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SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

• To map the institutional set-up for climate change and climate finance in the partner country. A mapping report will illustrate roles and responsibilities nationally and at the local levels. It will include an analysis of the political, financial and executing arrangements. In addition, factors such as institutional coordination and capacity to absorb and disburse finance, sources of climate finance, systems to track and report finance, and private-sector engagement in climate-relevant activities will be illustrated. The report will identify what type of support the institutions need in order to manage national and international finance for adaptation, mitigation and REDD+.

• To provide training, policy advice and technical assistance to institutions responsible for the management of climate finance, in order to strengthen their capacities. This support can include help to: clarify institutional roles; strengthen engagement and coordination among government institutions and with non-government stakeholders; create new or restructure existing institutional arrangements to enhance effectiveness in the implementation of the climate change agenda; strengthen information management and the sharing of information; raise awareness of the options and processes of relevant climate funds; put in place required climate finance management systems; strengthen capacity to develop and monitor climate change activities; create the right conditions for climate related investments by the private sector.

EXPECTED RESULTS

• Government institutions involved in climate finance will gain a stronger understanding of what is needed in order to effectively manage adaptation, mitigation and REDD+ finance across the various institutions and levels.

• The institutions’ skills will be strengthened to manage climate finance in order to achieve climate-resilient and low-carbon development.

• Where needed, the country’s systems for the management of climate finance will be strengthened.
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SUPPORT MODULE 2
AIM: Developing financial plans that detail the needs related to climate change financing and how climate funds can be allocated

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
• To identify priorities and policies related to climate change; to illustrate the financing needed to successfully implement these priorities and policies in the country; to identify potential financing from international, national, private and public sources; and to detect barriers to investment in climate-relevant sectors.
• Based on this, to help the government develop national or sector-specific financial plans related to climate change. The plans detail finance options for implementation of the country’s policies, plans and priorities. In the process, the government will be supported in its decision making, for example by conducting multi-stakeholder scenario planning, options analyses or cost-benefit analyses.
• To support the development of a climate public expenditure and institutional review.

EXPECTED RESULTS
• The country will obtain detailed national or sector-specific financial plans for managing climate change. The plans will help improve the financial planning and the implementation of the country’s priorities on mitigation, REDD+ and adaptation.
• A public expenditure and institutional review will strengthen the understanding of government institutions about public spending on climate change, the extent to which this expenditure is supported by policies and institutional responsibilities, and how to improve climate-relevant public expenditure in the future.
• The country will receive decision support tools that help improve the planning of climate-related interventions in the future.
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**AIM:** Assisting countries in identifying, establishing and strengthening Implementing Entities (IEs) and National Designated Authorities (NDAs) in order to access climate finance

**SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

- To inform and advise the government on the requirements for direct access to funds of the GCF via sub-national and national IEs; on how to access funds via a regional IE; on enhanced direct access via a National Funding Entity or National Climate Fund; and on how to access and mobilize other sources of climate finance. This may include information and advice on fiduciary and institutional capacities; transparency and self-investigative powers; monitoring and evaluation; financial and programme management; and environmental, social and gender safeguards.

- To support the government in consulting about and identifying an institution to be nominated as national, subnational or regional IE vis-a-vis the GCF; or as a National Funding Entity or a National Climate Fund for enhanced direct access, if relevant.

- Depending on the country’s needs, the following may also be offered:
  - Supporting the government in establishing and nominating the IE.
  - Developing a country- or region-specific tool that helps the IE assess its readiness for direct access to the GCF and to other funding mechanisms.
  - Supporting the IE in preparing a capacity development strategy to address any identified needs and gaps.
  - Helping to close capacity gaps through technical assistance, training and systems development. Depending on the country’s needs, the assistance can focus on fiduciary standards; transparency and self-investigative powers; institutional, monitoring, evaluation, financial and management capacities; environmental and social safeguards; and more broadly on how to mobilize and access climate finance.
  - Where relevant, supporting the accreditation process of the IE for direct access with the GCF or other funding mechanisms such as the Adaptation Fund.
  - Helping to operationalize an NDA vis-a-vis the GCF or other climate funding mechanisms, and to strengthen its capacities.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Government institutions will enhance their knowledge on how to access GCF funds; how to access and mobilize climate finance from other international, national, private and public sources; and how to identify and establish an appropriate IE.

- The IE will strengthen its capacities to access GCF funding and to mobilize climate finance more broadly.

- Depending on the country’s needs and status of readiness, the IE will be accredited or in the process of accreditation; and the NDA will strengthen its capacities to assess and consult on funding proposals.

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SUPPORT MODULE 4
AIM: Developing tools and methods for monitoring and reporting on climate finance

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
• To develop systems for monitoring, evaluating, reporting and verifying the sources, management, purposes and results of climate finance at the national and subnational levels. This includes developing practical methodologies for tracking and reporting climate finance and its effectiveness. In the process, to consult with country stakeholders on tracking needs and priorities. The methodologies will build on the data gathered for the climate public expenditure and institutional review. They will take into account the cross-cutting nature of adaptation, mitigation and REDD+; the challenges associated with tracking flows from national or regional funding institutions to the local level; and the need for systems that integrate monitoring, reporting and verification on the national and sub-national levels.
• To provide training on monitoring, evaluation, reporting and verification.
• To train institutions on how to use the results of monitoring and evaluation when developing and adjusting activities and plans.

EXPECTED RESULTS
• The country will improve its systems for national and sub-national monitoring, evaluating, reporting and verifying climate finance.
• Government institutions and civil society will strengthen their capacity to undertake monitoring, evaluation, reporting and verification of climate finance.

Training

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SUPPORT MODULE 5
AIM: Establishing links between national readiness activities and ongoing global processes

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
• To capture and document the experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the GCF Readiness Programme in the country.
• To share these lessons and experience with other countries, the GCF Board and UNFCCC stakeholders.
• To make recommendations to the GCF Board on how to design GCF requirements to take into account developing countries’ needs and capacity.
• To further develop the ‘Climate Finance Options Platform’, based on the country’s information needs. The platform shares information about access to climate funding, and includes successful case studies, how to leverage private sector financing, tools, publications and a space for the user community to connect and exchange.

EXPECTED RESULTS
• Strengthening the country’s knowledge of the opportunities and barriers with regards to accessing and managing funding from the GCF and other sources, including the private sector. The country will also learn about which measures are most effective in overcoming barriers.
• The GCF will gain insights on how to align its requirements with the country’s needs.
• Via the Climate Finance Options Platform the country will gain improved access to information on the various sources of climate funding.
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SUPPORT MODULE 6
AIM: Facilitating national climate investment consultations

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
• To facilitate national climate investment consultations with a range of stakeholders, including government agencies, legislative representatives, local and international financial institutions, NGOs, academia, civil society and the private sector. Consultations will include topics such as: the country’s policy, finance and project development priorities; the legal framework for private-sector investments; support for and barriers to investment; existing and required capacities of stakeholders to identify and make climate investments; economic assessments and cost-benefit analyses.
• To raise awareness among project developers on the country’s priorities in the areas of mitigation, REDD+ and adaptation.

EXPECTED RESULTS
• A wide-ranging group of stakeholders will improve their understanding of the country’s policy, finance and project development priorities; and of the existing and required capacities to conduct climate investments.
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SUPPORT MODULE 7
AIM: Preparing guidelines and tools for assessments, identification and formulation of proposals for funding

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

• To develop maps that illustrate the country’s vulnerabilities in the context of climate change, and to analyze adaptation options.
• To prepare climate-related information tools and guidelines adapted to the specific needs of the country. This can include renewable energy resource assessments, the establishment of components of a national emissions profile, or standards and certification for prioritized technologies.
• To prepare guidelines and tools to identify investment options and to identify, prioritize and formulate concrete proposals for funding by climate funds.

EXPECTED RESULTS

• The country will gain improved tools and knowledge on the national climate baseline and climate change vulnerability.
• Decision-making will be facilitated regarding the identification and formulation of proposals for funding.
SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- To assist in strategic planning, decision making and other preparatory activities for a pipeline of concrete adaptation, mitigation and REDD+ investments. This may include scoping, surveys, feasibility studies and other forms of assessments of investment proposals (including environmental, social, gender-related and economic assessments). It may also include supporting the government in assessing linkages of proposals to national plans and policies (NAPs, NAMAs, LEDS etc.), in assessing the potential for private-sector engagement, and in endorsing selected proposals.

- To provide targeted technical and financial support to project developers to partially cover the costs of critical milestones in the early development process of selected projects. The aim of this is to enable them to reach financial closure and become bankable, i.e. to attract investment by financial institutions. The support could include milestones such as business plan development and financial structuring.

- Where relevant, to provide technical assistance to public and private-sector project developers in order to submit proposals to climate funds. This will include training developers on the specific criteria of the targeted funds and on how to manage the requested climate funds.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Various viable adaptation, mitigation and REDD+ projects will advance through the early development process and become bankable.

- Project developers will strengthen their skills to manage and plan projects and programmes, including how to conduct feasibility studies, financial structuring and business plan development.

- There will be a pipeline of strong adaptation, mitigation and REDD+ proposals for submission to national and international climate funding mechanisms.
SUPPORT MODULE 9
AIM: Training local financial institutions to build up the skills required for climate related investment activity

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
To provide training for local financial institutions to enhance their capacity to finance climate related projects, including:
• Raising their awareness on general climate change issues.
• Helping them assess and compare levels of risk and potential returns of various types of investments, including via cost-benefit analysis.
• Strengthening their skills related to project financing structures and modeling in the mitigation, REDD+ and adaptation sectors.
• Assisting them in gaining insights into key topics such as energy portfolio management and sources of financing for sustainable energy.
• Facilitating the establishment of linkages between financial institutions and entrepreneurs, e.g. via investment forums or online.

EXPECTED RESULTS
• Local financial institutions will strengthen their skills to conduct climate-related investment activities.

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SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
To provide technical assistance and funding to local financial institutions to support innovative engagement by the finance industry in climate-relevant sectors such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable forestry and climate-resilient agriculture. This can include technical and financial support of a broad range of activities depending on the local circumstances, including:

• Identification of available climate change-relevant projects that are investment-ready and represent business opportunities for financial institutions.
• Portfolio clustering.
• Feasibility studies.
• Market assessments.
• Business planning and marketing (e.g. development of new products and services with focus on climate change-relevant projects).
• Regulatory and environmental analyses.
• Credit cycle management.
• Monitoring of climate change-relevant projects (e.g. energy and CO2 emission savings).

EXPECTED RESULTS
• New financial products and services will be launched for climate sectors that are prioritized in the country.
• Measurable scaling up of financial flows into climate change solutions.