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Bridging the GAP from Access to Action II – National Gender and Climate Change Focal Point training on climate finance and gender

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Agenda

Welcome and introduction		
5 mins	Secretariat presentation	Wiebke Bender, Gender Programme Officer, UNFCCC
Presentations		
15 mins	Brief presentations	Young Hee Lee, Governance Specialist & Gender Team Lead, Adaptation Fund Jennifer Rubis, Indigenous Peoples Specialist, Green Climate Fund Chizuru Aoki, Head on Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Funds, Global Environmental Facility
Group Discussions		
75 mins	Q&A in break out groups	Round 1 – 25 min Round 2 – 25 min Round 3 – 25 min
Closing		
5 mins	Secretariat presentation	Wiebke Bender Gender Programme Officer, UNFCCC

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Adaptation Fund Overview

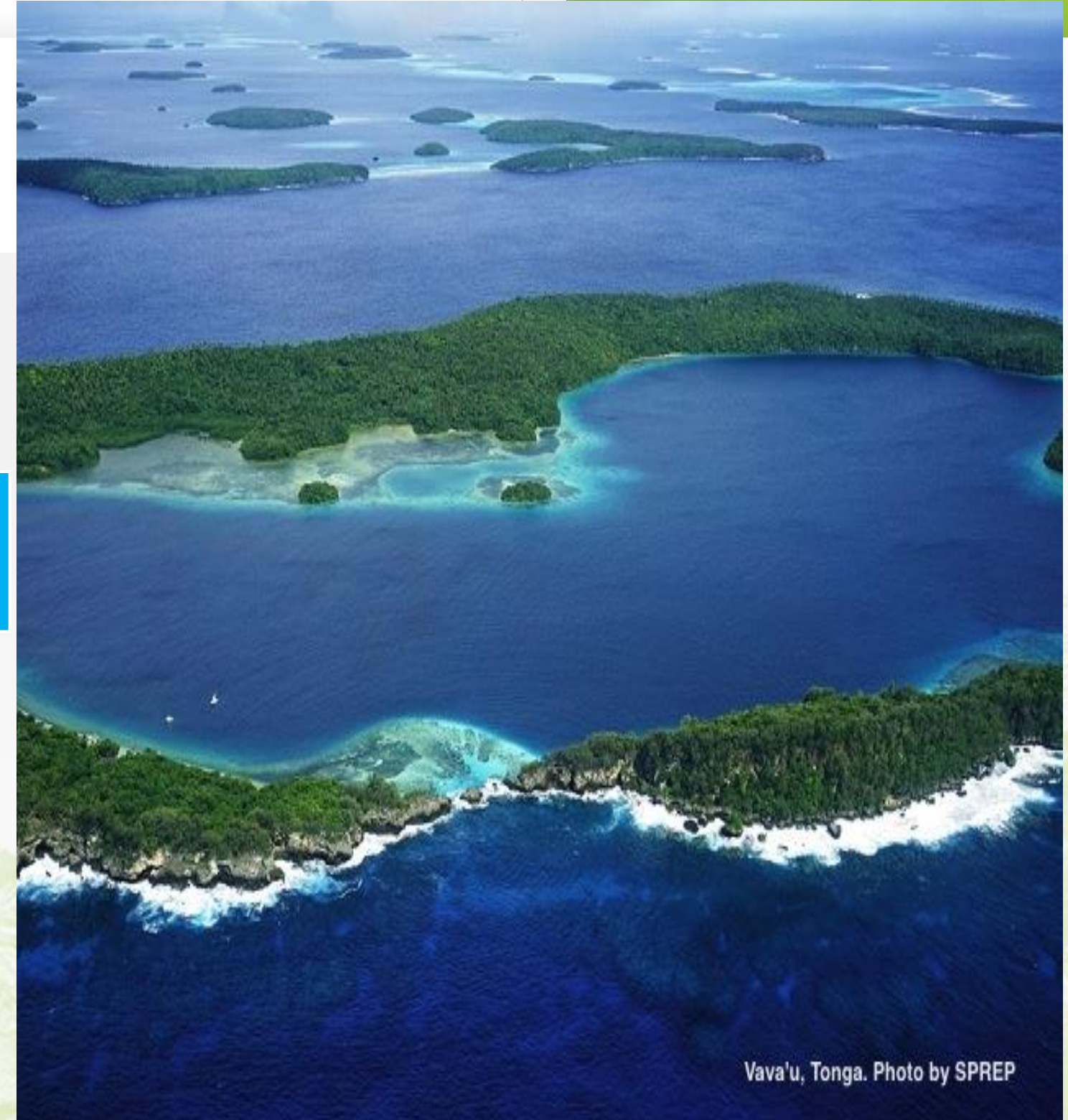
Established in 2001 and operationalized in 2007 under the Kyoto Protocol & serving the Paris Agreement since 2019

Over US\$ 1.2 billion allocated to 183 concrete adaptation projects with tangible results at the local level that can be scaled up (46 million beneficiaries)

Pioneered Direct Access modality with majority of Implementing Entities being NIEs & pioneering Locally Led Adaptation

All developing countries that are Parties to the KP or PA are eligible to access funding

Country-driven and simplified access processes



Vava'u, Tonga. Photo by SPREP



AF Gender Policy

Goal: To ensure that AF resources, services and operations

- Include a **gender-mainstreaming approach** &
- Contribute to the **goal of gender equality & empowerment of women and girls**
- Ensure the equal opportunities for access to AF resources

Gender-responsive (towards gender-transformative)

Intersectionality Approach

“Do no harm” + “Do good”



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Access to finance for gender equality

For accredited IE

- Regular projects/programmes (Single country/multi countries)
- Readiness package grants
- Technical Assistance Grants for Gender
- Innovation Grants
- LLA: (new) Single country LLA project Grant



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MTS-2 IP Delivery Methods & Windows

ACTION

Single-Country Projects
(within country cap)
(NIEs/RIEs/MIEs)

Increased impact & delivery
through direct access

Regional Projects/
Programmes (RIEs/MIEs)

Enhanced scope &
effectiveness, incl. relevant
sectors and themes

Modalities / Facility for
Locally Led Adaptation

(New) Single country
LLA project (NIE/
MIE/RIE)

(Coming)Regional
LLA project (NIE/
MIE/RIE)

(New) Global
Aggregator for LLA
Non-accredited entities
through RIEs or MIEs)

Small grants for innovation
(NIEs)

Simplify access & allow for
bundling with other small
grants

Large grants for innovation
(NIE/RIE/MIE)

Develop options for
enhanced risk-taking

AF Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)
Non-accredited entities through MIEs (LLA type)

Expand through existing & additional delivery
partners

Learning grants (NIEs)

Increase funding amount &
scope to include learning within
AF NIE portfolio

Learning grants for RIEs/MIEs

To develop joint studies with AF
on best practices etc.

Increase production, dissemination and visibility of
Fund's KM and learning products on emerging areas in
adaptation, incl. innovation, gender, LLA etc.

INNOVATION

LEARNING & SHARING

ENHANCED READINESS PROGRAMME

Incl. Readiness Package Grants, TA Grants for ESP & GP, Project scale up grants



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Available funding windows

ACTION	INNOVATION	LEARNING & SHARING
<p>Single country projects (<\$10M) within cap of \$20M per country <i>NIEs, RIEs, MIEs</i> & Project Formulation Grants: (<\$50,000) <i>for NIE only</i></p>	<p>Small grants (<US\$250 k) to foster innovation practices in climate change adaptation (<i>NIEs</i>)</p>	<p>Learning grants (<US\$500 K) to share best practices and lessons learned (<i>NIEs</i>)</p>
<p>Regional projects (multi-country): <up to \$14M (<i>RIEs, MIEs</i>) & Project Formulation Grants</p>	<p>Small grants (<\$ 250k) in innovation for non-accredited entities <i>(AF Climate Innovation Accelerator</i> <i>(AFCIA) through selected RIEs or</i> <i>MIEs) (Non-accredited entities can</i> <i>access funding through RIEs or MIEs)</i></p>	
<p>(New) Single country LLA project (NIE/ RIE/MIE) <US\$ 5 M per project <i>(MIEs, RIEs, NIEs)</i></p>	<p>Large grants (<US\$5 M) to roll out innovative adaptation practices and tools <i>Single country (NIE, RIE, MIE) or</i> <i>regional (RIE, MIE)</i></p>	
<p>(New) Global Aggregator for LLA (Non-accredited entities can access funding through RIEs or MIEs)</p>		
<p>Project scale-up grants <US\$100 k per project (<i>NIE</i>)</p>		



E-Learning Courses on Accessing Adaptation Finance

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/knowledge-learning/knowledge-products/af-produced-knowledge-products/?type=e-courses>

All E-Learning courses are available in English, Spanish and French

- Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding
- AF Innovation Small Grants Training
- AF Scale up Grants Training
- AF Learning Grants Training
- AF Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Grants Training
- AF Gender Mainstreaming E-Course





Thank you!



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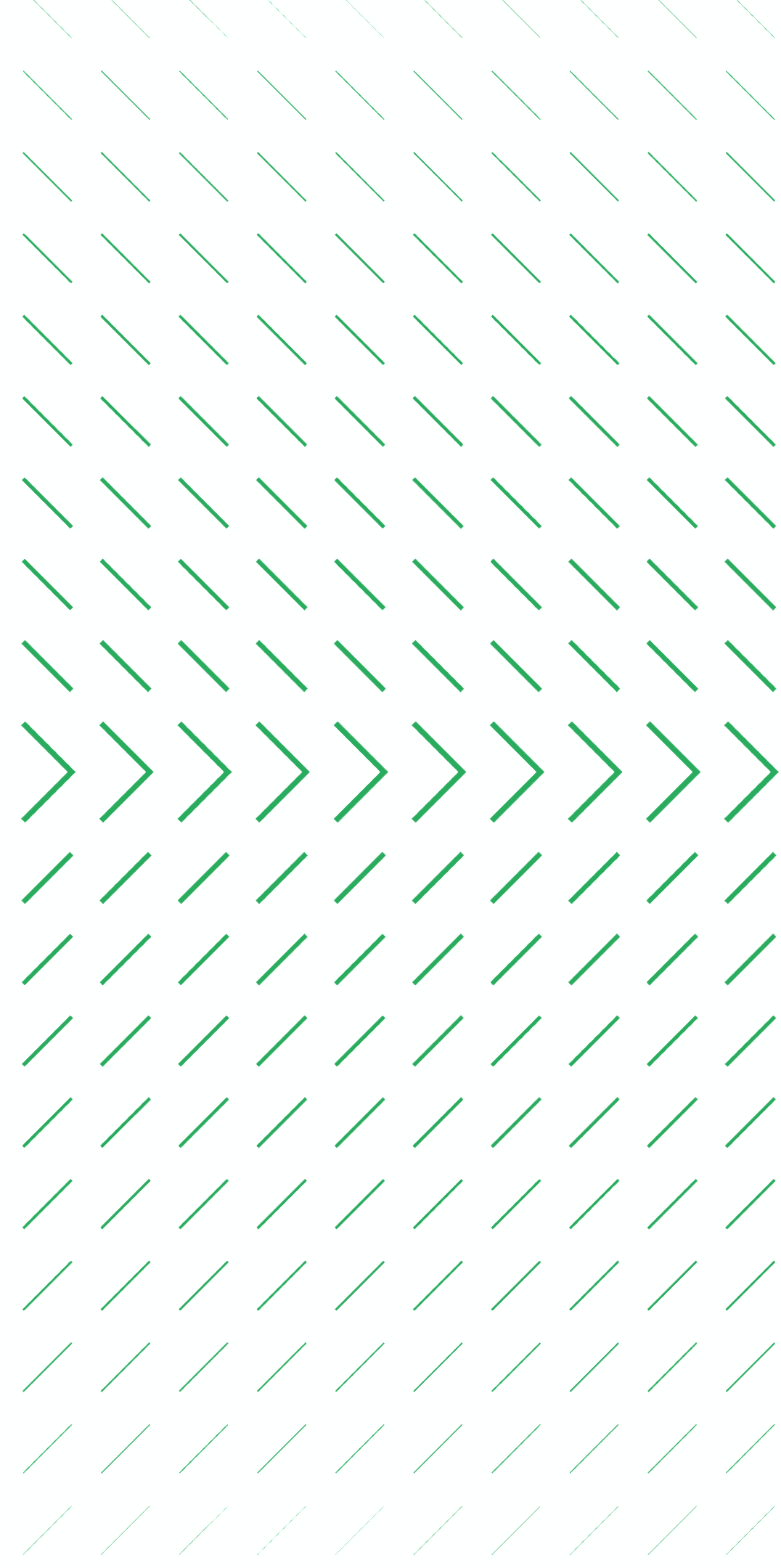
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Addressing gender inequality at the GCF

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Set up by the UNFCCC,
and serving the Paris
Agreement



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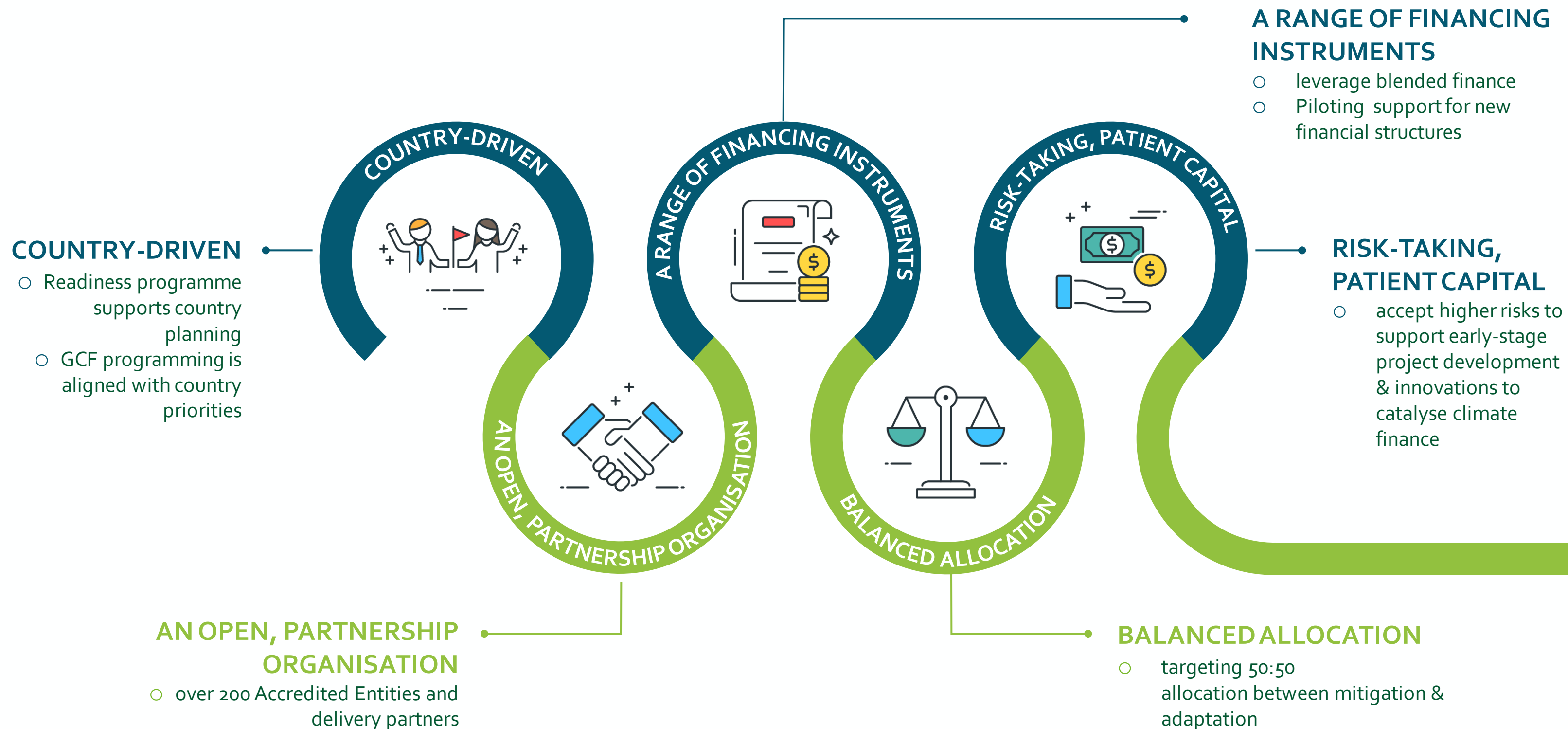
Supporting developing
countries to transition
to low-emission,
climate-resilient
societies



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Serving as a hub of
the climate finance
landscape

How we work





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>>> Sustainability Policies

Revised Environmental
and Social Policy
(B.BM-2021/18, B.19/10)

Provisions on SEAH
(2021)

Environmental and
Social Safeguard
(ESS) Standards
Interim ESS (B.07/02)

GCF ESS in
development

Indigenous Peoples Policy
(B.19/11)

Indigenous Peoples
Advisory Group

Updated Gender
Policy (B.24/12)

Gender Action Plan of
GCF (2020–2023)



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GCF's Commitment to Gender Equality

- First climate finance mechanism to mainstream gender perspectives from the outset
- Governing Instrument
 - Promotes gender sensitivity
 - Mandates the mainstreaming across all interventions
 - Secretariat as well as Financed Activities



Mainstreaming
Gender in
Green Climate
Fund Projects

A practical manual to support the integration of gender equality
in climate change interventions and climate finance

UPDATED GENDER POLICY



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OBJECTIVES

- To support climate change interventions and innovations through a **comprehensive gender approach**
- To promote climate investments that:
 - (i) Advance gender equality through **mitigation and adaptation actions**;
 - (ii) **Minimize** social, gender-related and climate-related **risk**
- To contribute to **reducing the gender gap** through climate investments that **mainstream gender equality**

PRINCIPLES

- Country-driven
- Participatory and transparent
- Women and men active in stakeholder consultations and decisions
- Gender sensitive and culturally aware
- Disclosure of relevant information
- Non-discriminatory access and accountability in all aspects of operations
- Readiness and preparatory support

Roles and Responsibilities



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- Accreditation vis a vis gender policy
- Compliance in legal agreements
- Review & monitor gender action plan (GAP)
- Annual performance reports include quantitative/qualitative progress in GAPs
- Knowledge and best practices on gender mainstreaming
- Gender capacity development initiatives
- Gender-sensitive GRM

AE

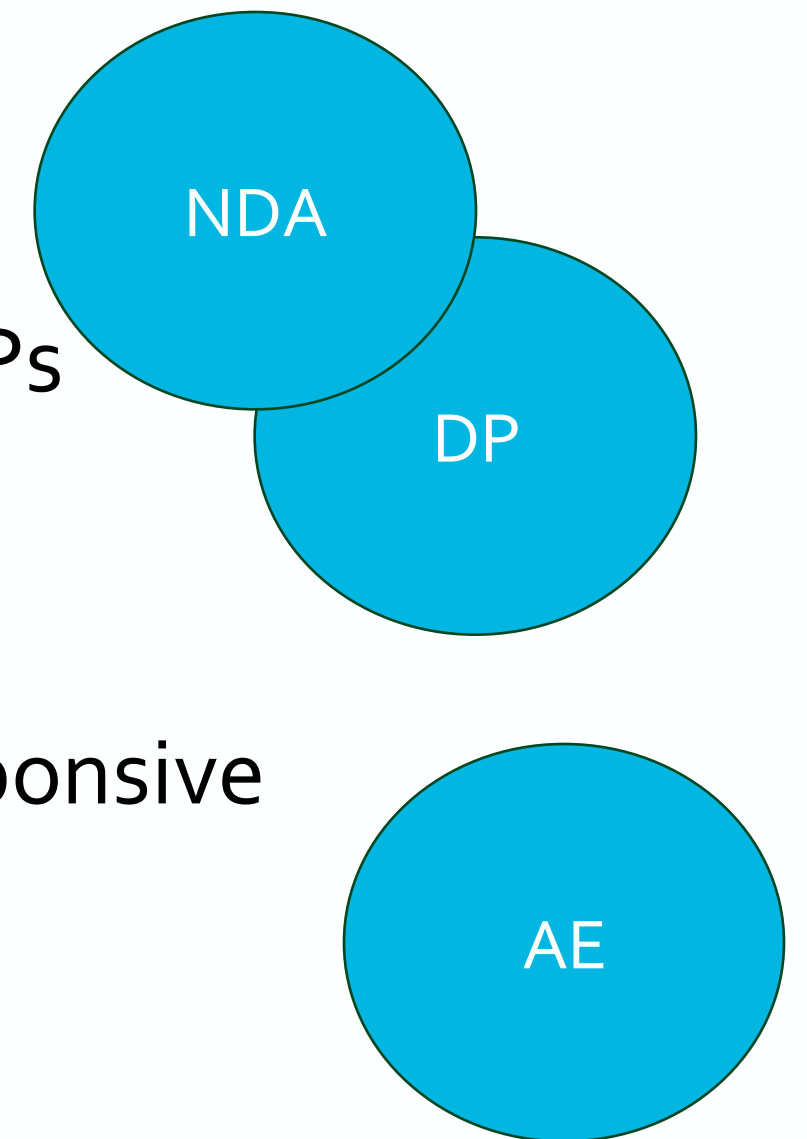
- Concept notes /Funding Proposals meet GCF's Gender Policy requirements
- Submission of gender assessments and GAPs
- Implementation of GAPs and reporting sex-disaggregated results
- Refine gender-related baseline, indicators and targets
- Periodic updates of gender assessments
- Monitor and report on GAPs

Entry points for engagement



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- National Designated Authorities (NDAs)
 - Readiness Programme, Country Programmes and NAPs
- Gender Policy requirements in GCF Financed Activities
 - Gender analysis ➡ Gender action plan = gender responsive project/programmes
 - via Accredited Entities (AEs)
 - Engagement in the design of concept notes
 - Ensure gender considerations in the design, implementation, monitoring, learning and evaluation
 - Stakeholder engagement – meaningful consultation



Programming priorities 2024-2027

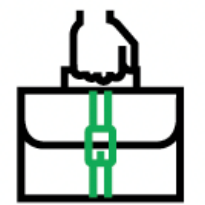


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Empower developing countries

As a climate capacity-builder, GCF will enhance its Readiness Programme to help countries translate their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Long-term Climate Strategies (LTS) into climate investments and programming.



Mobilise the private sector

GCF will optimise its risk appetite and flexible financing to engage the private sector and unlock the financial flows needed by developing countries for climate action.



Improve access

GCF is committed to significantly improve access for developing countries to GCF finance, ensuring funding is delivered efficiently and effectively to communities who need it the most.



Protect the most vulnerable

GCF will enhance support for the most vulnerable people and communities to address their immediate adaptation and resilience needs, such as urgent climate threats by expanding coverage of climate information and early warning systems.

Resources

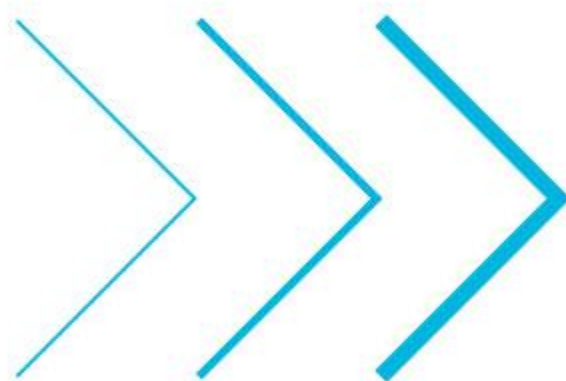
- Sustainability guidance note: Designing and ensuring meaningful stakeholder engagement on GCF-financed projects
- Readiness Knowledge Bank
- Mainstreaming gender in Green Climate Fund projects

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GEF's Unique Role



- Serves **6 multilateral environmental agreements** (MEAs) as financial mechanism
- Recent **expansion** of MEA mandates and fund arrangements
- Supports implementation of MEAs and goals through:



- Functions under **guidance/authority / decisions** from COP and is **accountable**:
 - Participation in negotiations and mandated events, GEF report highlighting response, response to Party inquiries
- **MoU** between COP and Council give effect to respective roles and responsibilities



Convention on
Biological Diversity



MINAMATA
CONVENTION
ON MERCURY



Stockholm Convention
on persistent organic
pollutants (POPs)



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

Financial Mechanism and Family of Funds



Fund that serves BBNJ, CBD, CCD, Minamata Conv, Stockholm Conv, UNFCCC

GEF Trust Fund



Funds that serve UNFCCC

LDCF

SCCF



\$2.5 billion for 520 projects,
\$10 billion leveraged
GEF-8: **\$1.2 billion - \$1.7 billion**

CBIT Trust Fund

\$58.3 million for 44 projects
Mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

Funds that serve CBD

NPIF Fund

GBF Fund



NPIF: **\$15.1 million** for 13 projects
Mainstreamed into GEF Trust Fund

GBFF: Established in 2023
\$110 million for 4 projects
and 18 PPG requests

\$25 billion for +5,000 projects, **\$145 billion** leveraged
GEF-8 (July 2023 to June 2026): **\$5.33 billion**

GEF and Gender Equality

**To promote
gender equality
means...**



Developing policies, plans, strategies with **gender experts and women's contributions**

Including **women in leadership positions or decision-making** roles

Introducing measures, policies, regulations, finance

- **women to have equal access and rights to resources and economic benefits**

Considering important gender inequalities that impede women's full participation and engagement:

Household duties

Cultural and social norms

Education/literacy; access to technology

Language barriers

Gender-based violence

Including women in consultations, awareness-raising activities, some training IS NOT ENOUGH!

- Gender equality and environmental actions
 - Mutually supportive
 - Co-benefits
- Policy
 - Catalyst for gender-responsive environmental actions
- Driving ambition and transformation

Gender Mainstreaming and Potential Entry Points



Policy Requirements for GEF Projects and Agencies

Gender Equality

**Environmental &
Social Safeguards**

**Stakeholder
Engagement**

Fiduciary Standards

Co-financing

Grievance Mechanism

GEF Policies & Guidelines: <https://www.thegef.org/projects-operations/policies-guidelines>



Gender Equality and GEF Project Cycle



OBJECTIVE

To ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-financed interventions

REQUIREMENTS

PIF (Project Concept)

- Indicative information on gender considerations in project description and relevant project components

CEO Endorsement/Approval (Project Development)

- Detailed **gender analysis & action plan**
- Gender-responsive measures for each project component
- Gender-sensitive indicators, sex-disaggregated targets

Midterm/Terminal Evaluation (Project Implementation)

- Information on progress on gender-sensitive indicators and results in Project Implementation Reports, Mid-Term Reports, and Terminal Evaluations progress
- Share good practice, methodologies, and lessons learned



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100% Projects with gender analysis / assessment



- GEF Secretariat
 - Policy instruments
 - Leadership, Gender specialist, thematic experts
- Governments
 - Guidance, mandate through the Council
 - Work of national steering committees, OFPs
- Implementing agencies
 - Compliance with agencies' own policies & standards, and GEF's policies
 - Building their teams' expertise over time
- CSOs, other non-state stakeholders
 - Proactivity
 - Active engagement throughout
- MEAs
 - Stronger integration of gender issues/gender action plans
 - Requests for support to the GEF in some cases

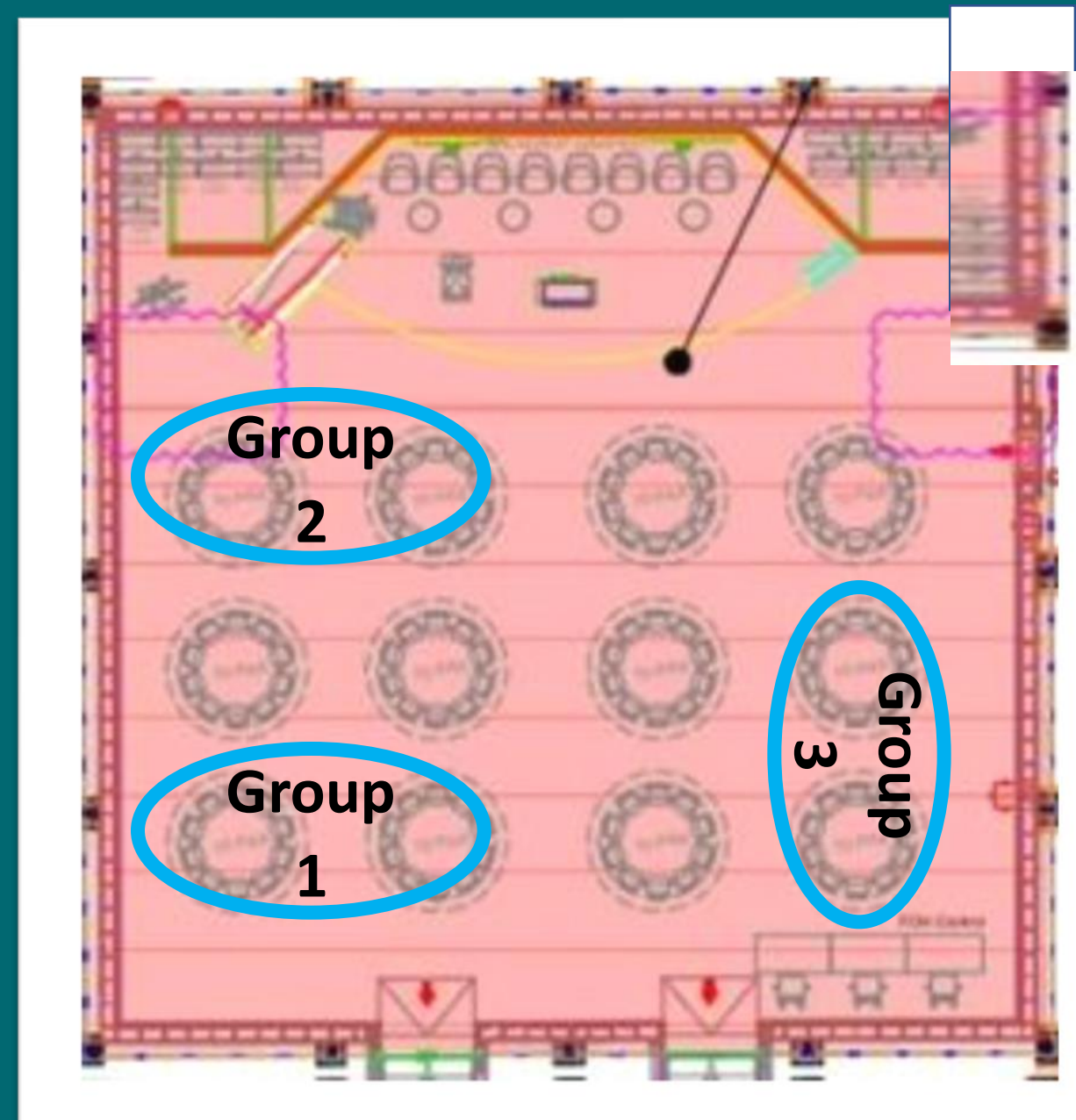


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Break out groups



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