loss and damage in complementarity to other funds, via integrated risk management

# 4.4 Private Sector: Promoting innovation and catalyzing green financing

900+ local private sector early stage ventures & MSME with seed/ early-stage capital for innovation 90+ national and regional financial institutions accessing GCF resources and other green finance

✓ Support development of innovation ecosystems, and increase access to early stage seed and risk capital for local private sector ventures & MSMEs



✓ Seeking novel project ideas through requests for proposals & active pipeline programming & partners to scale-up innovations (AF, GEF, TEC/CTCN)



- ✓ Make full use of GCF's risk appetite and fit-for-purpose blended-finance instruments for proof of concept, market creation, crowding in private sector
- ✓ Support establishment of greenfield financial institutions or facilities and collaborating with AE FI partners to deepen financial & capital markets
- ✓ Work with AEs to attract co-investors to GCF-funded projects



## GCF is committed to improving access









Speed



Simplicity



Complementarity



Volume



Partnerships & Direct Access



Clear resource planning, processes, timeframes



High rates of approval, implementation, disbursement



Multi-lingualism, PSAA, SAP & performance monitoring



Improved alignment with other funds & AEs, data sharing



Annual programming targets, measuring catalyzed finance



On-ground engagement, AE network, access strategy

### **PSAA**





What is it? A capacity assessment of the entity to meet GCF accreditation standards to implement the proposed project/programme

- Update to the Accreditation Framework
- **Priorities** during the 1<sup>st</sup> year upon launch
  - 1. Applications from subnational, national and regional entities based in developing countries, particularly countries that have yet to access GCF funding, and
  - 2. Entities responding to GCF Requests for Proposal
- Secretariat and iTAP reviews estimated for up to 10
   PSAA capacity assessments & project/programme proposals per year, of which those that meet the requirements may be submitted for Board consideration

- 3-year pilot (April 2023 March 2026)
- Maximum of 1 funding proposal, aligned with country programming and the GCF updated Strategic Plan and sector guides
- PAP, SAP & RFPs
- Only E&S risk category B/I-2 or C/I-3
- All financing sizes suitable for the proposed project/programme
- All financial instruments, including equity, guarantees and loans
- Single PSAA legal agreement combining AMA
   & FAA
- Annual PSAA entity & project reporting

https://www.greenclimate.fund/projects/psaa

## **Summary**



- GCF is addressing the current climate finance landscape and putting NDCs/NAPs/LTS at the heart of GCF programming
- 2. GCF's four strategic programming directions for 2024-2027:
  - 1. Readiness and preparatory support
  - 2. Supporting paradigm shift across mitigation & adaptation sectors
  - 3. Addressing urgent and immediate needs of the particularly vulnerable
  - 4. Promoting innovation and catalyzing green financing
- 3. GCF is improving access through greater predictability, speed, simplicity, complementarity, volume, partnerships & direct access

