Strengthening the Governance of Climate Change Finance to Enhance Gender Equality

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International and domestic funding to address the impacts of climate change is increasing. To secure these resources and optimise their benefits in terms of gender equality, poverty reduction and respect for human rights, governments need well considered, transparent and effective budgets.
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Our work presents a unique opportunity to address long-standing challenges of inequality related to climate change, gender and human rights.

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This experience working with government budgeting for cross-cutting policy issues (beyond traditional sector specific budgets) makes the team uniquely suited to deal with the intersection of climate change with gender, human rights and poverty.

How We Can Help
Our Services:
• Assist governments to make more informed and effective planning and budget decisions related to climate change.
• Provide budget tagging to more effectively track climate finance and identify resources.
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Related Benefits of GCCF’s Work

GCCF’s efforts to create integrated climate budgets have a number of related benefits. Our work:

- Assists governments to make more informed and effective planning and budget decisions related to climate change
- Provides tagging methods to more effectively track climate finance and identify available resources
- Our research and analysis provides clear budgets, data sets and evidence to make the case for additional financing (if necessary)
- Attracts foreign investment through better budgeting and greater transparency
- Increases the transparency of spending, providing greater accountability of line ministries
- Promotes international trust in a country’s use of climate finance
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Our Achievements

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- Produced over a dozen analytical papers relating to financing local responses to climate change, illustrating all methods to conduct the tools and reviews used by GCCF specialists and publication of the team’s findings.
- Held over 15 national Climate Finance consultations involving over 500 technical experts.
- Held capacity development workshops with over 100 participants receiving best-practice training in climate change related financing and budgeting skills.
- Held 6 regional dialogues with 16 Asia Pacific countries and over 1,000 participants from governments, civil society organisations, parliamentarians and other international organisations.

GCCF is consistently working to improve and expand its package of services.
Climate Change Financing Frameworks (CCFFs):

CCFFs are whole-of-government frameworks that broadly engage all stakeholders to better mobilise, manage and target domestic and international climate change finance. Through country leadership, CCFFs assist governments in designing and funding mitigation and adaptation actions. They can improve a government’s ability to access international climate finance, increase accountability and transparency of spending; and promote international trust in a country’s use of climate finance.

CCFFs can include:
- A costing of planned climate change responses
- Measurement of available resources for climate responses
- Identification of ways to bring domestic and international sources of climate finance into national budgets
- Outlining methods to increase accountability over the use of climate finance (to guarantee they reach those who need them most)
- Enhancing international trust in a transparency of spending; and increase accountability and ability to access international climate change finance.

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How our services meet specific country needs

1. Enable governments to focus on planning and costing climate change actions that are gender responsive and human rights focused in the medium and longer term;
2. Assist in bringing public sources of climate finance (domestic and international) into the national planning and budgeting system, to be delivered through country systems, and aligning private sources of climate change finance with the overall fiscal policy framework;
3. Help countries define what actually constitutes climate change allocations and expenditures in a manner that is consistent, commonly agreed, and nationally-determined;
4. Work with countries to improve accountability over the use of climate finance, both domestically vis-à-vis the national public and beneficiaries, as well as externally, to international donors and development partners.

Where CCFF’s Have Been Carried Out

CCFF work has been completed or is underway in seven countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, Afghanistan, Pakistan and several Indian States.

Other Services Offered by GCCF

- Climate Change Budget Tagging
- Climate Change Budget Integration Index
- Regional Peer Exchange Dialogues
- Collaborative Research
- Parliamentary handbooks on climate finance
- Media engagement to improve climate smart reporting

Related Work

1. AFG: Afghanistan CCFF, completed in 2016
2. BNG: Bangladesh CCFF, published in 2014
3. CAM: Cambodia CCFF published in 2014, plus related follow-up work with selected line ministries in 2015 and 2016
4. IND: India, during 2015 and 2016, work on: State Action Plan (SAP) Financing Frameworks (referred to in CAPFIN in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Kerala) and work on the effectiveness of SAP action in Rajasthan
5. IDN: Indonesia, work on budget coding, ongoing and starting in 2015, a mitigation action framework (MAF) published in 2016 by Government of Indonesia, a SAP project in Jambi (2016) published in 2017, and a financial CPFR for Babel and NTT provinces done in 2015
8. BHU: Bhutan CCFF, underway in 2016
9. CAM: Cambodia CCFF, published in 2014
10. PHP: Philippines CCFF (2012) with support from the World Bank
11. VTN: Vietnam CCFF (2011) with support from the World Bank
12. CHN: China national CCFF (2015) and in 2016 in related finance
13. THL: Thailand work on CCBA in 2014/15, CCFR in 2012

UNDP’s GCCF Team works with a number of national, regional and international institutions to:

- Develop climate change finance curricula,
- Create Electronic Learning Modules on Climate Change Finance linking Climate Policies and Public Finance
- Conduct face-to-face training
- Lead a regional peer learning network

GCCF’s Knowledge Sharing Results

- A first step towards ensuring that a whole of government approach to climate change is integrated into national budgetary and planning processes.
- CPEIR’s have been carried out in a number of countries. A guidebook has been developed outlining step-by-step processes, methodologies and tools to carry out a CPEIR.
- How our services meet specific country needs

Enable Better Climate Budgeting through Knowledge Sharing

- Promoted the exchange of climate - finance knowledge and resources
- Held regional dialogues with over 1,000 participants
- Over a dozen analytical papers on financing climate responses
- Held 6 south-south exchanges
Hard Choices, Integrated Approaches: A Guidance Note on Climate Change Financing Frameworks

This Guidance Note serves as an introductory guide for stakeholders on how to create or refine a Climate Change Financing Framework (CCFF) – a strategic, whole-of-government plan to better manage, mobilize and target climate finance.

By providing guidance on how the core elements, processes and outputs involved in a Climate Change Financing Framework fit together, this Note assists countries to create more effective, practical, and integrated financing responses.

Charting New Territory: A Stocktake of Climate Change Financing Frameworks in Asia Pacific:

This report provides a brief overview of CCFF work in the region and lists the main achievements, challenges and priorities of CCFFs by specific countries. This Stock Take is the first of four outputs from a wider CCFF Review, which will also include a Conceptual Model and a Guidance Note as well as an internal strategy document for UNDP.

Budgeting for Climate Change - How Governments have used National Budgets to Articulate a Response to Climate Change

This document shares UNDP’s Governance of Climate Finance team’s lessons learnt from over 20 Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Reviews. It highlights the need to synthesize the growing body of knowledge gained from these reviews and refines the methodological approaches piloted by UNDP.

Key Reports

We speak your language and understand the big picture along with the practical issues you face.

To find out how GCCF can help your country or CSO make better informed climate planning and budgeting decisions, please contact us at:

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