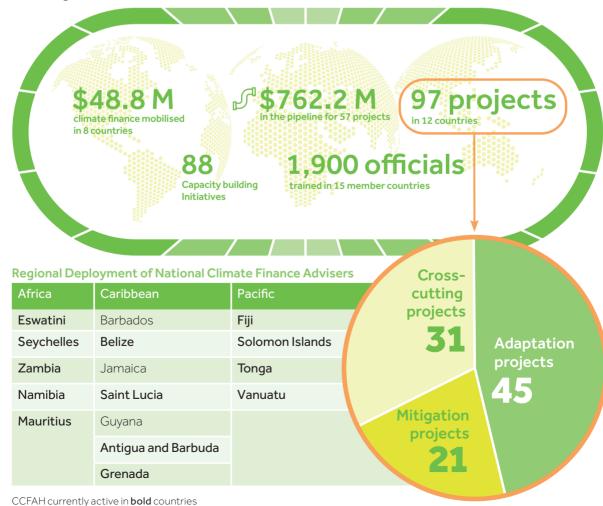




Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) helps small and other vulnerable states secure funding to tackle climate change. The Hub places experts in government departments to support with climate finance grant applications, capacity building policy support, knowledge generation and sharing. As of March 2022, the Hub has helped countries to access approximately US\$48.8 million of climate finance, including \$3 million of co-financing, with \$762 million in the pipeline. This \$48.8 million covers 40 approved projects (15 adaptation, 5 mitigation and 20 cross-cutting projects) in 8 countries; while the \$762.2 million covers 57 pipeline projects (30 adaptation, 16 mitigation and 11 cross-cutting projects) in 11 countries. In terms of capacity-building, 88 initiatives have been conducted, training approximately 1,900 individuals in member countries. In addition to 13 national climate finance advisers, including the central hub in Mauritius (see table below), CCFAH has also deployed two regional climate finance advisers: one covering the African region, based at the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD); and one covering the Indo-Pacific region, based at the International Solar Alliance (ISA).



Funds secured through the assistance of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

Jamaica

 Grant of over \$500,000 from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for an analysis of the development and operation of a green bond market and the creation of regional green bond guidelines



- Grant of \$272,797 from the GCF for facilitating a gender-responsive approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Grant of \$613,000 from the GCF for REDD+ readiness actions as part of Forest Policy
- Grant of \$582,000 accessed under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support programme, with a primary focus on Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Grant of \$1.3 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for strengthening Jamaica's capacity to meet transparency requirements under the Paris Agreement
- Grant of \$253,714 for accelerating the uptake of climate smart agriculture in selected African, Caribbean and Pacific countries through the ACP-EU Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Grant of \$50,000 from Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and United States Agency for International Aid (USAID) for technical assistance to provide support for pre-feasibility study for the Water is Life project
- Grant of \$300,000 from the NAP Global Network for National Designated Authority (NDA) strengthening and GCF programme development
- Technical Assistance grant of \$22,000 for supporting national stocktaking for adaptation planning and interventions by NAP Global Network
- Grant of \$1.3 million from the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for Enhancing Caribbean Civil Society's Access and Readiness for Climate Finance

Tonga

- Grant of \$500,000 from GCF for NDA strengthening and country programming
- Grant of \$39,207 from the GCF for preparatory support for gap assessment and action plan towards accreditation process of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning of Tonga as GCF Direct Accrediting Entity

- Grant of \$50,000 from the GEF Small Grant Programme for enhancing the climate change resilience of vulnerable families through improved sustainable sanitation and hygiene
- Grant of \$460,692 from GCF for Assessment and Reform of the Tonga Outer Island Solar Electrification Society
- Grant of \$1.68 million from the GCF to fund the first phase of Strengthening Adaptation Planning in Tonga
- Grant of \$302,281 from the GCF towards Readiness Support Enabling Private Sector Access to Climate Finance for Strengthening Climate Resilient Development in Tonga

Antigua and Barbuda

- Grant of \$21.8 million from the GCF to fund the 'Integrated Physical Adaptation and Community Resilience through Enhanced Direct Access Pilot in the Public, Private and Civil Society Sectors of the Three Eastern Caribbean Small Island Developing States of Antiqua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica and Grenada'
- Grant of \$180,560 from Green Climate Finance for Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Grant for Grenada
- Grant of \$1.75 million from the Adaptation Fund for project entitled 'An integrated approach to physical adaptation and community resilience in Antigua and Barbuda's northwest Mckinnon's watershed'

Mauritius

- Grant of \$2.3 million secured from the European Union and the African Union for a Global Environmental Monitoring Information Alert System. The project focus is on Marine and Coastal Management in the East Africa Region, an initiative by the Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI) for monitoring environmental pollution in the Indian Ocean and off the East African Coast
- Grant of \$1.25 million from the EU and the Government of Mauritius for an AgricTECH Park facility that will develop Smart Innovation through research in agriculture to promote climate change mainstreaming and food security



Barbados

 Grant of up to \$69,400 to recruit a consultant to develop a full funding proposal for the "River Plantation Drainage and Irrigation Climate Adaptation Project", which will result in the building of infrastructure to support water harvesting and conveyance of water to farmers in the target area in Barbados



- Grant of \$5,000 for 'Integrated Water and Energy for a Changing Climate (IWECC-B) for Small Business Agribusiness Sector of Barbados' under the GCF Private Sector Regional Readiness Grant
- Grant of \$1 million from the Kingdom of Morocco to advance Trees for Food Security and Agribusiness Development Project

Saint Lucia

 Grant of \$662,065 million from the GCF towards Enhancing Saint Lucia's understanding, capacity, institutional and strategic frameworks to access climate finance for low-emission climate resilient pathways



- Grant of \$100,000 under the Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER) Project to conduct a sector-wide gender assessment, focusing on the health, energy, resilient ecosystems, tourism, education and infrastructure and spatial planning sectors
- Technical assistance Grant of \$200,00 from the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) towards Improving Resilience of Human Settlements in Saint Lucia, Upgrading designated emergency shelters for long term and short term climate emergencies
- Grant of \$2.3 million from the GCF towards Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector in the Caribbean project
- Grant of \$762,359 from the GCF towards Mobilising international climate finance and private investments for low-carbon development in Saint Lucia project
- Grant of \$680,499 from the GCF towards improving the capacity of the Fisheries Sector in Saint Lucia to enhance resilience to Climate Change

Zambia

 Grant of \$250,000 received from the Adaptation Fund for Aquifer mapping technologies for Zambia project







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