To receive money directly from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), entities need to be accredited as an “Accredited Entity.” See sections “Other eligibility criteria” and “Type of recipient” for more details. Note that entities that prefer to not apply for accreditation have the option of partnering with an institution that is already accredited.

One distinct feature of the GCF is the accreditation of national entities or entities operating regionally in developing countries as Direct Access entities. National and Regional Accredited Entities fall under the Green Climate Fund’s Direct Access modality, which enables entities to directly access financing and manage all aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, from design through implementation, to monitoring and evaluation. Direct Access allows developing countries to strengthen capacity to adapt to climate change and build on local expertise.

Click below to for additional guidance on where to find relevant materials (templates, guidance, etc.).
For more information visit the Green Climate Fund Website. A list of Accredited Entities can be found here.

Actions: Access GCF funding for project implementation or capacity building

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Entity seeking accreditation (or already accredited) under the Direct Access modality

2 Access national readiness and preparatory support

National Designated Authorities, focal points, and direct access entities can access resources to help build their capacity to access climate finance.

Find an overview of GCF Readiness Programme here, and how to access readiness support here

Actions: Access readiness support

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Accredited Entities under the Direct Access modality

3 Become an accredited entity

Organizations seen to have specialized capacities
in driving climate action may apply to become GCF Accredited Entities. They can be private, public, non-governmental, sub-national, national, regional or international bodies.

Find out more about the accreditation process and how to become an accredited entity here.

Actions: Accreditation

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Entity seeking accreditation under the Direct Access modality

4 Develop strong concept notes and project proposals

Accredited entities that need support in project preparation can access the GCF project preparation facility to receive support in project identification, concept development, and project structuring.

Find an overview of GCF Project Preparation Facility here, and how to access project preparation support here.

Actions: Concept note or project proposal developed and submitted

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Accredited Entities under the Direct Access modality
5 Submit a funding proposal

For those accredited entities that have their project defined, find an overview of how to bring a project proposal to GCF, from initial submission through to Board approval here.

Actions: Funding proposal submitted and approved by the GCF Board

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National or Regional Accredited Entities under the Direct Access modality; GCF Board

6 Involve the private sector

GCF can finance private sector projects relating to mitigation and adaptation activities at all levels. Private Sector Facility (PSF) to fund and mobilize private sector actors, including institutional investors, and leverage GCF’s funds. Find out more about how GCF engages with the private sector here.

Actions: Private sector involved in project development and implementation

Actors: National Designated Authority (NDA)/Focal Point; National Accredited Entities under the Direct Access modality; Private sector