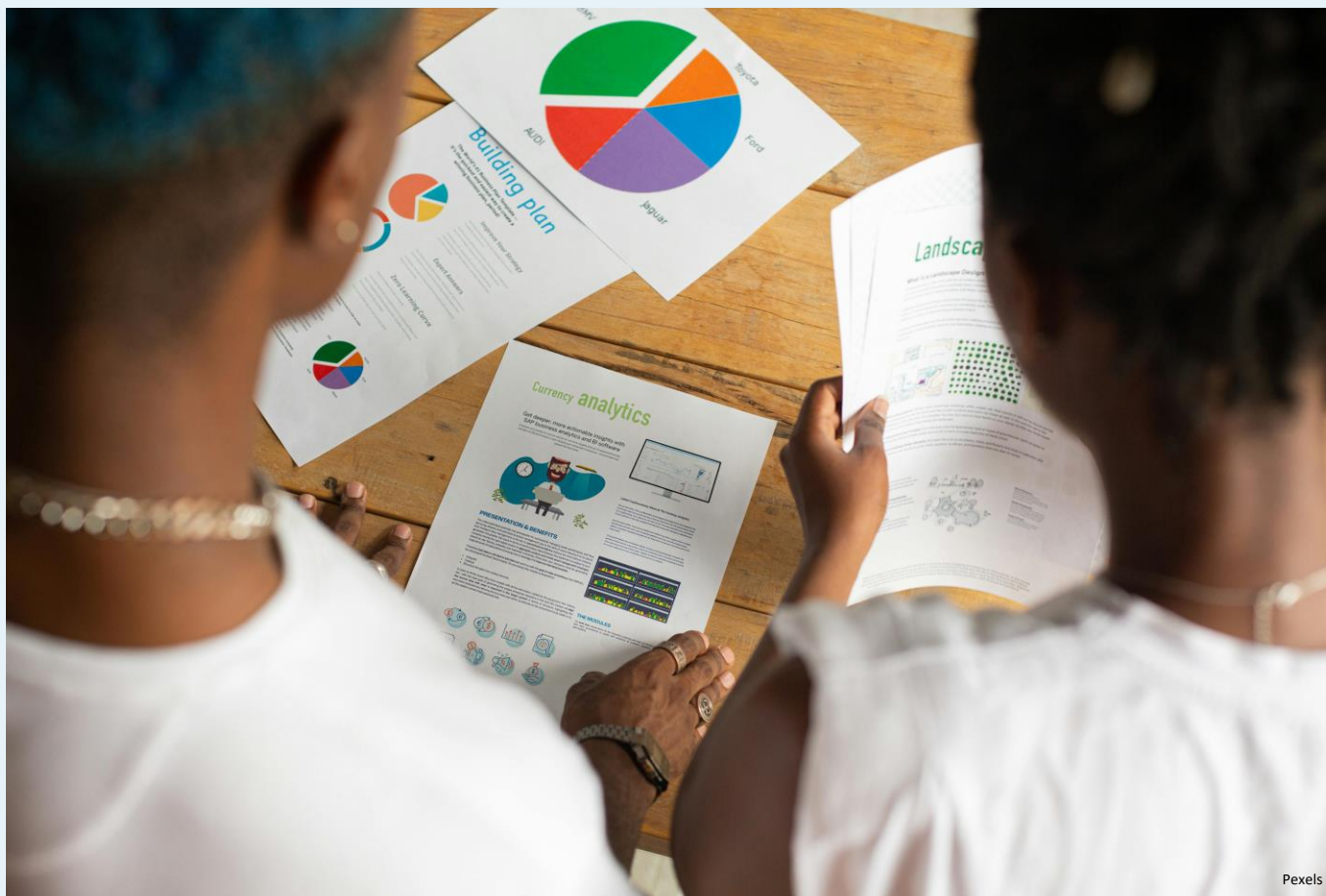


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Accessing Multilateral Climate Funds for Adaptation and Resilience

An introductory learning resource on multilateral climate finance for adaptation and resilience in West and Central Africa



What is this resource?

This Webinar Q&A Resource captures key insights and discussions from the RCC WAC Africa webinar on accessing multilateral Climate funds for adaptation and resilience.

It is intended to help government representatives, national institutions, NGOs, civil society organisations, partners and other stakeholders understand key concepts, support mechanisms and access pathways.

Purpose

- Explain key climate finance concepts in accessible language.
- Highlight main access pathways and support mechanisms.
- Direct readers to official sources for detailed guidance.

How to use it

- Start from the home page.
- Select the topic most relevant to your needs.
- Review the key messages and follow the resource links.

Disclaimer

This resource is intended for learning and information purposes only. It does not constitute official guidance from the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, Global Environment Facility or any other financing institution. Readers should consult the official policies, procedures and guidance documents of the respective institutions for the most up-to-date information.

Where do you want to start?

Select a topic below. Each section includes: what it means, key messages and useful resources.

1. Accreditation and Direct Access

2. Access Procedures and Stakeholders

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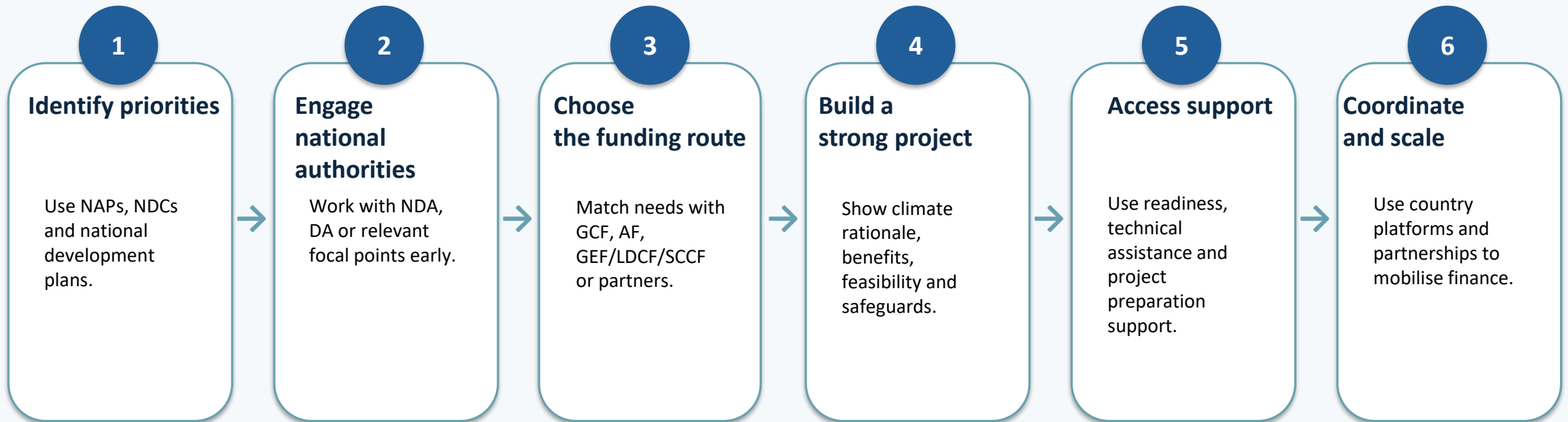
4. Local Actors and Non-State Stakeholders

5. Project Preparation and Bankability

6. Country Platforms and Coordination

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A simple route from national priorities to funded adaptation action



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What it means

Accreditation allows institutions to access climate finance and implement projects directly or through recognised funding channels.

Practical tips

- Start early: accreditation can take months and depends on institutional readiness and responsiveness.
- Consult the relevant national authority/focal point and fund guidance before applying.

Key messages

✓ National institutions and NGOs may seek accreditation, subject to fund requirements and national processes.

✓ Typical requirements include legal status, fiduciary standards, environmental and social safeguards, gender policies and project management track record.

✓ Readiness support can help institutions prepare for accreditation and strengthen capacity.

Useful resource links

See the Resources Hub for official fund pages, accreditation information, readiness and project preparation resources, and the full webinar Q&A resource once published.

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What it means

Accessing finance usually requires coordination with national authorities, accredited entities and relevant stakeholders.

Practical tips

- Engage the NDA/focal point as early as possible.
- Map stakeholders before proposal development starts.

Key messages

✓ NDAs, DAs and focal points act as key national interfaces with climate funds.

✓ Stakeholders can engage through national consultations, country programming and collaboration with accredited entities.

✓ Strong project ideas should align with national climate strategies and country ownership.

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What it means

Several funds provide readiness, capacity-building and project preparation support for LDCs, African States and institutions with limited technical capacity.

Practical tips

- Use readiness support to strengthen systems before developing full proposals.
- Consider simplified or smaller-scale routes where appropriate.

Key messages

✓ LDCs and African States are prioritised by some funds for adaptation resources and readiness support.

✓ Support may include NAP readiness, accreditation support, project preparation and institutional strengthening.

✓ Simplified access or streamlined processes may be available under some funding windows.

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What it means

NGOs, civil society, farmers' organisations, local governments and community-based organisations can contribute to climate finance design and implementation.

Practical tips

- Identify local partners early and include them in problem definition, design and monitoring.
- Link adaptation action to livelihoods, public services and community resilience.

Key messages

✓ Local actors may participate through accredited entities, partnerships or dedicated innovation and locally led adaptation windows.

✓ Inclusive consultation and local ownership can strengthen adaptation outcomes.

✓ Accredited entities can involve local actors during design, implementation and monitoring.

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What it means

A fundable project needs a clear climate rationale, credible design and strong implementation arrangements.

Practical tips

- Build a concise theory of change and explain why climate finance is needed.
- Show who benefits, how risks are managed and how results will be measured.

Key messages

✓ Bankable projects are strategically relevant, technically robust, financially credible and institutionally feasible.

✓ Projects should show clear adaptation benefits, national alignment, risk management and safeguards compliance.

✓ Readiness programmes, project preparation facilities and technical support can improve proposal quality.

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What it means

Country platforms are country-led coordination mechanisms that turn national priorities into coherent investment pipelines.

Practical tips

- Use country platforms to identify priority pipelines and avoid duplication.
- Connect project ideas to national investment planning processes.

Key messages

✓ They help coordinate ministries, development partners, financing institutions, civil society and local stakeholders.

✓ They can reduce fragmentation, clarify roles and align support with national priorities.

✓ They can help countries move from isolated projects to more strategic, programmatic investment planning.

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The following terms are used throughout this learning resource.

AF	Adaptation Fund	NAP	National Adaptation Plan
AFCIA	Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator	NDA	National Designated Authority
CSO	Civil Society Organisation	NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
DA	Designated Authority	NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
GCF	Green Climate Fund	PPF	Project Preparation Facility
GEF	Global Environment Facility	RCC	Regional Collaboration Centre
LDC	Least Developed Country	SCCF	Special Climate Change Fund
LDCF	Least Developed Countries Fund	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Useful term

Direct Access: A modality that enables eligible national or regional institutions to access financing directly from a climate fund, subject to the fund's policies and accreditation requirements.