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A wide-angle photograph of a wetland landscape. The foreground is dominated by a body of water reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. In the middle ground, there is a dense field of tall, green reeds or grasses. The background shows a range of low mountains under a clear blue sky with a bright sun in the upper left quadrant, creating a lens flare effect.

NATIONAL  
CLIMATE  
FINANCE  
INSTITUTIONS  
SUPPORT  
PROGRAMME

# 'FIT FOR THE FUNDS'

## Facilitating investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation by **building institutional capacities and skills**

With the increasing emphasis on country-driven approaches and direct access to funding, developing countries are preparing to plan, finance and implement climate change projects and actions.

Funding approaches to convert low-carbon technology concepts into successful applications are still often unproven, and applying traditional public finance approaches to the climate sectors is still new in many countries. That means that experience needs to be shared and built upon and new skills acquired.

The UNEP National Climate Finance Institutions Support Programme helps national climate finance institutions become "Fit for the Funds" through the exchange of knowledge, experience, and best practice. National climate finance institutions (NCFIs) in an early stage of development, especially those in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), receive a range of practical services to develop technical know-how, innovative financing approaches and joint pilot projects.

Institutional capacity-building among domestic financial actors – both public and private - is one of the most important needs within the climate finance community today.

### Project partners



Frankfurt School - UNEP Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance works with financial institutions to develop technical know-how, innovative financing approaches and new forms of entrepreneurial and end-user finance in the field of climate and sustainable energy finance.



World Resources Institute (WRI) has been at the forefront of research on the international climate finance architecture and will ensure that lessons learned from the experiences of the project institutions inform UNFCCC climate finance negotiators and the members of the Green Climate Fund Transitional Committee.



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## **The Programme**

The Programme consists of three components:

### **Forum**

- Information exchange and sharing experience
- Joint research projects according to interests and needs
- Preparing for effective participation in the climate finance architecture

### **Technical Assistance & Training**

- Hands-on technical support for NCFIs in LDCs and SIDs
- Build capacity to access climate finance
- Ensure environmental and social safeguards
- Access country potential for low-carbon technologies
- Design ToR for bankable climate projects
- Pilot new finance approaches
- Share experience

### **Climate Finance Policy Dialogue**

Input to the Green Climate Fund and LCA on:

- Lessons from the ground, particularly with regard to the modalities of the Green Climate Fund
- Ensuring a country-driven approach
- Institutional arrangements & models
- Capacity needs to strengthen accountability systems of the institutions (results, fiduciary, environmental and social)
- Potential to mobilize and leverage private capital
- Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) procedures needed to effectively deploy these funds



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