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***The Urban Pathways project helps delivering*** on the Paris Agreement and the NDCs in the context of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It has established a facility in close cooperation with other organisations and networks active in this area to support national and local governments to develop action plans and concrete implementation measures to boost low-carbon urban development. This builds on UN-Habitat's role as "a focal point on sustainable urbanisation and human settlements including in the implementation and follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda". The project develops national action plans and local implementation concepts in key emerging economies with a high mitigation potential. The local implementation concepts are being developed into bankable projects, focusing on the access to urban basic services to create a direct link between climate change mitigation and sustainable development goals.

***The project follows a structured approach to boost*** Low Carbon Plans for urban mobility, energy and waste management services that deliver on the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. The project works on concrete steps towards a maximum impact with regards to the contribution of urban basic services (mobility, energy and waste management) in cities to global climate change mitigation efforts and sustainable and inclusive urban development. This project makes an active contribution to achieve global climate change targets to a 1.5°C stabilisation pathway by unlocking the global emission reduction potential of urban energy, transport and resource sectors. The project will contribute to a direct emission reduction in the pilot and outreach countries, which will trigger a longer term emission reduction with the aim to replicate this regionally and globally to make a substantial contribution to the overall emission reduction potential.

***This project implements integrated urban services*** solutions as proposed in the New Urban Agenda providing access to jobs and public services in urban areas, contributing to equality and social coherence and deliver on the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. This is the first dedicated implementation action oriented project, led by UN-Habitat to deliver on inclusive, low-carbon urban services. Securing sustainability and multiplier effect, the project aims to leverage domestic and international funding for the implementation projects that will follow from this initiative.

## Urban Pathways

## Project concept

## Project aims

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## Green Climate Fund (GCF)

**The GCF is a global fund that support the efforts** of developing countries to respond to the challenge of climate change, limiting or reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to climate change. GCF has a multi-layered approach to mobilize climate finance, working directly with the public and private sectors. It is important to note that developing countries are in the driving seat of GCF's targeting and disbursement of climate finance. National Designated Authorities (NDAs) for each developing country act as the country's interface with the Fund, and are involved closely in all of GCF's funding processes. GCF has 4 steps towards implementing projects (<https://www.greenclimate.fund/gcf101#>):

1. **Empowering countries:** Readiness Support
2. **Getting Accredited:** Accreditation Process
3. **Funding Projects:** Project Preparation and Project Funding
4. **Implementing Projects:** Project Implementation

# Name of the Initiative

# Short description



## Developing countries

## Energy, Transport and Waste

**GCF's activities are aligned with the priorities** of developing countries through the principle of country ownership, and the Fund has established a direct access modality so that national and sub-national organisations can receive funding directly, rather than only via international intermediaries.

**The project proposal for GCF has to be submitted** by the National Designated Authority (NDA) in the country. Developing countries nominate National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or focal points to act as the point of communication with GCF. Every project the GCF Board agrees to fund must be endorsed, expressed via a no objection letter, by the NDA or focal point. GCF funds for mitigation (and adaptation) activities in developing countries are implemented through partner organisations, known as Accredited Entities (AE). Accredited Entities develop funding proposals to be considered by the Fund and oversee, supervise, manage and monitor their respective GCF-approved projects and programmes. There are two types of GCF Accredited Entities, based on access modalities: Direct Access Entities and International Access Entities.

In issuing some Requests for Proposals, GCF may accept proposals from entities it has not yet accredited. However, non-accredited entities will have to team-up with Accredited Entities when formally submitting funding proposals to GCF.

GCF transfers financial assistance to the Accredited Entity in the form of a loan, grant, equity, or guarantee - depending on the nature of the approved project. NDA and AE of Urban Pathways countries are:

Geographic Scope

Urban Pathways Area

Directly accessible for cities - YES

Focal point at the national level

**India:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
Accredited Entities: National Bank of Agriculture and  
Rural Development (NABARD), Small Industries  
Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and United  
Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Bhutan:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Gross National Happiness Commission (GNHC)  
Accredited Entity: World Meteorological Organization  
(WMO) and United Nations Development Programme  
(UNDP)

**Nepal:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
International Economic Cooperation Coordination  
Division, Ministry of Finance  
Accredited Entity: United Nations Development  
Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment  
Programme (UNEP)

**Brazil:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Secretariat for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance  
Accredited Entities: UNEP

**Vietnam:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Ministry of Planning and Investment  
Accredited Entities: UNEP

**Morocco:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Ministry of Energy, Mining and Environment  
Accredited Entities: Agency for Agricultural Development  
of Morocco (ADA) and CDC Capital S.A. (CDG Capital)

**South Africa:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
Department of Environmental Affairs  
Accredited Entities: South African National Biodiversity  
Institute (SANBI)

**Kenya:**

National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal point:  
The National Treasury  
Accredited Entities: National Environment Management  
Authority of Kenya (NEMA)  
Delivery Partner: FAO

**India****Bhutan****Nepal****Brazil****Vietnam****Morocco****South Africa****Kenya**

**Target:** Mitigation, Adaptation and cross-cutting

**Financing:** Public, Private and Public/Private  
Access: Direct (National), Direct (Regional) and International

**Private Sector Facility:** Micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises pilot programme  
GCF also provides financial assistance to Accredited Entities starting their project development processes through the Project Preparation Facility (PPF).

**Accredited Entities, National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or Focal Points** and their partners may choose to submit concept notes under the Simplified Approval Process (SAP)

If the project or programme meet three main eligibility criteria:

- **Ready for scaling up** and having the potential for transformation, promoting a paradigm shift to low-emission and climate-resilient development;
- **A request for financing** to the GCF of up to USD 10 million of the total project budget; and
- **The environmental and social risks** and impacts are classified as minimal to none.

Funding focus

Scope of funding

Eligibility of funding





**Readiness support fund**, in other to strengthen the institutional capacities of NDAs or focal points and Direct Access Entities, is provided in the form of grants or technical assistance. For individual developing countries, this fund is capped up to USD 1 million per year. Of this amount, NDAs or focal points may request up to USD 300,000 per year to help establish or strengthen a NDA or focal point to deliver on the Fund's requirements.

The Project Preparation Facility (PPF) supports Accredited Entities (AEs) in project and programme preparation. It is especially targeted to support direct access entities, and micro-to-small size category projects.

A total of USD 40 million has been made available for the initial phase of the PPF, with each request subject to a cap of USD 1.5 million.

Accredited Entities, National Designated Authorities (NDAs) or Focal Points and their partners may choose to submit concept notes under the SAP for which a request for financing to the GCF is up to USD 10 million of the total project budget.

**Time frame**

Variable

**Institutions** typically involved in the implementation NDA and AE

**Website**

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/home>

**Budget available and Average project size**

**Time frame**

**Institutions**

**Website**





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