

**This edition provides timely updates on the Green Climate Fund (GCF), both in terms of recent events and operational matters. We welcome any thoughts or suggestions on information to be included in the Partner Entities Update by writing to us at [accreditation@gcfund.org](mailto:accreditation@gcfund.org).**

## STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH ASIA

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- GCF brought together representatives from key organizations – including 23 governments, GCF Accredited Entities, NGOs and the private sector – to the Indonesian island of Bali on 26 to 29 April to explore climate finance priorities and opportunities at the regional and national level. The GCF Structured Dialogue with Asia provided participants a chance to share with the GCF how the Fund should deploy its resources to best fit national needs.
- During the Dialogue, 19 Asian countries provided detailed plans about how they intend to tackle climate change. These proposals included a strong desire to tap GCF support, totalling USD 2.6 billion to fund a range of climate initiatives.
- The Dialogue found that while governments will continue to play a central role in mainstreaming climate action, there is also increasing ambition to tap private sector investment addressing the diverse range of Asia's mitigation and adaptation needs. At the same time, the Dialogue confirmed the leading role of governments in setting policies that draw in private sector investment and integrate climate change across all sectors of national development. Full coverage of the Asia Dialogue can be accessed [here](#).

## EMPOWERING DIRECT ACCESS

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- Over three days in May, GCF's Direct Access Entities convened at the Fund's Headquarters in Songdo to boost their capacity in developing strong GCF funding proposals. Held from 23-25 May, the **Empowering Direct Access workshop** saw representatives of 22 GCF direct access Accredited Entities join relevant NDAs and Focal Points, Readiness delivery partners and Secretariat staff to workshop project ideas and GCF funding proposals, as well as to identify readiness and project preparation support needs.
- An important aspect of the workshop was the opportunity provided to participants to share information on best practices and engage in one-on-one interactions with Readiness partners and various Secretariat teams. As an immediate follow up to the workshop, the Secretariat is now working with entities to move forward the action points identified during the week.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO MOBILIZE FUNDS AT SCALE

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- At the end of May, a call for proposals titled **Pitch for the Planet** was launched by the GCF. Through the RFP, the GCF is allocating up to USD 500 million under its Private Sector Facility to identify at least three high-impact projects and programmes that mobilize private sector investment in climate change activities at scale. The full RFP is available [here](#).

## STRENGTHENING THE CLIMATE FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONNECTION

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- The recent GCF Structured Dialogue with Asia and the GCF Regional Workshop with Eastern Europe and Central Asia, held in Tbilisi, Georgia from 31 May to 2 June, demonstrate collaboration in action between the GCF and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN).
- The CTCN Regional Forums for Asia, and Central Asia and Eastern Europe, were held in parallel to the GCF meetings, allowing the Fund's NDAs and the CTCN's National Designated Entities (NDEs) to benefit from a mutual exchange of information and knowledge. Topics covered included the Readiness programme and how it can help advance countries' planning and technical assistance needs, and the scope of technical support the CTCN provides to countries to meet their low-emission and climate-resilient development aspirations.
- The collaboration between the GCF and CTCN put into practice decisions by their respective governing bodies in support of the Paris Agreement and other COP mandates.

## READINESS PROGRAMME UPDATE

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### SUBMISSION OF READINESS PROPOSALS

- On 5 June, the Secretariat sent an email reminder to all NDAs and Focal Points regarding the next deadline for the *official submission* of GCF Readiness proposals, which is 31 July 2017 for readiness activities with a target start date of 1 October 2017.
- The Secretariat will advise and support countries on draft proposals before their official submission, and therefore strongly encourages NDAs and Focal Points to *submit a draft* of their Readiness proposal as soon as possible, ideally no later than 30 June.
- Sharing early will help alleviate any potential delays in the review process due to proposals that may require additional information or have not been duly completed. The Secretariat will use the month of July to work with countries to refine and finalize proposals ahead of the official submission date.
- Draft proposals are to be submitted by NDAs or Focal Points to [countries@gcfund.org](mailto:countries@gcfund.org). The Readiness proposal template is available online by clicking [here](#), and do not forget to consult the **Readiness Guidebook** for any further guidance required.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GCF WEBSITE

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- **READINESS STATE OF PLAY INFOGRAPHIC:** This **infographic** provides a visual snapshot of some key figures related to the GCF Readiness programme, including the number of activities approved, amount disbursed and a breakdown of readiness support approved by region.
- **GCF 101:** This **web-based guide** presents a simple and structured overview on how to access the Fund. Four chapters address the different opportunities the Fund provides to help countries respond to climate change, broken down by theme—readiness, accreditation, project funding, and project implementation. A ‘frequently asked questions’ section teases out more information.
- **GCF SPOTLIGHT:** Afghanistan’s National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) is the latest National Designated Authority to be **interviewed by GCF**. His Excellency Prince Mostapha Zaher, Director-General a.i. of NEPA, sat down to share insights into his country’s climate action goals and priorities with the GCF. From the side of Accredited Entities, representatives from Mongolia’s **XacBank** and the **Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)** recently spoke to GCF to offer entity perspectives. All Spotlight interviews can be found **here**.
- **RECAP OF RECENT GCF EVENTS:** In addition to the Asia Structured Dialogue and the Direct Access workshop, the Secretariat also convened a **GCF REDD+ Technical Workshop** and a **Regional Meeting with Eastern Europe and Central Asia**. You can read about each event, the topics and issues covered, as well as download any related materials by clicking on the hyperlinked text.

## COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

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To support NDAs and Focal Points in communicating about the GCF, an introductory presentation about GCF and a frequently asked questions related to readiness activities are available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. An overview of GCF Secretariat contact points is also available. These materials can be accessed by clicking **here**.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

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Preparations are ongoing for two upcoming Structured Dialogues that will be held over the next weeks. Details about each event can be found by clicking on the below link.

- **GCF Structured Dialogue with the Caribbean** 19-22 JUNE | Placencia, Belize [↗](#)
- **GCF Structured Dialogue with the Pacific** 18-21 JULY | Tongatapu, Tonga [page will be available soon]

## SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF GCF BOARD 3-6 JULY 2017

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The **next meeting** of the GCF Board will be held from Monday 3 July to Thursday 6 July at the Fund’s Headquarters in Songdo. Constituency meetings, as well as meetings of Board committees, panels and groups are planned for Sunday 2 July. An information note is available **online**.

