

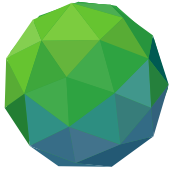
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Accessing Climate Finance to Mainstream Gender

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GCF Gender Policy

- In 2015, GCF adopted a Gender Policy and a 3-year Action Plan
- The Policy is guided by all main conventions



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Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme:

- Promotes consultations with stakeholders, including women
- Gender assessments
- Gender – sensitive country programmes
- Gender – sensitive NAP processes (e.g., UNDP Liberia, UNEP Nepal)

Pilot MSME RFP

- Mainstreaming gender in green MSME operations through private equity, guarantee, debt and grant funds



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Enhancing Direct Access Pilot (RFP process targeted at accredited direct access entities and countries):

- Enhancing country ownership
- Multi – stakeholder consultations (including with women – led organizations)
- Gender mainstreaming
- E.g., EIF Namibia – *"Empower to adapt: creating climate-change resilient livelihoods through community-based natural resource management in Namibia"*

Grant – based funding:

- Provides space to design interventions related to multi-stakeholder engagement, community participation and gender mainstreaming
- E.g., sub-national, national, regional AEs



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Public sector intermediation:

- Working directly as or through executing entities to focus on gender/social issues through mainly grant financing (e.g. UNDP in various GCF-approved projects)

Private sector intermediation:

- Working largely through local financial intermediaries to reach out to vulnerable women through concessional financing, gender-friendly credit lines
- Business advisory services for women
- E.g., EBRD - Sustainable Energy Financing Facilities

Blended finance:

- Creating an enabling environment for women's equal participation in eco-innovation activities
- E.g., Acumen - building the capacity of women solar technicians through grant/TA attached to an equity loan



Next steps

- Awareness raising about GCF's mandate, operational goals, investment criteria and funding mechanism
- Prioritization under accreditation, including direct access and private sector entities
- Readiness and preparatory support to direct access entities seeking accreditation to prepare them to apply for accreditation and for accredited entities to develop pipelines and projects
- Facilitate relationship building between National Designated Authorities/Focal Points and entities seeking accreditation
- Non-accredited entities can still access GCF financing through accredited entities



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