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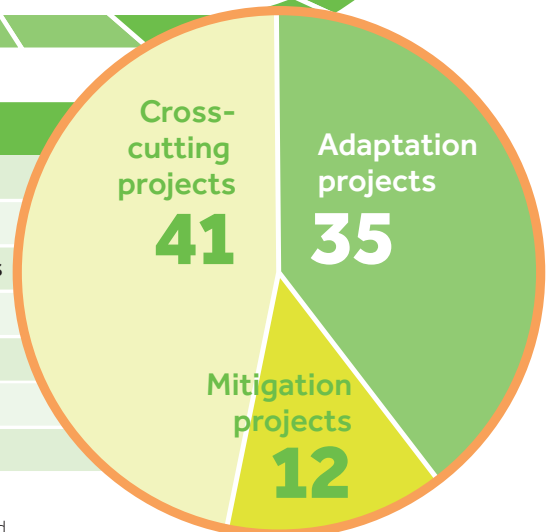
# Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) helps small and other vulnerable states secure funding to tackle climate change related issues. The Hub places Commonwealth National Climate Finance Advisers (CNCFA) and Commonwealth Regional Climate Finance Advisers (CRCFA) in government departments to support with climate finance grant applications, capacity building, policy support, and knowledge generation and sharing. As of July 2024, the Hub has helped countries to access approximately US\$363.55 of climate finance, including \$9.30 million of co-financing. This \$363.55 million covers 88 projects (35 adaptation, 12 mitigation and 41 cross-cutting) in 15 countries and the Africa region. So far, 27 CNCFAs have been deployed across the Africa, Indo-Pacific and Caribbean Regions. Currently, 11 CNCFAs are physically present in beneficiary countries, and one interim CRCFA is working for the Indo-Pacific Region.



## Regional deployment of National Climate Finance Advisers

| Africa                         | Asia             | Caribbean           | Indo-Pacific           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Eswatini                       | <b>Maldives</b>  | Antigua and Barbuda | <b>Fiji</b>            |
| <b>Mauritius (Central Hub)</b> | <b>Sri Lanka</b> | Barbados            | <b>Nauru</b>           |
|                                |                  | Belize              | <b>Solomon Islands</b> |
| <b>Namibia</b>                 |                  | <b>Grenada</b>      | Tonga                  |
| <b>Seychelles</b>              |                  | Guyana              | <b>Tuvalu</b>          |
| <b>Uganda</b>                  |                  | Jamaica             | Vanuatu                |
| <b>Zambia</b>                  |                  | Saint Lucia         |                        |



Note: countries in **bold** are those in which CCFAH has an adviser in place; in countries not in bold, assignments are either ongoing or have been completed.

## Funds secured through the assistance of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

### Africa

- Grant of \$1 million from the Climate Investment Fund for the Nature, People and Climate Program in the Zambezi Region
- Grant of \$277,955 from the UN Convention to Combat Desertification towards Tripartite Co-operation on the Development of an Africa Land Initiative

### Eswatini

- Grant of \$65,000 from Research England for analysis and support of the Climate Change Policy and Implementation of the National Determined Contributions 
- Grant of \$9,988 from Crossroads International towards Upscaling Adult Women and Female Youth Farmers Agribusiness Development Skills'
- Grant of \$47,250 from Canada Fund for local Initiatives as part of the Women Agriculture Empowerment Programme (WAEP)

### Mauritius

- Grant of \$2.29 million secured from the European Union and the African Union for a Global Environmental Monitoring Information Alert System, focusing on Marine and Coastal Management in the East Africa Region 
- Grant of \$1.26 million from the EU and the Government of Mauritius for an AgricTECH Park facility that will develop smart innovation through research in agriculture to promote climate change mainstreaming and food security
- Grant of \$429,127 from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) towards Building Climate Resilient Health Systems in Mauritius
- Grant of \$2,000 from the UN Development Coordination Office towards Capacity Building Workshop in Mauritius and Rodrigues on the preparation of bankable projects to access climate finance
- Grant of \$182 million from a consortium of donors led by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) towards Integrated Project for the Rivière-des-Anguilles Dam
- Grant of \$320,000 from Agence Française de Développement (AFD) towards gender and climate change projects
- Grant of \$250,000 from the Small Island Developing States Development and Resilience Programme (SIDAR)/UK Government towards 'Institutional Strengthening for Climate Disclosure, Carbon Pricing and Taxation Mechanism'
- Grant of \$157,292 from the UN Office for Project Services and UN Environment Programme for the ICAT-Mauritius NDC Registry
- Grant of \$382,690 from Mitigation Action Facility for De-risking Facility for Energy Performance Contracting



## Namibia

- Grant of \$1 million from the Japanese Government towards promotion of carbon markets in Namibia for an enhanced implementation of the NDC
- Grant of \$300,000 from the GCF towards COVID-19 Green Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness
- Grant of \$898,060 from GEF for 'Promoting Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship to mitigate climate change and combat land degradation in informal settlements in peri-urban areas'.
- Grant of \$20,000 from GCF towards 'Land restoration and knowledge management in Ohangwena and Kunene regions: in attainment of the LDN and NDC targets'
- Grant of \$1.03 million from the Government of Japan towards 'Strengthening and building resilience of Namibia's peri-urban communities to climate change through climate smart agricultural production, access to solar technologies, climate information and early-warning'
- Grant of \$75,000 from SDG Partnership towards Strengthening Namibia's Forest and Veld Fire Detection, Monitoring and Response System
- Grant of \$500,000 from GCF towards Investment Plan for the Integrated Ecosystems Management in Namibia
- Grant of \$326,542 from GCF towards 'Accreditation readiness proposal in support of candidate entities (Agri-Bank, Bank Windhoek, DBN, NNF, MEFT)'
- Grant of \$648,076 from GCF towards Developing Key Legislations, Regulations, Policies and Concept Notes for climate change actions in Namibia
- Grant of \$78,186 from International Climate Initiative towards 'Locally manufactured E-Bikes with rental system for peri-urban communities'
- Grant of \$2.99 million from GCF towards NAP Readiness proposal – Strengthening Adaptation Planning and Co-ordination in Namibia.



## Seychelles

- Funding of \$8.23 million (first and second tranche) from the IMF Resilience Sustainability Facility has been disbursed, against an approved total of \$46 million.



## Zambia


- Grant of \$250,000 received from the Adaptation Fund for Aquifer Mapping Technologies project
- Grant of \$2 million from the GEF for the Climate Change Adaptation in Forest and Agricultural Mosaic Landscapes project – a solar-powered water supply scheme for domestic use and animal watering
- Grant of \$25,000 from the Government of Germany towards 'Scaling up Climate Ambition on Land Use and Agriculture (SCALA) - Private Sector Engagement Facility services'
- Grant of \$19.1 million from International Climate Initiative towards 'Developing skills and ideas: establishing an educational landscape on the issue of climate action - "Zambian Education Programme for Climate Action (ZEPCA)"'




- Grant of \$300,000 from GCF towards Enhancing Zambia's Private Sector Access to Climate Finance and Participation in NDC Implementation

## Caribbean


### Antigua and Barbuda

- Grant of \$25.37 million from the GCF to fund the 'Integrated Physical Adaptation and Community Resilience through Enhanced Direct Access Pilot in the Public, Private and Civil Society Sectors of the Three Eastern Caribbean Small Island Developing States of Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica and Grenada'
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- Grant of \$9.97 million from the Adaptation Fund for project entitled 'An integrated approach to physical adaptation and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda's northwest Mckinnon's watershed'
  - Grant of \$43,600 from EU-ACP Small Grants Programme towards 'Building resilience through climate-smart systems in Antigua and Barbuda'

### Barbados

- Grant of up to \$69,400 to recruit a consultant to develop a full funding proposal for the "River Plantation Drainage and Irrigation Climate Adaptation Project", to support water harvesting and conveyance of water to farmers in the target area in Barbados
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- Grant of \$5,000 for 'Integrated Water and Energy for a Changing Climate (IWECC-B) for Small Business Agribusiness Sector of Barbados' under the GCF Private Sector Regional Readiness Grant
  - Grant of \$1.10 million from the Kingdom of Morocco to advance Trees for Food Security and Agribusiness Development Project
  - Grant of \$451,104 from the GCF towards the Barbados One Million Trees Food Security and Mitigation Initiative Readiness

### Belize

- Grant of \$399,313 from the GCF towards traditional savanna fire management readiness proposal to facilitate emissions reductions in the AFOLU sector
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- Grant of \$170,000 from Initiative for Climate Action Transparency towards Enhancing Climate Finance MRV System in Belize
  - Grant of \$5 million from Adaptation Fund for Building Community Resilience via Transformative Adaptation



## Jamaica

- Grant of over \$500,000 from the GCF for an analysis of the development and operation of a green bond market and the creation of regional green bond guidelines
- Grant of \$272,797 from the GCF for facilitating a gender-responsive approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Grant of \$613,000 from the GCF for REDD+ readiness actions as part of Forest Policy
- Grant of \$582,000 accessed under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, with a primary focus on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Grant of \$1.3 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for strengthening Jamaica's capacity to meet transparency requirements under the Paris Agreement
- Grant of \$260,143 for accelerating the uptake of climate smart agriculture in selected African, Caribbean and Pacific countries through the ACP-EU Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Grant of \$300,000 from the NAP Global Network for National Designated Authority (NDA) strengthening and GCF programme development
- Technical assistance grant of \$22,000 for supporting national stocktaking for adaptation planning and interventions by NAP Global Network
- Grant of \$1.3 million from the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for Enhancing Caribbean Civil Society's Access and Readiness for Climate Finance
- Grant of \$1 million from GCF towards institutionalising a common framework for climate finance MRV to enhance complementarity and coherence for climate action in CARICOM States
- Complimentary finance of \$65,000 secured to leverage Sustainable and Diverse Sources of climate finance; To enhance Climate Resilience, Gender Equality and Inclusiveness for Vulnerable and Marginalised Populations (EnGenDER)
- Grant of \$33,915 from GCF for support towards the Accreditation Gap Assessment and Action Plan to the Jamaica's Social investment Fund
- Technical assistance grant of \$6,050 from GCF for NAP readiness proposal
- Grant of \$1 million from GCF towards supporting a comprehensive national adaptation planning process in Jamaica (Ja-NAP)
- Grant of \$1 million from GCF towards Subnational Local Performance-based Climate Resilience Financing Mechanism in Jamaica (Ja-Nap Local)



## Saint Lucia

- Grant of \$662,065 from the GCF towards enhancing Saint Lucia's understanding, capacity, institutional and strategic frameworks to access climate finance for low-emission climate resilient pathways
- Grant of \$100,000 under the Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER) Project to conduct a sector-wide gender assessment
- Technical assistance grant of \$200,000 from the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) towards improving resilience of human settlements in Saint Lucia, upgrading designated emergency shelters for long term and short term climate emergencies
- Grant of \$125,000 from the GCF towards strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector in the Caribbean project
- Grant of \$762,359 from the GCF towards mobilising international climate finance and private investments for low-carbon development in Saint Lucia project
- Grant of \$680,499 from the GCF towards improving the capacity of the fisheries sector in Saint Lucia to enhance resilience to Climate Change
- Grant of \$1.74 million from GCF towards Enhancing Saint Lucia's National Adaptation Plan Process through the Elaboration of Sector Strategies and Action Plans, a Strengthened Evidence Base, and Improved Private Sector Engagement
- Grant of \$1.9 million from the GCF towards Multi-country Regional Climate Resilient Urban Planning and Development Initiative
- Grant of \$850,000 from GCF towards Mainstreaming Climate Resilience into Water Sector Planning, Development and Operations in Saint Lucia



## Pacific

### Nauru

- Grant of \$150,000 for Nauru Climate Change Policy Road Map



### Tonga

- Grant of \$500,000 from GCF for NDA strengthening and country programming
- Grant of \$39,207 from the GCF for preparatory support for gap assessment and action plan towards accreditation process of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning of Tonga
- Grant of \$50,000 from the GEF Small Grant Programme for enhancing the climate change resilience of vulnerable families through improved sustainable sanitation and hygiene
- Grant of \$460,692 from GCF for Assessment and Reform of the Tonga Outer Island Solar Electrification Society
- Grant of \$1.6 million from the GCF to fund the first phase of strengthening adaptation planning in Tonga



- Grant of \$302,281 from the GCF towards readiness support - Enabling Private Sector Access to Climate Finance for Strengthening Climate Resilient Development in Tonga
- Grant of \$400,034 from the GCF for Enhancing Access of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Disabled People Organisations (DPOs) to Climate Finance for Building Resilience of Most Vulnerable Groups
- Grant of \$150,306 from GCF for rapid readiness support for resilient recovery
- Grant of \$499,419 from GCF towards Strengthening Resilience of the water resources sector to the Impacts of climate change in Tonga
- Grant of \$1.3 million from GCF for NDA Strengthening and Country Programme (Phase 3: Multi-Year Readiness)
- Grant of \$22.6 million from GCF for Tonga Coastal Resilience Project

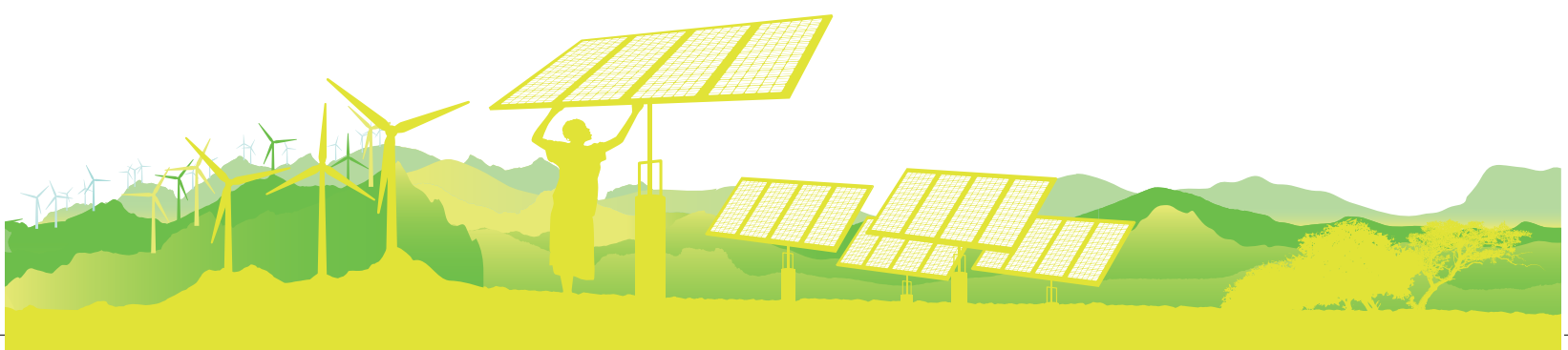
## Fiji

- Grant of \$450,000 from the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) towards 'Decarbonisation of public shuttle bus transport in Fiji'
- Grant of \$80,000 from UNDP towards Fiji Rural Electrification Fund (FREF) (Sub Component)-mini grid policy
- Grant of \$455,698 towards Fiji Rural Electrification Fund (FREF) Phase 2b
- Grant of \$125,600 from Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth Korea for capacity building for waste-to-energy systems
- Grant of \$5.7 million from Adaptation Fund for Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Fiji to Climate Change through Nature-Based Seawalls
- Grant of \$127,000 from Institute of Climate Indigenous Knowledge, Pacific Theological College for CASA Opportunity Fund: Capacity building in climate change negotiations for the Pacific



## Solomon Islands

- Grant of \$1.3 million from the GCF to support regional direct access entities to increase Pacific SIDS's access to climate financing
- Grant of \$2.31 million from GEF towards Blue Economy and Resource Management
- Grant of \$80,000 from UNDP towards SCALA Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Facility: SI Biogas Project
- Grant of \$2 million from GEF towards Honiara intra city e-Bus project
- Grant of \$30 million towards Solomon Islands Knowledge-Action-Sustainability for Resilient Villages (SOLSKAS) Project.



## Technical support provided by the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

- Support towards Climate Budget Tagging and development of the budget tagging guidelines (**Seychelles**)
- Feasibility study and development of an operational manual for a Gender-responsive Blended Financing Window under the Sustainable Island Resource Framework (SIRF) Fund (**Antigua and Barbuda**)
- Development and operationalisation of national climate-related funds, including supporting documents (**Antigua, Maldives, Tonga**)
- Accreditation support to nominated national entities (**Solomon Islands, Jamaica, Seychelles**)
- Development of strategies to mobilise climate finance for NDC implementation (**Belize, Grenada**)
- Preparation of Climate Finance Landscape Assessment and Mapping (**Zambia, Belize, Maldives, Tuvalu**)
- Policy support in the development of the blue carbon policy in **Seychelles**
- Appointed to the Green and Climate Finance Advisory (GCFA) Committee in **Zambia**
- Scoping study on 'Decarbonising Government fleet in Fiji' completed to inform proposal for Mitigation Action Facility (**Fiji**)
- Geospatial mapping conducted and data collected through the NORAD GIS Platform (formerly Commonsensing) to inform three project proposals (**Fiji**)
- Establishment of new units within government ministries/divisions to mobilise climate finance (**Belize, Fiji**)
- Feasibility study of the use of blockchain for parametric insurance completed (**Fiji**)
- Policy support/contributions to strategic policies and regulatory framework climate documents
  - national adaptation planning, climate change bill, national development plans and NDCs (**Zambia**)
  - National Climate Change Policy (2023–2033) and E-mobility Roadmap (**Solomon Islands**)
  - Mainstreaming Climate Change into National Development Strategy and Public Investment Management Policy (**Seychelles**)
- Contributions to Inter-Ministerial Technical Working Groups on National Green Growth Strategy and National Policy on Climate Change (**Zambia**)
- Conducted analysis of domestic and international climate finance and identified priority sectors for Climate Finance Readiness Report (**Nauru**)
- GCF Readiness Capacity Needs Assessment developed (**Tonga**)
- Designed the broad structure of a climate insurance mechanism for protection of vulnerable communities (**Maldives**).





## Capacity building initiatives

CCFAH conducts both human and institutional capacity building initiatives. To date 138 initiatives have been conducted, training approximately 2,790 individuals in CCFAH beneficiary countries. Examples of such initiatives include:

- Youth training in **Saint Lucia** on enhancing access to finance for green entrepreneurship
- Writeshop Trainings in **Vanuatu, Fiji**, the **Solomon Islands** and **Seychelles** to enhance access to climate finance using data from CommonSensing platform
- Writeshops in **Belize, Namibia, Solomon Islands** and **Saint Lucia** to build capacity in developing project concepts and proposals
- Awareness-raising workshop on impacts of climate change on infrastructure, water, food security and adaptation measures to sensitize stakeholders in **Nauru**
- Training in climate finance and project prioritisation in **Seychelles** and **Zambia**
- Training in the development of concept notes and proposals, in collaboration with partners, to empower **Zambian** stakeholders to access climate finance
- Training in collaboration with partners, decision-making tools for selection of communities vulnerable to climate change in **Zambia**
- Training in International Climate Negotiations in **Mauritius** and **Seychelles** in the lead up to COP28.



The inaugural Capacity Building Workshop on Climate Change Negotiations in Mauritius, 19 April–12 May 2023.



## Highlights of capacity building in 2024

### Pacific Regional Climate Finance Access Writeshop, 5–7 March 2024

- This three-day regional 'writeshop' brought together 44 participants (23 male, 21 female) from seven Pacific countries. Through intensive, collaborative training it aimed to strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island nations to develop compelling climate finance proposals.
- Participants engaged in hands-on sessions, learning practical skills for articulating climate change challenges and designing effective projects to address them. The event fostered regional co-operation and knowledge-sharing, enabling attendees to better navigate the complex landscape of international climate finance.



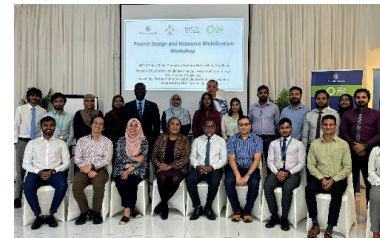
### Fiji Climate Finance Access Writeshop, 14–16 May 2024

- This three-day writeshop on accessing climate finance was held for 23 stakeholders (13 male, 10 female) from across Fiji was tailored to bolster the nation's capacity to secure climate finance through enhanced proposal writing skills. Participants engaged in practical sessions on developing compelling climate project proposals, aligning them with national priorities and international funding criteria. The event provided a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among key Fijian actors in the climate finance landscape.



### Climate Finance and Project Design Workshop in the Maldives, 30–31 July 2024

- The Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser for the Maldives conducted a comprehensive two-day workshop on project design and climate finance resource mobilisation. The event brought together 22 key participants representing government agencies, non-governmental organisations and the private sector.
- Through this training, which was tailored to address the unique environmental challenges faced by the Maldives, participants gained valuable insights into effective project design strategies and techniques for mobilising climate finance resources.

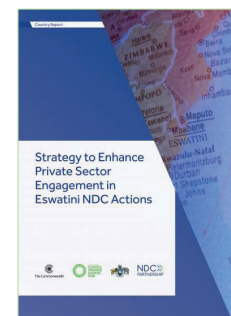
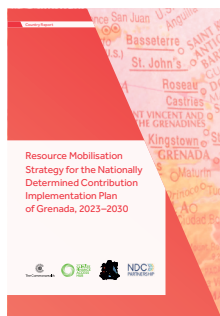
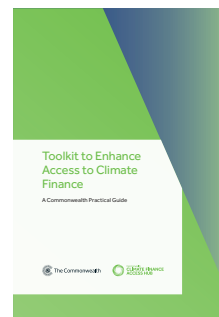
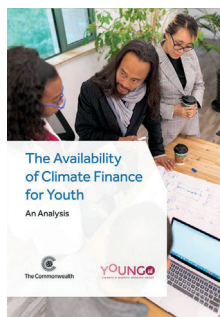


## Knowledge management

Knowledge management is a key pillar of the CCFAH model, enabling scaling-up and replication of best practices to enhance climate action across the Commonwealth.

CCFAH develops and disseminates knowledge, experiences and lessons learned within beneficiary countries, the wider Commonwealth family and other stakeholders through web stories (such as 'Ask the Expert' articles), case studies, insight briefs and technical publications, and also through participation in regional and international events.

For more information and knowledge products see: [thecommonwealth.org/our-work/Commonwealth-Climate-Change-Programme](https://thecommonwealth.org/our-work/Commonwealth-Climate-Change-Programme)





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