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INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FINANCE DATABASE

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KEY MESSAGES

- CFA's Climate Finance-IQ™ (CF-IQ™) services help our clients navigate the complex climate finance system, in which accessing finance or gathering information about sources and flows can be a major challenge.
- CFA's International Climate Finance Database (I-CFD) provides a comprehensive repository of information on climate finance funds, facilities, and other sources around the world.
- With the I-CFD, CFA helps public and private organizations understand and access climate finance providers, the kinds of projects they are supporting, and their selection and access criteria.
- I-CFD's standardized taxonomy enhances comparability, helping our clients target funding sources and find decision-ready information.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FINANCE DATABASE (I-CFD)

- The climate finance architecture¹ is fragmented, notably with respect to the funding and financing of projects, programs, and investment vehicles in developing countries.
- Some data sets and regular reports exist to synthesize information for various users. However, it remains difficult and time-consuming for project developers, policymakers, investors, researchers, and others to locate and synthesize reliable, decision-relevant information.
- The I-CFD helps find, compile, and use current, accurate, and complete information on availability and delivery of climate finance.

I-CFD TAXONOMY AND DATA SOURCES

- We conducted an extensive mapping of bilateral and multilateral climate funds and facilities, and other international sources, comprehensively cataloging their access requirements, selection criteria, and the project cycles, as well as their track record of funding flows.
- Sources include information published by climate finance sources themselves, OECD climate-related development finance statistics, and existing resources such as the Climate Funds Update.
- CFA developed a taxonomy to map source-specific information, including the geographic and thematic focus, scale, financial instruments deployed, sectors supported, and access and project selection criteria.

“Navigating the climate finance system requires time and resources often better spent on developing and implementing climate policies and projects. CFA’s climate finance knowledge and tools help our clients better understand how to unlock identified climate finance sources.”

Laurence Blandford, CFA Partner

FIGURE 1: INFORMATION INCLUDED IN I-CFD



- GENERAL FUND INFORMATION**
- Name of the fund
 - Fund description
 - Start date
 - Fund size

- FINANCING INFORMATION**
- Eligible countries
 - Fund type
 - Climate themes
 - Financial instruments

- ACCESS & PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**
- Way of access
 - Accreditation requirements
 - Project selection criteria

¹ **Architecture:** The climate finance architecture includes funds that flow through multilateral donor channels – both within and outside of UNFCCC financing mechanisms – and increasingly through bilateral, as well as through regional and national climate change channels and funds. Examples of funds within this architecture include: the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Adaptation Fund, or the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD).

FUND SNAPSHOT

An easy-to-digest introduction that allows for quick assessment of a source and comparison between sources. Distills pertinent information and requirements needed to engage with the climate finance source.



FIGURE 2: THE FUND SNAPSHOT

The fund snapshot includes a description of the fund or facility, its instruments, access modalities², funding criteria, and information on commitments and disbursements. For sources with an accreditation process, includes the fiduciary standards, E&S standards, and other accreditation and application requirements.

Access Modalities	Options for Access to Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Access – through accreditation <input type="checkbox"/> Access through AE <input type="checkbox"/> Direct project funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required Project Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Implementing Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Executing Entity	
Access Requirements ³	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiduciary Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative and Financial Capacities <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Transparency and Accountability <input type="checkbox"/> Integrity Due Diligence	<input type="checkbox"/> E&S Safeguards <input type="checkbox"/> IFC Performance Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Policies <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Project Funding Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> General Funding Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Co-financing <input type="checkbox"/> Country Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Feasibility/Readiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Ambition <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Paradigm Shift/Transf. Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerability/Need of Recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector/Sovereign guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> Other

² **Access Modalities** is a channel through which project sponsors/proponents access funding from climate funds.

³ **Access Requirements:** Climate funds require implementing entities to have certain standards in place in order to receive finance. Common access requirements include fiduciary standards, E&S safeguards, and policies governing aspects such as gender considerations or information disclosure. These requirements are in place to ensure that the implementing entity can effectively steward the funding.

COUNTRY SNAPSHOTS

A high-level summary of a country's climate profile and access to climate funding.

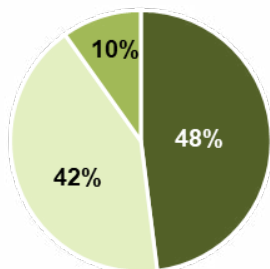


FIGURE 3: COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

A synthesis of climate funding/financing committed by covered sources for a certain period, which can be disaggregated by thematic focus (e.g., adaptation/mitigation), the financial instrument deployed, source, sector or stage (e.g., commitments / disbursements).

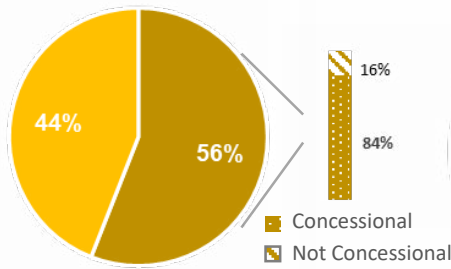
Climate Funding (\$3.2 B Committed)

Climate Focus



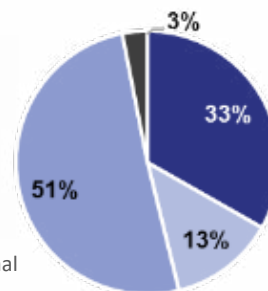
■ Adaptation ■ Mitigation ■ Multiple Focus

Financial Instruments



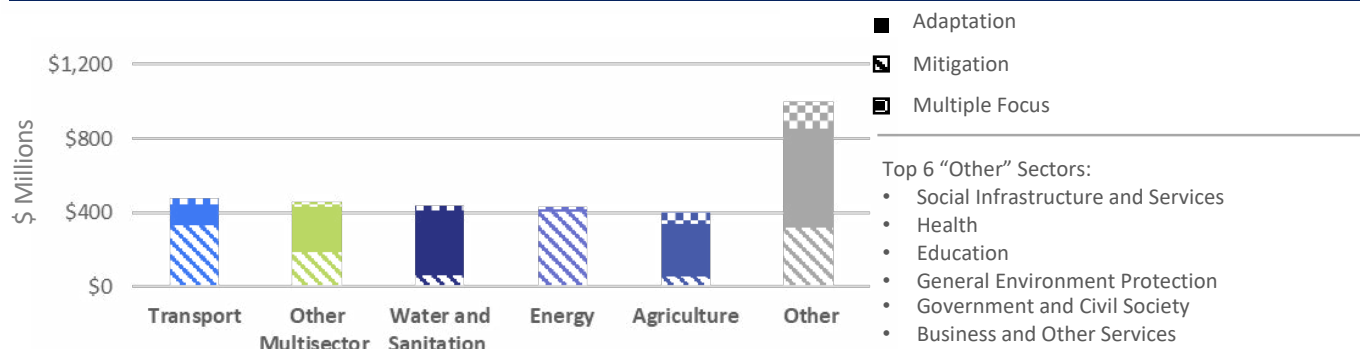
■ Grants ■ Debt

Sources



■ Bilateral ■ Fund ■ MBD ■ Other Multilateral

Funding Committed by Sector (\$3.2 B Committed)



COUNTRY SNAPSHOTS (continue)



The thumbnail shows a slide titled "Country Snapshot Example" with a flowchart and a table. The table has columns for "Project", "Amount", "Category", "Instrument", and "Size".

FIGURE 4: COUNTRY SNAPSHOT

The snapshot can also include a deeper dive into key sources, such as the Green Climate Fund's (GCF) funding and readiness activities in that country.

Fund A Projects General Overview

Name of Project	Amount Committed/Disbursed	Category of Project Risk ⁴	Instrument	Size
Project 1	Commitments Total: \$301.6 M Disbursements Total to date: \$0 M	B	Grant, Equity	Large
Project 2	Commitments Total: \$208.5 M Disbursements Total to date: \$4.9 M	A	Grant	Medium
Project 3	Commitments Total: \$796.3 M Disbursements Total to date: \$25 M	A	Grant, Loan	Large
Project 4	Commitments Total: \$67.1 M Disbursements Total to date: \$0 M	B	Grant	Medium

⁴ **Category of Project Risk:** Each climate funding source has distinct ways to categorize investments, often aligned with ESG related risks. Many funds utilize the IFC Performance Standards as a framework for ESG risks.

DATA-DRIVEN INSIGHTS USING I-CFD

As part of CFA's Climate-Finance IQ™ services, CFA can deliver a range of customized reports, analysis, assessments, and data visualizations.

With I-CFD, our clients gain data-driven insights to help:

1. Assess and compare finance sources, their access modalities, and their delivery of funding for various uses, sectors, geographies.
2. Support fund selection and access to finance for public and private project developers and proponents seeking grants, concessional finance, or patient capital.
3. Advise funders in choosing channels to deliver their climate finance commitments and in their oversight of the climate finance architecture and institutions.

LEARN ABOUT CFA'S DATA/RESEARCH OFFERINGS

CLIMATE RISK-IQ™ (CR-IQ)™



Tools for Climate Risk Analytics (TCRA): As climate risk assessment becomes increasingly critical for investment decision-making, the number of data and analytical tools that provide climate-related analytics is growing rapidly. CFA tracks data and analytics tools useful for investment decision making (for both public and private investors) on an ongoing basis, with a view to helping clients identify and use the right tool for their climate risk assessment and management needs.

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U.S. Public Sources for Climate Resilience Investment (US-CRI): A compilation of US Federal Funding sources related to climate adaptation and resilience. CFA can help states, tribal authorities, counties and municipalities, and other local authorities identify and target the right funding sources for their projects and programs.

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