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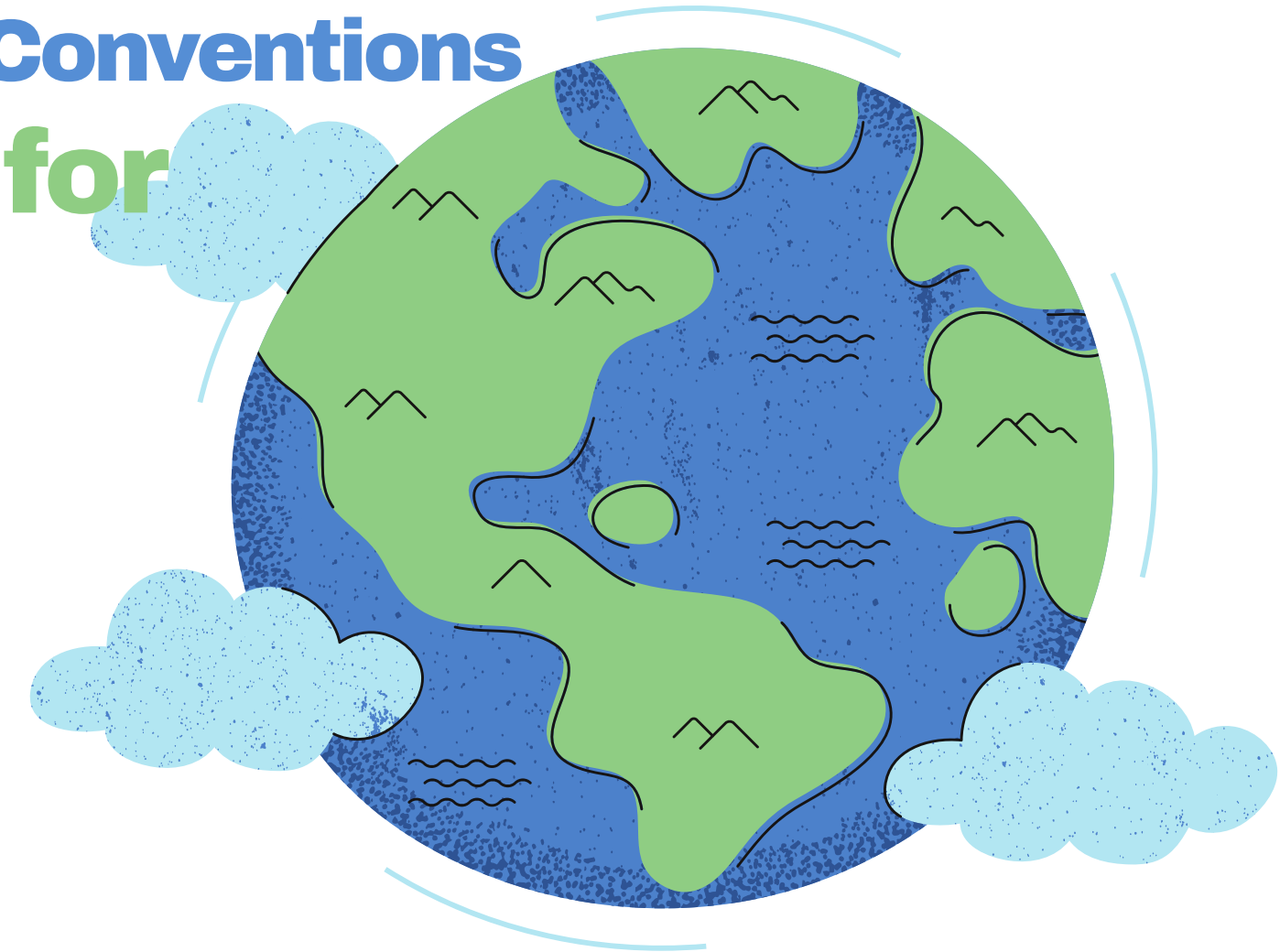
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# How to build synergies between the three Rio Conventions Accessing and Mobilizing Finance for Synergistic Projects

**A webinar series of the Rio Conventions Joint  
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**RIO impact**  
For biodiversity, land and climate benefits

# Agenda



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| <b>15:00-15:05</b> | <b>Welcome</b>  |
| <b>15:05-15:10</b> | <b>Opening remarks</b><br>Erie Tamale   |
| <b>15:10-15:20</b> | <b>Interaction via Wooclap</b>  |
| <b>15:20-15:40</b> | <b>Accessing and Mobilizing Finance for Synergistic Projects</b><br>Ludwig Liagre |
| <b>15:40-15:55</b> | <b>Group Exercise</b>   |
| <b>15:55-16:05</b> | <b>GCF project example</b><br>Fahim Faisal  |
| <b>16:05-16:15</b> | <b>Q&amp;A + Open discussion</b>  |
| <b>16:15-16:30</b> | <b>Fun quiz &amp; Closing</b>   |

# What comes to your mind?



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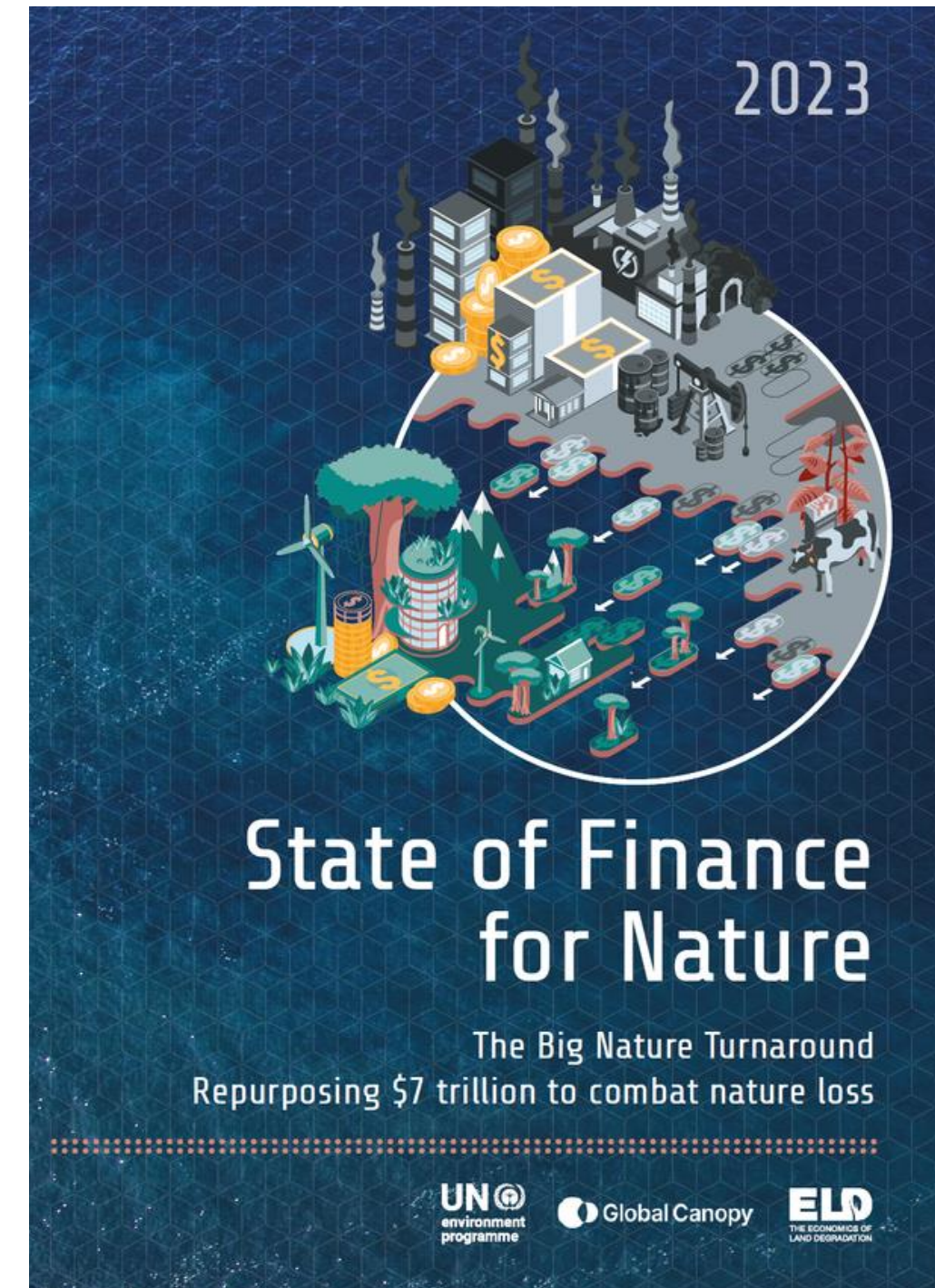
# Why is this topic important for synergies between Rio Conventions?

“Global annual finance flows of \$7 Trillion fueling climate, biodiversity, and land degradation crises” : need for repurposing harmful subsidies

Meanwhile, Nature-based Solutions remain severely underfunded: Current finance flows to NbS are US\$200 billion, only a third of levels needed to reach climate, biodiversity and land degradation targets by 2030.

Coordinating efforts across conventions enhances resource efficiency.

Synergistic project design can help deliver stronger outcomes for land, biodiversity and climate while dealing with limited resources available.



# Key topics for synergies



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Biological Diversity

**REDD+ and LULUCF**  
**Climate-smart agriculture**  
**Sustainable management of ecosystems and biodiversity**  
**Ecosystem-based adaptation**  
**Conservation Finance, Ecotourism**  
**Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (ABS, Ethical Biotope, etc.)**  
**Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)**  
**LDN implementation**  
**Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR)**  
**Conservation and rehabilitation of wetlands, etc**

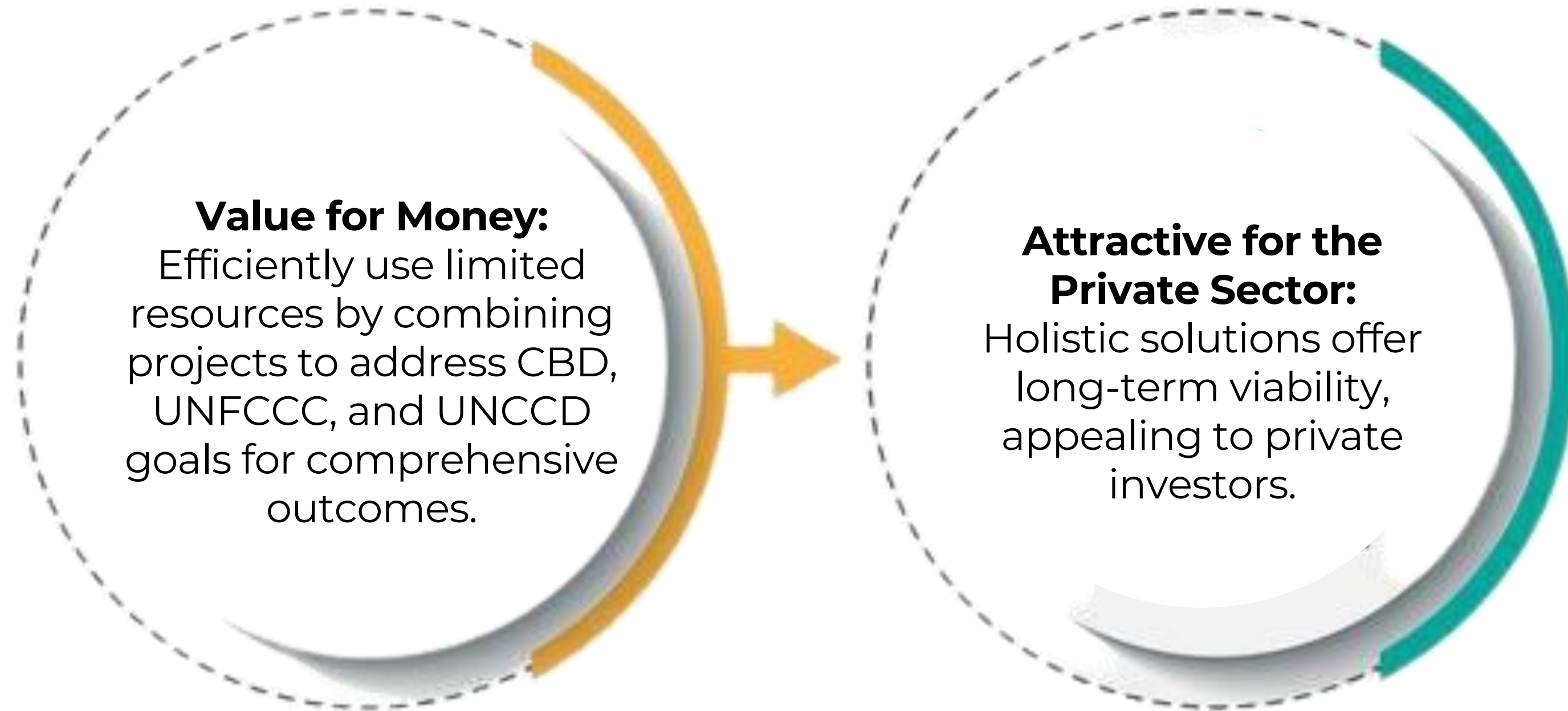


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# Importance of Synergistic Projects



# Entry Points for Synergies for Different Global Funds



## GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

### Prioritizing:

- STAR allocations
- Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF),
- Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF),
- The Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF)



## GREEN CLIMATE FUND (GCF)

### Prioritizing:

- REDD+ programme
- NBS
- EbA projects



## CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUND (CIF)

### Prioritizing:

- Forest Investment Program
- Nature, People, and Climate program,
- The Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low-Income Countries program

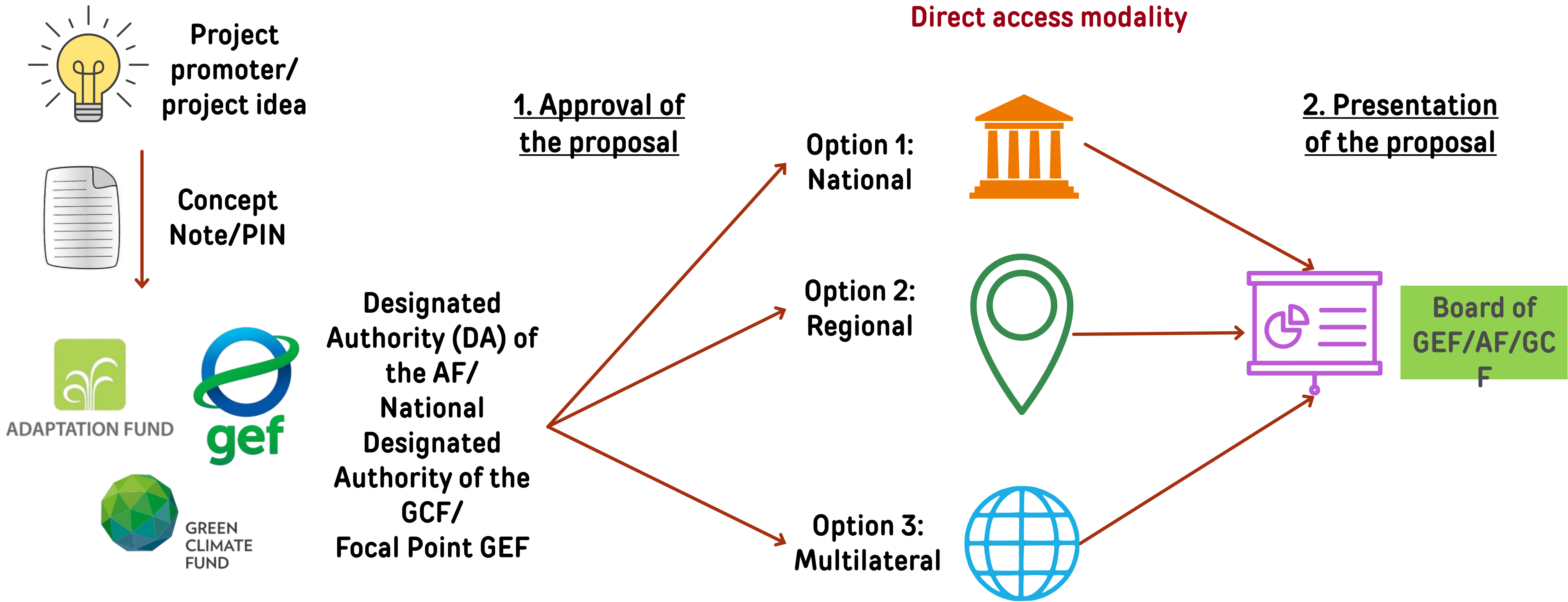


## ADAPTATION FUND (AF)

### Prioritizing:

- Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)
- Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA),
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR),
- Disaster risk management (DRM)
- Nature-based Solution (NbS)

# How to present a proposal to the GEF, AF, GCF



# Global Environment Facility (GEF)

- **Focal area**

- Biodiversity
- Climate change
- Land degradation

- **Impact programs (incitation 2:1)**

- Food, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR)
- Green cities
- Sustainable Forest Management (including in arid zones)

- **Project sizes:**

- Large (> \$2m)
- Medium (< \$2m)
- Enabling activities (< \$0,5m)
- Programmatic approaches (\$5 – \$150m)
- Small grant programme (UNDP) (< \$50.000)

- **Non-Grant Instrument**

## Example : GEF 7 cycle

### STAR GEF-6 Allocation and Utilization (All amounts in US\$)

| Focal Area       | Indicative allocation | Allocation utilized | Allocations remaining to be programmed |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Biodiversity     | \$4,090,879           | \$2,900,000         | \$1,190,879                            |
| Land Degradation | \$1,902,751           | \$1,000,000         | \$902,751                              |
| Climate Change   | \$6,506,112           | \$0                 | \$6,506,112                            |
| Total            | \$12,499,742          | \$3,900,000         | \$8,599,742                            |





# National and Local Financing Mechanisms

1

## Build domestic funding mechanisms

- Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund
- FAPBM (Madagascar), BIOFUND (Mozambique), and Biodiversity and Climate Fund (Papua New Guinea).

2

## Develop innovative domestic financing options

- Earmarking of fees, taxes, and royalties on the extractive industry and the tourism sector.
- Use of green bonds to address climate change, desertification, and biodiversity loss-related issues.

3

## Use existing national institutions and their experience.

- Direct Access Entities of the GCF
- National Implementing Entities of the Adaptation Fund
- Example: South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).

# Case Study: SANBI

# SANBI

South African National Biodiversity Institute



Biodiversity for Life

01



Initially established for biodiversity policy and management.

Successfully implemented GEF-funded projects.



02

03



Gained AF and GCF Accreditation, enhancing access to climate financing.

Currently working on multiple synergistic projects with GCF.



04

# Example of Adaptation Fund project



## A Micro-financing Facility for local climate action: directing adaptation finance to the field

Component 1: Small grants – Microfinancing for Vulnerable Communities

Component 2: Institutional Capacity – Local Institutions Strengthened to Identify and Implement Adaptation Measures

Component 3: Lessons Learned – for replication and scaling of microfinance approaches

- Local adaptation funding
- Implication of civil society
- Direct payments to individuals/associations/companies (towards a PES approach)
- Initiation of of a regional/local climate fund (paradigm shift)
- Multiple benefits for land, biodiversity and climate

AF grant: 2.44 M USD.  
Direct access: SANBI/South Africa National Biodiversity Institute



ADAPTATION FUND

**SANBI**

South African National Biodiversity Institute



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# Example of the Rwanda Green Fund



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Reversing soil erosion from deforestation and subsequent biodiversity loss.

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### Akanyaru Watershed Protection Project

Boosting climate resilience and improving the livelihoods of residents in Gisagara District in Rwanda's south.

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### Strengthening Meteo Rwanda's Weather and Climate Services

Improving the range of weather and climate information available to inform decision making.

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### Karongi District Integrated Green Village Project

The Karongi Integrated Green Village Project aims to reduce vulnerability to environmental challenges.

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# Private Finance for Synergistic Projects

## Mainstreaming synergies in key drivers for private investments



### Green Taxonomies

Offers guidelines and incentives for private companies to invest in environmentally sustainable projects, that foster synergies.



### Incentives Needed

Carbon/biodiversity credits can attract private investment in environmental projects.



### Changing Donor Approach

Donors like GCF now focus on private sector partnerships for environmental projects.



### Scaling Successful Models

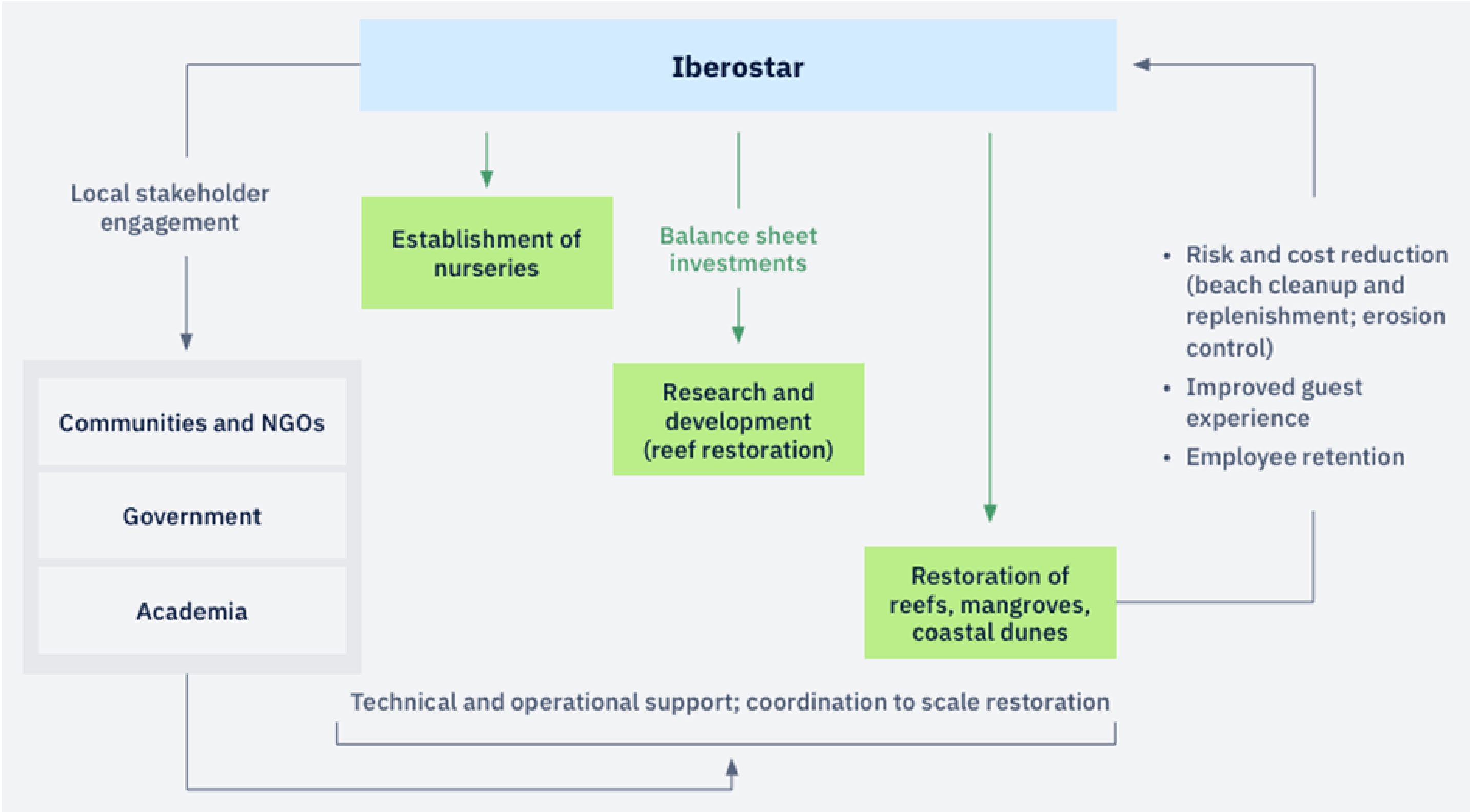
Successful initiatives, like the Pacific Greenpreneurs Incubator Program, help scale up effective models.



### Support for Private Investment

Grants, tax breaks, and favourable regulations are crucial to making projects bankable and sustainable.

# Private sector example: Iberostar's coastal restoration program

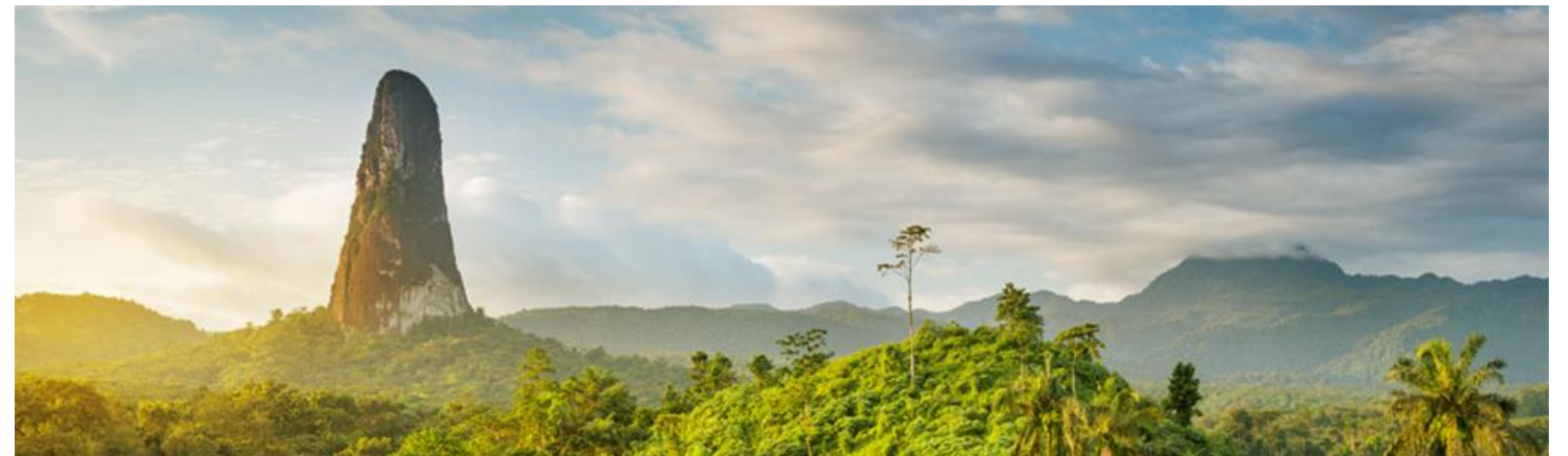


# Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs)

“CTFs are **private, legally independent institutions that provide sustainable grant funding for biodiversity conservation**. They often finance part of the long-term management costs of a country’s protected area (PA) system as well as conservation and sustainable development initiatives outside PAs.”

*(Conservation Finance Alliance, 2020)*

- **More than 100 existing CTFs** around the world
- Around **40 new CTFs created between 2010 and 2020**, in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and small island states in the Caribbean
- **CTF networks promotes knowledge sharing** and capacity strengthening. **CAFE** is the African CTF regional network, and **RedLAC** the network of CTFs in the LAC region





# Group exercise:

## Making a domestic fund fit for synergies

- **Situation:**

- Consider a **National Forest Fund (NFF)** in a given country.
- The NFF has the mandate to provide sustainable financial support for the conservation, management, and enhancement of national forest resources. It aims to finance reforestation, afforestation, and the sustainable management of forest ecosystems.
- The NFF is hosted under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) with a board composed of a MAF representative and a representative of the Finance Ministry
- Its capitalization depends on a single source of financing (a tax on imported wood)

- **Objective of the exercise:** identify measures that will make the NFF fit to finance synergistic projects, delivering land, climate and biodiversity benefits

- **Measures** can include (among others):

- Governance adjustments to promote synergistic projects and a capitalization approach conducive to synergies
- Spending modalities to finance synergistic projects

**Please take 3 minutes to reflect, and prepare a few messages you would like to share.**



**Questions & Comments?**



# A quick wrap-up quiz



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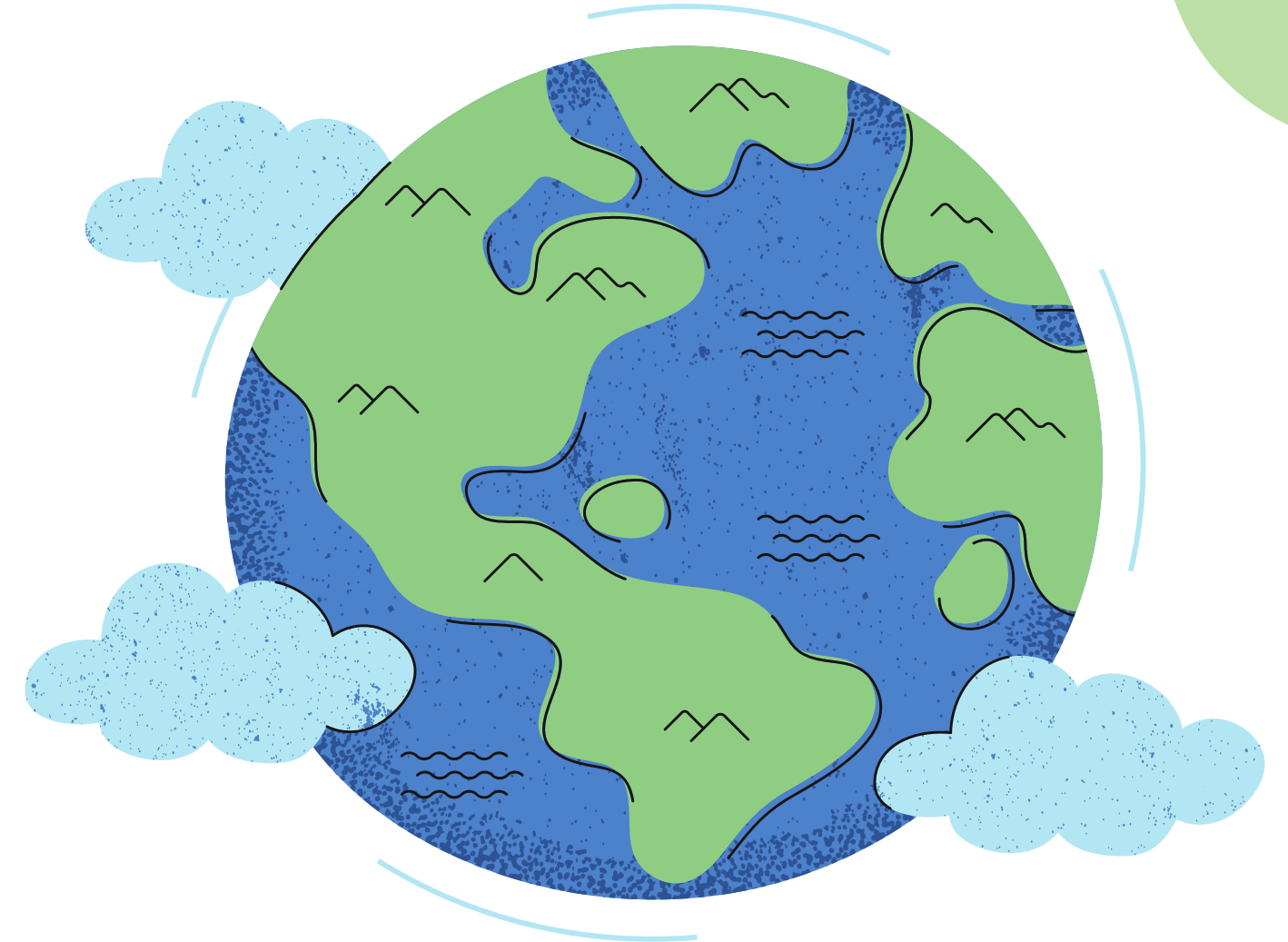
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# Follow us on the webpage of Rio Conventions Joint Capacity-building Programme!



The screenshot displays the official website for the Rio Conventions Joint Capacity-building Programme. At the top, the United Nations Climate Change logo and name are visible, along with a search bar and language selection (English). A navigation menu includes links for Home, COP 29, Process and meetings, Topics, Calendar, Climate action, Documents and decisions, About us, and News. The main content area shows the breadcrumb path 'Topics > Capacity-building > Projects' and the title 'Rio Conventions Joint Capacity-building Programme.' Below the title is a banner with the program's name and logos for the United Nations Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

# Thank you very much!



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