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**CLIMATE FINANCE
ACCESS HUB**



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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 August 2022, the Hub has helped countries to access approximately US\$53.1 million of climate finance, including \$3 million of co-financing. This \$53.1 million covers 47 approved projects (16 adaptation, 6 mitigation and 25 cross-cutting projects) in 13 countries. In addition to 12 National Climate Finance Advisers, with 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).**



Regional deployment of National Climate Finance Advisers

Africa	Caribbean	Indo-Pacific	Asia
Eswatini	Antigua and Barbuda	Fiji	Maldives
Mauritius (Central Hub)	Barbados	Solomon Islands	
	Belize	Tonga	
Namibia	Grenada	Vanuatu	
Seychelles	Guyana		
Zambia	Jamaica		
	Saint Lucia		

Note: countries in **bold** are those in which the CCFAH is currently active.

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

Africa

Eswatini

- Grant of \$65,000 from Research England for analysis and support of the Climate Change Policy and Implementation of the National Determined Contributions



Mauritius

- Grant of \$2.3 million secured from the European Union and the African Union for a Global Environmental Monitoring Information Alert System, focusing on Marine and Coastal Management in the East Africa Region
- Grant of \$1.2 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



Namibia

- Grant of \$1 million from the Japanese Government towards promotion of carbon markets in Namibia for an enhanced implementation of the NDC
- Grant of \$300,000 from the GCF towards COVID-19 Green Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness
- Project preparation grant of \$50,000 to prepare a full proposal on promoting technology, innovation and entrepreneurship to mitigate climate change and combat land degradation in informal settlements in peri-urban areas.



Zambia

- Grant of \$250,000 received from the Adaptation Fund for Aquifer Mapping Technologies project
- Grant of \$2 million from the GEF for the Climate Change Adaptation in Forest and Agricultural Mosaic Landscapes project – a solar-powered water supply scheme for domestic use and animal watering



Caribbean

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 Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica and 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'

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", 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
- Grant of \$451,104 from the GCF towards the Barbados One Million Trees Food Security and Mitigation Initiative Readiness



Belize

- Grant of \$399,313 from the GCF towards traditional savanna fire management readiness proposal to facilitate emissions reductions in the AFOLU sector



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 \$260,143 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 \$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
- Grant of \$1 million from GCF towards institutionalising a common framework for climate finance MRV to enhance complementarity and coherence for climate action in CARICOM States
- Complimentary finance of \$65,000 secured to leverage Sustainable and Diverse Sources of climate finance; To enhance Climate Resilience, Gender Equality and Inclusiveness for Vulnerable and Marginalised Populations (EnGenDER)
- Grant of \$33,915 from GCF for support towards the Accreditation Gap Assessment and Action Plan to the Jamaica's Social investment Fund
- Technical assistance grant of \$6,050 from GCF for NAP readiness proposal
- Grant of \$1 million from GCF towards supporting a comprehensive national adaptation planning process in Jamaica (Ja-NAP)

Saint Lucia

- Grant of \$662,065 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
- Technical assistance grant of \$200,000 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



Pacific

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
- 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 \$1.6 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
- Grant of \$400,000 from the GCF for Enhancing Access of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Disabled People Organisations (DPOs) to Climate Finance for Building Resilience of Most Vulnerable Groups
- Grant of \$150,306 from GCF for rapid readiness support for resilient recovery



Fiji

- Grant of \$360,000 from DFAT towards Electric Shuttle Bus feasibility study



Solomon Islands

- Grant of \$1.3 million from the GCF to support regional direct access entities to increase Pacific SIDS's access to climate financing



Capacity building initiatives and knowledge products

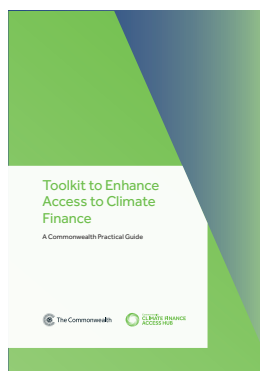
CCFAH conducts both human and institutional capacity building initiatives. To date 95 initiatives have been conducted, training approximately 1,981 individuals in CCFAH beneficiary countries. Examples of such initiatives include:

- Supported **Jamaica** and **Eswatini** in enhancing climate budget tagging processes
- Youth training in **Saint Lucia** on enhancing access to finance for green entrepreneurship
- Writeshop Trainings in the **Vanuatu**, **Fiji** and **Solomon Islands** to enhance access to climate finance using data from CommonSensing platform
- Capacity Building around Enhanced Direct Access in **Tonga**
- Development and implementation of a road map for climate finance readiness in **Jamaica**
- Development of climate finance strategy and debt for climate swap workshop in **Belize**

Knowledge management is a key pillar of the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) model enabling, scaling-up and replication of best practices to enhance climate action across the Commonwealth.

CCFAH develops and disseminates knowledge, experiences and lessons learned within beneficiary countries, the wider Commonwealth family and other stakeholders.

For more information and knowledge products see: <https://thecommonwealth.org/our-work/Commonwealth-Climate-Change-Programme>



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