1. Understand the steps to access

All readiness funding requests must be initiated by a developing country NDA or focal point. This is the case whether the support will directly benefit the developing country NDA, or if it is to support a Direct Access Entity. The funding itself can be managed by different bodies depending on the type of support requested. These may be the NDA itself, or by a delivery partner. The delivery partner may be a direct access accredited entity, a Direct Access Entity that aims to become accredited to the Fund, or another body. A completed readiness template and readiness budget and procurement plan should be submitted to the GCF Secretariat by the NDA. It can be submitted by email to countries@gcfund.org.

Readiness templates and budget and procurement planning documents can be found [here](#).

Actions: Readiness proposal and budget and procurement plan submitted. GCF Readiness support received

Actors: Developing country NDA/Focal Point; Direct access accredited entity; GCF Secretariat
2 Know what activities are eligible for readiness support

The nominated NDA, Focal Point and/or Direct Access Entities must identify and prioritize activities based on the GCF’s eligibility criteria for this funding envelop.

Find an overview of activities eligible for GCF Readiness support here.

Actions: GCF Readiness support received by meeting eligibility requirements

Actors: NDA, Focal Point and/or Direct Access Entities

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: Public, non-governmental, sub-national, national, regional or international bodies

## 4 Develop a readiness proposal

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 the steps for developing a readiness proposal [here](#).

Actions: GCF Readiness proposals developed and approved

Actors: NDA, Focal Point and/or Direct Access Entities