

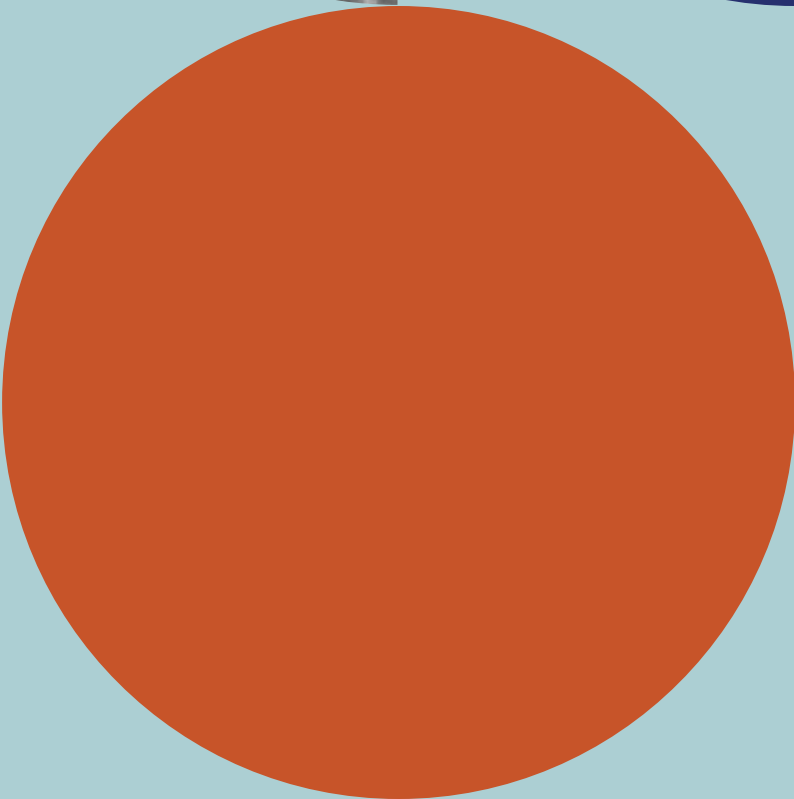
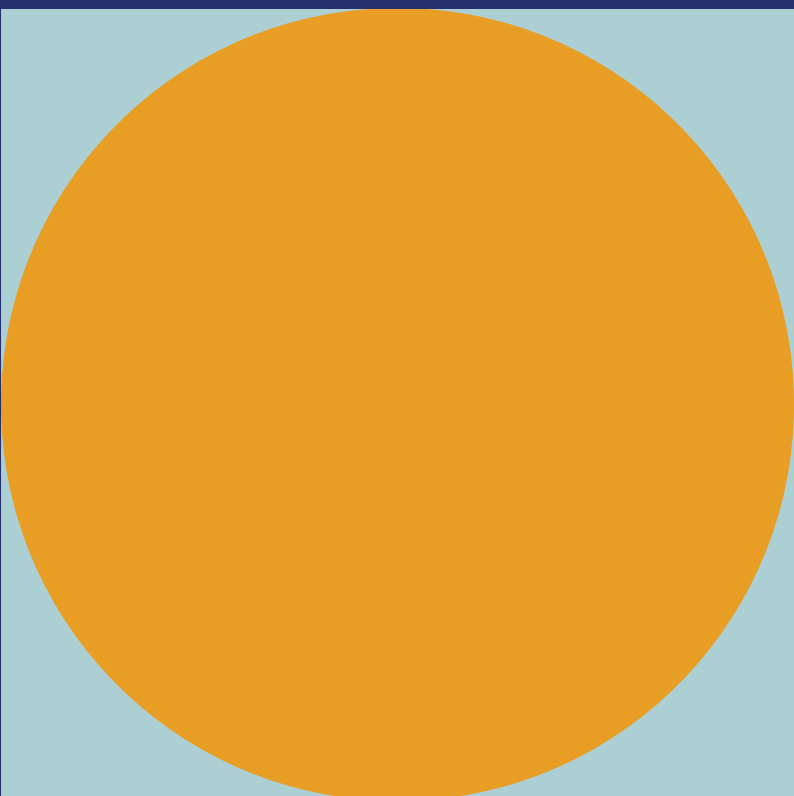
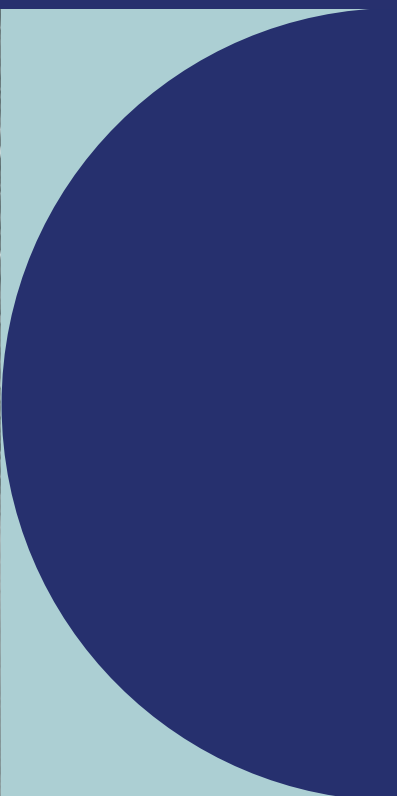


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United Arab Emirates
8–9 October 2025





GPIC2025 | WELCOME

Dear colleagues and partners,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2025 Green Climate Fund Private Investment for Climate Conference (GPIC), here in Abu Dhabi. It is always a privilege to gather with our partners who hold a shared commitment to shape and scale up markets that contribute to a climate-resilient future.

At GCF, our purpose is clear: to use our capital to unlock far greater flows of private finance into developing countries. We step in early with catalytic, flexible and patient capital so that others—commercial banks, institutional investors, and local financiers—can confidently follow.

The results speak for themselves. GCF has invested USD 6.4 billion through our private sector portfolio, mobilising an additional USD 24.5 billion in co-investments. Together, these resources are financing, among other things, the first large-scale e-mobility platform in India, pioneering green bonds across Africa, and new technologies for resilience and adaptation in some of the hardest-to-reach places. Each of these investments shows what is possible when GCF's catalytic capital and private initiative work hand in hand.

GPIC is our flagship event to build on this momentum. Over the next two days, we will showcase our dynamic portfolio, highlight new opportunities, and explore the partnerships that can accelerate and scale green investment across developing countries. I encourage you to connect, challenge ideas, and help us shape the next wave of climate finance.

Thank you for the creativity, ambition, expertise, and capital you bring to our collective goal of scaling up climate action. I look forward to the many discussions and conversations over the course of GPIC to craft solutions together to achieve even more impact on many of the frontlines of the climate crisis.

With regards,



Kavita Sinha
Director and Head, Private Sector Facility
Green Climate Fund

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🕒 08:45–09:30

REGISTRATION

🕒 09:30–09:40

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

HENRY GONZALEZ

Chief Investment Officer, Green Climate Fund

🕒 09:40–10:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

MERCEDES VELA MONSERRATE

CEO, Global Climate Finance Centre (GCFC)

🕒 10:00–10:40

PANEL DISCUSSION

From investment to climate impact: asset allocators share views and strategies

AMER BAIG (MODERATOR)

Director of Strategic Partnerships and Co-Investments, Green Climate Fund

MAXIMILIAN KUFER

Head, Sustainability Strategy, EMEA & Private Markets, Invesco

FATIMA HUSSAIN

Senior Risk and Sustainability Management, Emirates Investment Authority

NANA MAIDUGU

Head of ESG and Sustainability, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA)

JOKO SOGIE

VP of Investment, Indonesia Investment Authority (INA)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Senior Counsel for Strategic Affairs, I Squared Capital

🕒 10:40–11:10

COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

🕒 11:10–11:30

SHOWCASE PRESENTATION 1

Bridging the gap: driving the energy transition

IVETTE VELASQUEZ CRESPO (MODERATOR)

Climate Investment Specialist, Green Climate Fund

EMEKA NGWUBE

Head of Clean Energy, Crédit Agricole CIB

JAAP REINKING

Principal Investment Officer, Private Equity, FMO

🕒 11:30–12:15

PANEL DISCUSSION

The role of effective public and private sector engagement in effectively mobilising capital at scale

THOMAS ERIKSSON

(MODERATOR)
Regional Director for the Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, Green Climate Fund

KIRTIKA CHALLA

Partner, CrossBoundary Group

VERONICA SCOTTI

Board Member, Gold Standard Foundation, former Chairperson PSS Swiss Re

ELIAS EL MRABET

Executive Vice President, Global Climate Finance Centre (GCFC)

VICTORIA MILES

Founding Partner, Co-CEO and CIO, ImpactA Global

HUSSAIN ALI AL LAWATI

CEO, Development Bank

🕒 12:15–13:15

NETWORKING LUNCH

🕒 13:15–13:35

SHOWCASE PRESENTATION 2

Opposite ends, shared goals – business models powering the climate transition

GEORGES SANDER (MODERATOR)

Climate Investment Specialist, Green Climate Fund

KINGSLEY ADOFO-ADDO

Ecobank Transnational Incorporated Group Manager, SME & Partnerships – Commercial Banking

LASITHA PERERA

Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, The Development Guarantee Group

🕒 13:35–14:15

PANEL DISCUSSION

Middle East momentum – perspectives on blended finance in the region

MARK NICHOLLS (MODERATOR)

Independent Sustainable Finance Writer & Editor

FAISAL MOHAMMED ALSHIMMARI

Executive Vice President, Head of ESG, Mashreq

DINA KASRAWI

Head of Company Engagement and Sustainability, MEA, BNP Paribas

TARUN SETHI

Head of Structured Finance & Syndications, Emirates Islamic

🕒 14:15–14:35

SHOWCASE PRESENTATION 3

Driving change: accelerating EV adoption

YUNYEONG YANG (MODERATOR)

Climate Investment Specialist, Green Climate Fund

SANDEEP GAMBHIR

Chief Executive Officer, Vertelo

🕒 14:35–15:05

COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

🕒 15:05–15:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

Impact in Action: Bringing capital, expertise and scalability to successful start-ups in the Global South

JULIEN TARIS (MODERATOR)

Senior International Expert – Financial Structuring, Green Climate Fund

KIJUNG KWON

Managing Director/CEO, NH Absolute Return Partners

EDGAR PARRA OYERVIDES

Senior Investment Officer, IDB Lab

SAPNA SHAH

Partner, Novastar Ventures

HENDRIK TIESINGA

CEO, Climate Edge

🕒 15:45–16:45

PANEL DISCUSSION

Unpacking the GCF: Best practices for building effective partnerships to facilitate efficient deployment of private capital

ACHALA ABEYSINGHE

(MODERATOR)
Director - Department of Investment Services, Green Climate Fund

JIWOO CHOI

Chief of Strategic Initiatives, Acumen

JOSE CARLOS VILLENA PEREZ

Director – Development Finance, COFIDES

BRADY MARTIN

Senior Partnership Officer – Special Funds Management, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

🕒 16:45–17:00

DAY ONE WRAP-UP

🕒 19:00–21:00

NETWORKING DRINKS RECEPTION BRICK - ROOFTOP KITCHEN & BAR, ALOFT HOTEL

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10:00–10:10 **OPENING REMARKS AND RE-CAP FROM DAY ONE**

10:10–10:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Financial structures in action

ANDREW YU HAN (MODERATOR)
Senior Climate Investment Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

JENNIFER CHAMMAS
Managing Director, Regional Head of
Sustainable Finance and Transition,
Middle East, HSBC

LINA OSMAN
Regional Head – Sustainable Finance,
Middle East & Africa, Corporate &
Investment Banking (CIB), Standard
Chartered Bank

MOHAMED KHARBAT
Executive Director, Infrastructure
Finance, J.P. Morgan

OLIVER PHILLIPS
Head of Sustainable Finance –
Emerging Markets, Barclays

10:10–10:50 (COMMS ROOM) **GCF WORKSHOP I**

Preparing a successful FP

GEORGES SANDER
Climate Investment Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

NEERAJ JOSHI
Climate Change Monitoring
& Evaluation Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

10:50–11:20 **PRESENTATION**

Sharing the revised accreditation process for onboarding accredited entities and partners

ACHALA ABEYSINGHE
Director of Investment Services, Green Climate Fund

10:50–11:20 (COMMS ROOM) **GCF WORKSHOP II**

Demystifying the iTAP Process

GEORGES SANDER (MODERATOR)
Climate Investment Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

JAN MARTIN WITTE
iTAP Member, Green Climate Fund

REY GUARIN
iTAP Member, Green Climate Fund

RICARDO (RICK) NOGUEIRA
Independent Climate Finance Expert
& iTAP Member, Green Climate Fund

11:20–11:50 **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

11:50–12:50 **DEEP DIVE SESSION: WATER**

Innovative blended finance models for climate-resilient water security

AMGAD ELMAHDI (MODERATOR)
Regional Manager, Middle East,
Green Climate Fund

BASIM SALEH
CEO, GreenTech

BRADLEY HILLER
Lead Climate Change Specialist,
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)

HALA AL-HUNITI
Head of the Projects Management and
Agreements Unit, CVDB (Cities and
Villages Development Bank)

MARTINA DUPAKOVA
Deputy Country Director
– Programs, Acted Syria

MUHAMMAD EL DEMERDASH
Co-Founder & CEO, Engazaat

NICOLAS FARHAT
Deputy General Manager, Berytech

11:50–12:50 (COMMS ROOM) **GCF WORKSHOP III**

Monitoring, evaluation and learning

NEERAJ JOSHI
Climate Change Monitoring
& Evaluation Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

NURAY CELEBI
Portfolio Management Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

11:50–12:10 (CAPITAL SUITE 3) **GREEN BANKS SESSION I
FIRESIDE CHAT**

How do green banks fit into the GCF's 2024–2027 strategic plan?

DOUG SIMS (MODERATOR)
Managing Director, Finance and
Economic Development, NRDC

KAVITA SINHA
Director, Private Sector Facility,
Green Climate Fund

12:10–12:50 (CAPITAL SUITE 3) **GREEN BANKS SESSION I
PANEL DISCUSSION**

Green bank successes at the GCF

RICARDO (RICK) NOGUEIRA (MODERATOR)
Independent Climate Finance
Expert, Green Climate Fund

FERNAND KAMANZI
Head of Strategy, Research,
Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E),
and Resource Mobilization,
Development Bank of Rwanda

HAROLD MOGALE
Climate Finance Specialist,
Development Bank of Southern Africa
(DBSA)

JOHN MCGINLEY
Managing Partner, Mekong Strategic
Capital

MAYURESH PATANGE
Climate Investment Manager,
Green Climate Fund

12:50–13:50 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

13:50–14:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Measuring impact: quantitative and qualitative outcomes from funded projects across developing countries and regions

NEERAJ JOSHI (MODERATOR)
Climate Change Monitoring
& Evaluation Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

EDUARDO MUFAREJ
Partner and Co-Chief Investment
Officer, Just Climate

ELLIE TURNER
Director, 60 Decibels

HECTOR GOMEZ ANG
CIO, Finance in Motion

LAURA LAHTI
Head of Impact, Camco

13:50–14:30 (COMMS ROOM) **GCF WORKSHOP IV**

ESMS (Environmental and Social Management System) – policies, procedures and practical tools

ELENI KYROU
Head of Sustainability & Inclusion,
Green Climate Fund

NURAY CELEBI
Portfolio Management Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

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13:50–14:30 (CAPITAL SUITE 3) GREEN BANKS SESSION II PANEL DISCUSSION

Diversity of green bank approaches

NEHA KHANNA (MODERATOR)
Associate Director, Climate Policy
Initiative

**AUDREY-CYNTHIA
YAMADJAKO**
African Green Banks Initiative
Coordinator, AfDB

GABRIELA VICHI ALMEIDA
Director of Operations – BANDES,
Development Bank of Espírito Santo

JOSH HEAZLEWOOD
Director of Consumer Finance –
Debt Markets Team, CEFC

MUDIT JAIN
Head – Strategy and Partnerships
for Cleantech and Corporate
Business, Tata Cleantech Capital

14:30–14:50 SHOWCASE PRESENTATION 4

From inputs to impact: decarbonising fertiliser at scale

YUNYEONG YANG (MODERATOR) **OLIVIER MUSSAT**
Climate Investment Specialist, Green Climate Fund
CEO, ATOME

14:50–15:10 SHOWCASE PRESENTATION 5

Climate-resilient agriculture in action

HYEJIN LEE (MODERATOR)
Climate Investment Specialist,
Green Climate Fund

DESMOND KONEY
CEO, Complete Farmer

TAMER EL-RAGHY
Managing Director, Acumen Resilient
Agriculture Fund (ARAF)

15:10–15:40

COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

15:40–16:00

FIRESIDE CHAT

Capital for climate: scaling technologies for a greener economy

MAARTEN OOMS (MODERATOR)
Climate Investment Manager, Green Climate Fund

ERIK GRIGORYAN
Founder and CEO, Environment Group

16:00–16:20

KEYNOTE

The path forward – the business case to support climate action in developing countries

PROFESSOR JEFFREY D. SACHS

Director - Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
& President, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

16:20–16:30

FINAL REFLECTION AND CLOSING REMARKS

KAVITA SINHA

Director, Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund

16:30

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ACHALA ABEYSINGHE, DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENT SERVICES, GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Achala Abeysinghe is the Director of the Department of Investment Services at the Green Climate Fund (GCF), bringing over two decades of leadership experience in climate change and sustainable development. A lawyer by training, she holds an LLB (Hons) from the University of Colombo and a Master's and PhD in international climate law from the University of Kent, UK. Achala is also a certified ESG sustainability professional. Before joining GCF, she served as Director and Head of Programs for Asia at the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). She previously held the roles of GGGI Country Director in Papua New Guinea and Head of Climate Diplomacy at the International Institute for Environment and Development in the UK. She was a lead author of the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report and played a pivotal role in shaping the Paris Agreement on climate change as the legal and strategic advisor to the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group in the UNFCCC negotiations.



BASIM SALEH, CEO, GREENTECH

Dr Basim Saleh is the CEO at GreenTech (WEFE Nexus), Chairman at the Smart Desert Company (Food Security), Chairman at Amsterdam RE (Waste to Energy). Basim Saleh, based in Jordan, brings experience from previous roles at Philadelphia solar, Petra Systems, Inc. and Microsoft. Basim Saleh holds a 1994 - 1996 MBA in Management @ California State University-Los Angeles. With a robust skill set that includes Business Development, Start-ups, Strategy, Product Management, Business Strategy and more.



BRADLEY HILLER, LEAD CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIALIST, ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (ISDB)

Dr. Bradley Hiller is a Lead Climate Change Specialist at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), which is a multilateral development bank supporting 57 Member Countries and Muslim communities globally. Dr Hiller oversees the Bank's climate mitigation efforts, and supports work on climate financing, climate change adaptation, and environmental safeguards. His current role builds on development sector experience gained across 25 countries with organizations including the World Bank Group, Asian Development Bank, Australian Agency for International Development, and Engineers Without Borders. Dr Hiller has a PhD from the Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Cambridge and in 2018 received an Emerging Global Sustainability Leader Award. He is passionate about the interface between nature-based solutions and sustainable development.



AMER BAIG, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND CO-INVESTMENTS, GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Amer brings to GCF 30 years of experience in investment banking, investment management and financial services. Prior to joining the GCF, Amer was a partner and co-founder of a private investment firm and previously worked at the World Bank Group developing innovative financial products and mobilizing capital across both private and public sectors. Earlier in his career, Amer was previously in investment banking, working at Standard Chartered and Lazard, focusing on strategic and M&A transactions, capital markets and restructurings. He has also served as an external expert on the working group for connectivity for the UN's Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, was a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure and currently serves on the board of directors of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. Amer holds an economics degree from Durham University.



BRADY MARTIN, SENIOR PARTNERSHIP OFFICER - SPECIAL FUNDS MANAGEMENT, ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)

Brady Martin has nearly two decades of experience working in development finance, shaped by a diverse set of roles at multilateral institutions including global and regional MDBs, the United Nations, as well as in the private sector impact investors. The throughline has been the creation and management of funding mechanisms to bridge and blend finance to the climate and nature solutions.



DR. AMGAD ELMAHDI, REGIONAL MANAGER, MIDDLE EAST, GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Dr. Amgad Elmahdi, Regional Manager for MENA at the Green Climate Fund-GCF, brings over 25 years of hydrology expertise across operational, research, and academic sectors. Previously, as GCF's Global Water Sector Lead for the last two years, he crafted the water investment strategy. Before joining GCF, Dr. Elmahdi directed R4D business portfolios for MENA at the International Water Management Institute-IWMI. Earlier roles included Head of Water Resources at Australia's Bureau of Meteorology, and establishing the Water Assessment and Accounting Information Program. He chairs the Water Security Bureau at IWRA and serves on steering committees for ICID, Water and Climate Coalition-WCC, Water and Finance Coalition-WFC, and Water Integrity Network-WIN.



DESMOND KONEY, CEO, COMPLETE FARMER

Desmond Koney is the founder and CEO of Complete Farmer Inc. Complete Farmer is an end-to-end platform connecting global industries to build supply chains and source for agriculture commodities grown to their specifications by African Farmers with disruptive technologies. Complete Farmer's aim is to digitize the agriculture value chain in Africa to make it more efficient and competitive for stakeholders. Desmond is a mechanical engineer and product designer with interests in process optimization, product development and strategy development and a keen problem solver. Desmond likes to approach challenges with a contrarian and pragmatic approach and likes to explore possible design solutions to Africa's pressing challenges. He is also an expert in product design, IoT, Artificial intelligence, agriculture and renewable energy.



AUDREY-CYNTHIA YAMADJAKO, AFRICAN GREEN BANKS INITIATIVE COORDINATOR, AFDB

Audrey-Cynthia YAMADJAKO is the Coordinator of the African Green Banks Initiative at the African Development Bank. With a strong international background in corporate and investment banking, as well as extensive experience managing environment and climate trust funds, she brings a unique blend of financial expertise and climate leadership. Her work focuses on designing innovative mechanisms and blended finance solutions that mobilize private sector participation and scale up climate finance across Africa. At COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh (November 2022), she launched the African Green Banks Initiative (AGBI), a pioneering Pan-African platform aimed at building a continent-wide ecosystem of Green Banks. Through this initiative, Audrey-Cynthia champions a sustainable and inclusive development model for Africa, one that accelerates the transition to a low-carbon future while strengthening resilience to climate impacts.



DINA KASRAWI, HEAD OF COMPANY ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, MEA, BNP PARIBAS

Dina Kasrawi is Head of Company Engagement and Sustainability at BNP Paribas in the Middle East and Africa. A seasoned professional, she has over 25 years of experience in financial services and multilateral organisations—with focus on sustainability, CSR and stakeholder engagement. She worked at the World Bank where she advised and implemented development communications programs on across Africa and the Middle East. She also worked at the Bahrain Economic Development Board, Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company and the Arab Energy Fund. Dina has an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School, an M.A. from American University, and a B.A. from Kuwait University.

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DOUG SIMS, MANAGING DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC)

Doug Sims is Managing Director of Green Finance and Economic Development at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). He leads NRDC's efforts to mobilize public and private capital for climate solutions, with a focus on green banks, inclusive finance, and sustainable infrastructure. Doug has been instrumental in the design of the New York Green Bank and US Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, the launch of the global Green Bank Network, and green bank initiatives in Africa, India and Latin America. He has published widely on green finance, infrastructure, and climate investment in outlets including the Financial Times, The American Prospect, and NRDC's platform. A former project finance attorney with Allen & Overy with extensive experience working on infrastructure in emerging markets, he holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in Philosophy from Stanford University.



EDGAR PARRA OYERIDES, SENIOR INVESTMENT OFFICER, IDB LAB

Since 2022, Edgar has been a Senior Investment Officer at the Venture Capital Investments Division of the Innovation Laboratory of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB Lab), where he leads the division's climate change and sustainability strategy. In this role, he oversees investments in startups and venture capital funds across Latin America and the Caribbean, with a strong focus on climate technology and nature-based solutions. His work not only mobilizes capital toward innovative business models that address climate challenges, but also strengthens the region's venture ecosystem, fosters collaboration with global partners, and contributes to the IDB Group's broader goals of climate resilience, digital inclusion, and sustainable development. Edgar began his career in investment banking at Scotiabank Inverlat and Multiva before joining FOCIR, a trust fund of Mexico's Ministry of Finance focused on equity investments in agribusiness and impact companies, where he served as Director of Investments in Impact Funds.



EDUARDO MUFAREJ, PARTNER AND CO-CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER, JUST CLIMATE

Eduardo Mufarej is an investor and entrepreneur with extensive experience across private equity, education, and sustainable finance. He is a Founding Partner of Tarpon Investimentos, one of Brazil's pioneering investment firms, where he led the investment in Somos Educação, which grew into Latam's largest K-12 education company before its acquisition by Kroton. Eduardo also founded Good Karma Partners, an investment platform focused on technology and innovation in healthcare, education and climate, which later merged into Generation Investment Management, and co-founded RenovaBR, Brazil's leading political education initiative. Eduardo is a partner at Generation and Co-Chief Investment Officer at Just Climate, where he advances investment strategies dedicated to accelerating the net-zero transition. He also serves as a Trustee of The Earthshot Prize, supporting one of the world's most ambitious initiatives to identify and scale solutions to the planet's most urgent environmental challenges.



ELIAS EL MRABET, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL CLIMATE FINANCE CENTRE (GCFC)

Elias El Mrabet is the Executive Vice President of the Global Climate Finance Centre (GCFC). Previously, he served as Climate Finance Manager for the COP28 Presidency, leading global initiatives to mobilize private sector investment in emerging markets. Before COP28, Elias co-founded a RegTech SaaS platform, enabling investors to accelerate the transition to a carbon-neutral economy. Earlier in his career, he worked with GIZ (German Development Agency), implementing large-scale programs that aligned development priorities with economic opportunities. He holds an M.Sc. from Université Libre de Bruxelles and has pursued further studies in Management, Finance, and Entrepreneurship at Solvay Brussels School, SciencesPo Bordeaux, and The University of Manchester.



ELLIE TURNER, DIRECTOR, 60 DECIBELS

Ellie Turner is a Director at 60 Decibels, where she partners with impact investors to deliver lean, beneficiary-centered impact measurement. Her work focuses on climate resilience and agriculture in emerging markets, helping organizations understand and amplify the voices of the people they serve. Ellie holds a Master's in Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics and brings nearly two decades of experience designing and evaluating livelihoods programs around the world.



EMEKA NGWUBE, HEAD OF CLEAN ENERGY, CRÉDIT AGRICOLE CIB

Emeka Ngwube is a Managing Director and Head of Clean Energy at Credit Agricole in New York. He has extensive securitization, project finance and sustainable investment experience. Over his 25+ years at international financing institutions, Credit Agricole and previously Credit Suisse, Emeka acted as a lever to scale up support for clean energy, sustainable finance and low emission projects. In 2023, Emeka championed the creation, and took the helm of a Clean Energy team to consolidate securitization and capital markets funding for Distributed Generation and for utility scale renewables projects. Prior to banking, Emeka was a senior engineer at the hydro-power generation group of EDF, the French Electric Utility. Previously, he was Deputy Scientific Attaché at the French Embassy in Washington, DC. Emeka holds an MBA from the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania and a MSc. in Applied Mathematics from Ecole Centrale Lille in France.



ERIK GRIGORYAN, FOUNDER AND CEO, ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Erik Grigoryan has over 25 years of diversified experience in government and international organizations, with a strong background in environmental management and climate policy. He served as Minister of Environment of Armenia from 2018 to 2020, where he also acted as Chair of the Interstate Ecological Council of CIS, NDA to the GCF and Adaptation Fund, and Focal Point for the GEF and UNFCCC in Armenia. Earlier, he held senior positions in the Ministry of Environment, including First Deputy Minister (2017-2018) and Assistant to the Prime Minister on Environment and Climate Issues. He also worked extensively with international organizations such as the WB, EBRD, ADB, UNDP, USAID, and UN ESCAP. Currently, Mr. Grigoryan is the Founder and CEO of Environment Group and serves as the Special Envoy of Armenia on Debt for Climate Negotiations. He is also a Bureau Member of the IPBES and chair of the Budget and Finance Working Group. Throughout his career, he has represented Armenia in key international negotiations, led national reforms in environmental governance, and championed innovative climate finance mechanisms, including debt-for-climate swaps not only in Armenia but also in Sri Lanka, Pacific SIDS, and other regions.



FAISAL MOHAMMED ALSHIMMARI, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, HEAD OF ESG, MASHREQ

Faisal Mohammed AlShimmari, a seasoned Emirati leader with an illustrious 31-year career, is the Head of ESG at Mashreq. In this capacity, Faisal wields his extensive expertise to steer Mashreq towards a future marked by sustainable growth and adherence to the highest standards of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles. Faisal's journey through the realms of government and finance has equipped him with a profound understanding of the intricate landscape he now oversees. He previously held distinguished positions within the government sector, where he spearheaded transformative initiatives in the domains of digitalization, cyber security & privacy, artificial intelligence, and public safety and security. His responsibilities also encompassed governance, risk management, and a tenure as Chief Information Security Officer. Prior to his current role, Faisal served as Senior Vice President - Head of Risk Strategy and Governance at Mashreq, where he made significant contributions to the institution's strategic trajectory. Faisal has two master's degrees, four graduate diplomas, and a Gold Commander diploma from the Emergency Planning College (EPC) in the United Kingdom.



FATIMA HUSSAIN, SENIOR RISK AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT, EMIRATES INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

Fatima Abid Hussain is a seasoned risk management professional with over 17 years of experience across diverse industries and geographies. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated with honors, and a Master's degree in the same field from Stanford University, California. Her career began in Wealth Management at Goldman Sachs in New York, followed by Citadel Investment Group in Chicago, where she worked across the M&A Risk Arbitrage desk, Mortgage-Backed Securities desk, and Fundamental Equities. She later held a senior role at MSCI, advising sovereign wealth funds, pension plans, asset managers, hedge funds, and banks across the US, Europe, and the Middle East on risk management policies and regulatory compliance. Currently, Fatima serves as a part of the Senior Risk and Sustainability Management at the Emirates Investment Authority (EIA), the Federal Sovereign Wealth Fund of the UAE. She has played a key role in formalizing EIA's Risk Management Process and Sustainability Framework, aligning them with global best practices while embedding a culture of disciplined risk management across investment teams.



HALA ALHUNITI, HEAD OF THE PROJECTS MANAGEMENT AND AGREEMENTS UNIT, CVDB (CITIES AND VILLAGES DEVELOPMENT BANK)

Hala AlHuniti is the Head of the Project Management and Agreements Unit at the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) where she expertly navigates complex project landscapes, ensuring meticulous review and collaboration on project proposals with both local and international entities. With a strategic vision, Hala follows up on periodic and final reports, closes agreements, and amplifies the bank's role to attract international partnerships. She manages international relations, enhances bilateral communications, and organizes pivotal events including meetings, conferences, workshops, and training sessions. Her coordination extends to overseeing nominations for international events and leading field tours for practical applications and comparative studies. She was instrumental in securing the Bank's recent GCF accreditation, the first national entity in the Middle East. Hala's extensive experience includes managing projects funded and implemented by prestigious organizations such as EIB, GGGI, GCF, IFC, AFD, and UN Habitat. Her commitment to excellence and strategic foresight position her as a key figure in driving the bank's mission to foster sustainable, climate responsive development in Jordan's municipalities.



FERNAND KAMANZI, HEAD OF STRATEGY, RESEARCH, MONITORING & EVALUATION (M&E), AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION, DEVELOPMENT BANK OF RWANDA

Fernand Kamanzi is an experienced banking professional with 15 years in the industry. He has a strong background in finance and a deep understanding of treasury and other banking functions. Throughout his career, he has held senior management roles, and he currently serves as the Head of Strategy, Research, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), and Resource Mobilization at the Development Bank of Rwanda. In this position, he is responsible for executing the bank's strategic plan and raising funds through various innovative channels, including lines of credit, climate finance, and capital markets. Previously, Fernand worked at Equity Bank Rwanda for 10 years as the Head of Treasury. In that role, he managed all aspects of the treasury, including liquidity management, cash flow forecasting, and investment portfolio management. He also developed and executed strategic financial plans to optimize liquidity and improve profitability.



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HUSSAIN ALI AL LAWATI, CEO, DEVELOPMENT BANK

Hussain Ali Al Lawati currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Development Bank in Oman since February 2024. He brings over 19 years of experience in the banking and financial sector, having held CEO and senior leadership positions in various financial institutions. He actively contributes to national economic development initiatives through his membership in several government committees in Oman. He is also a Harvard Business School graduate (Alumni).



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Tarun is an accomplished finance professional with over 20 years of experience in debt financing and strategic financial advisory across leading local and international institutions. He began his career at JPMorgan in Syndicated & Leveraged Finance, building a strong foundation in research and debt origination. Tarun then spent over a decade with Dubai Islamic Bank Group, successfully executing deals amounting to over US\$40 billion in syndicated, club, and Sukuk formats for sovereigns, GREs, and corporates across the GCC and wider MENA regions. He gained deep expertise in Islamic finance, contributing to several innovative structures. Tarun also served as a Director at Trussbridge, leading debt advisory and capital restructuring mandates exceeding US\$3 billion. In 2022, he joined Emirates Islamic and currently heads the Structured Finance & Syndications function. He is also actively involved in the structuring and execution of various Sustainable Finance transactions in both syndicated and bilateral formats. He holds a B.Tech in Electronics & Communication and a postgraduate degree in Finance. He is known for his collaborative and solution-driven approach.



THOMAS ERIKSSON, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE, GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Thomas Eriksson is the Regional Director for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East at the Green Climate Fund (GCF). He has previously worked in several multi-lateral development banks such as the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). He has also worked for more than 15 years in the United Nations Development Programme. He holds an International Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Gothenburg University in Sweden.



VERONICA SCOTTI, BOARD MEMBER, GOLD STANDARD FOUNDATION, FORMER CHAIRPERSON PSS SWISS RE

Veronica is a globally recognized leader with over three decades of experience in reinsurance and finance, known for her advocacy of high-integrity, inclusive and nature-positive climate actions and risk management strategies. After a distinguished 26-year career at Swiss Re, Veronica transitioned in April 2025 to board and advisory roles, currently active as ORC Chair of the Gold Standard Foundation, Board member of the Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation, and Advisory Council member of the Bretton Woods Committee and the Intact Center for Climate Adaptation. As Chairperson of Swiss Re's Public Sector Solutions, Veronica led the creation of an industry-leading team and built a highly innovative business in over 80 countries. Previously, as President & CEO of Swiss Re Canada and NY-based MD Global Clients Americas, Veronica expanded client relationships and helped navigate complex regulatory landscapes. Veronica has received multiple awards for her inclusive leadership.



VICTORIA MILES, FOUNDING PARTNER, CO-CEO AND CIO, IMPACTA GLOBAL

Victoria brings a deep knowledge of project and infrastructure finance, together with Emerging Markets investment and risk management to the ImpactA Global management team. Previously a Managing Director in JP Morgan's London Emerging Markets trading and syndication teams, she has over 30 years of experience in structured and bespoke investment across the globe. In her previous role heading JP Morgan's Global Emerging Market Corporate Research, Victoria was consistently ranked as the no 1 analyst for EM corporate and bank risk and for her model portfolio construction. Prior to joining JP Morgan Victoria spent five years in Emerging Markets fixed income research at UBS and was an Economist and Banking Supervisor at the Bank of England. Victoria is on the advisory board of Exagon Impact, a specialist Latin America private equity infrastructure fund, and also on the advisory board of Sureco and Partners, a specialist sustainable finance advisor.



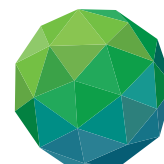
WILLIAM CAMPBELL, SENIOR COUNSEL FOR STRATEGIC AFFAIRS, I SQUARED CAPITAL

Bill Campbell is Senior Counsel for Strategic Affairs at I Squared Capital, where he focuses on I Squared's various relationships with governments and development finance institutions around the world. He also advises I Squared's investment teams on key transactions. Bill is an active member of I Squared's Operating Committee. Bill served as General Counsel of I Squared Capital from its founding until December 2024, when he assumed his new role as Strategic Counsel reporting to I Squared's Chairman to help manage the firm's critical strategic affairs. Bill has in-depth experience advising sovereign governments in connection with national-interest infrastructure and other capacity building projects. Prior to joining I Squared Capital, Bill was a Partner in the law firm Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and Co-Chair of the firm's Global Energy and Infrastructure Practice Group.

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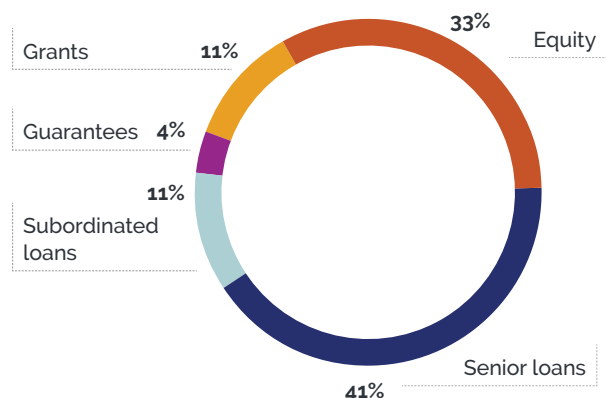
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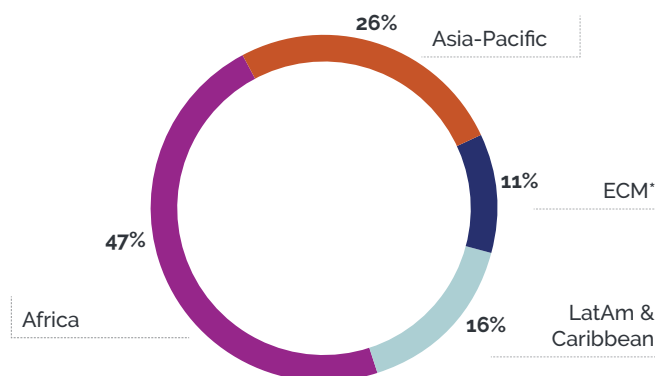


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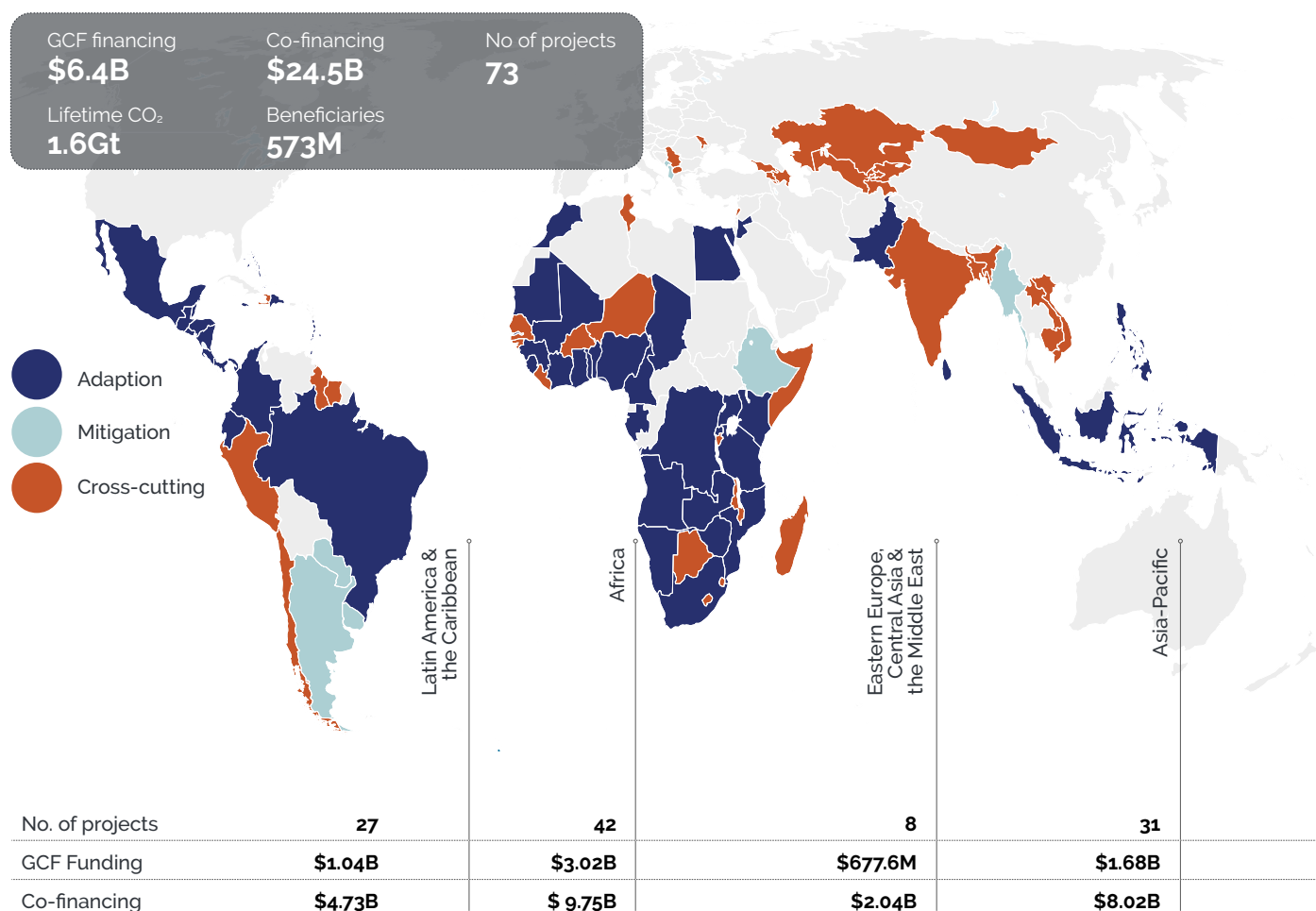


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MAP OF GCF'S PRIVATE SECTOR PORTFOLIO





CLIMATE INVESTOR ONE

Partner: FMO

GCF Investment: USD 100 million in reimbursable grant

Total project size: USD 821.5 million

Project Impact: Mitigation

Through Climate Investor One, a development fund was created to provide concessional loans for renewable energy development. It targets 19 countries in need of renewable energy growth, overcoming the absence of early-stage project financing and provided financing for solar energy and wind projects in target countries. The first component, the Development Fund (DF), offers early-stage development loans, enabling sponsors to focus on project preparation, reducing complexity and timelines. The second component, the Construction Equity Fund (CEF), finances up to 75% of construction costs on an all-equity basis, simplifying structuring, accelerating timelines, and lowering capital costs compared to conventional project finance.



ACCELERATING SOLAR ACTION PROGRAM (ASAP)

Partner: Ecobank Ghana

GCF Investment: USD 15.0 million in loans and USD 1.19 million in grants

Total project size: USD 31.57 million

Project Impact: Mitigation

Accelerating Solar Action Program (ASAP) aims to mainstream the use of distributed Solar PV systems among MSMEs and households in Ghana by improving access to credit and building capacity among stakeholders. The program has a strong climate basis, seeking to improve Ghana's heavily fossil-fuel-reliant energy mix, particularly as the country faces reduced hydropower capacity due to climate change impacts. Concessionality is passed on to end beneficiaries, creating potential cost savings while the Accredited Entity assumes end-beneficiary credit risk.



GREEN GUARANTEE COMPANY (GGC)

Partner: MUFG Bank, Ltd

GCF Investment: USD
40.5 million in equity

Total project size: USD 363 million

Project Impact: Cross-cutting

Global Guarantee Corporation (GGC) is the first global institution dedicated to providing guarantees for climate bonds in developing countries with significant climate adaptation and mitigation impacts. By creating a supportive ecosystem around climate bonds, GGC will help developing countries access affordable global capital at scale—addressing one of the top barriers that the GCF seeks to overcome, as no other institution currently plays this role. GCF will serve as the founding equity shareholder in this first-of-its-kind institution by providing early-stage, patient capital to incentivize participation from private and institutional investors.



INDIA E-MOBILITY FINANCING PROGRAM, VERTELO – ELECTRIC VEHICLE SOLUTIONS IN INDIA

Partner: Macquarie Alternative Assets Management Limited (MAAML)

GCF Investment: USD
200 million in equity

Total project size: USD 1.5 billion

Project Impact: Mitigation

India E-Mobility Financing Program, which gave rise to the brand Vertelo, is supported by GCF's anchor, first-loss equity investment to establish a financing and leasing platform for electric vehicle (EV) owners and operators. The program aims to rapidly bring the long-term cost of EV ownership to a level comparable to conventional vehicles. GCF capital is expected to leverage USD 205 million in equity and close USD 1.1 billion in debt capital. Vertelo will also focus on investments across the EV value chain, including charging infrastructure.



ACUMEN RESILIENT AGRICULTURE FUND II

Partner: Acumen Fund, Inc.

GCF Investment: USD 30 million in equity and USD 4 million in grants

Total project size: USD 132 million

Project Impact: Adaptation

Beneficiary: Complete Farmer

The Acumen Resilient Agriculture Fund (ARAF) empowers vulnerable smallholder farmers across Africa to thrive in the face of climate change by investing in agribusinesses that deliver innovative, bundled adaptation solutions. Building on the proven impact of the inaugural ARAF I (anchored by the GCF), ARAF II will catalyze venture, early, and early-growth stage companies to strengthen agricultural value chains, drive productivity, and unlock new opportunities for smallholders. Complete Farmer is one of the investee companies from ARAF I.



ATOME VILLETA GREEN FERTILIZER (AVGF) PROJECT

Partner: International Finance Corporation (IFC)

GCF Investment: USD 50 million

Total project size: USD 630 million

Project Impact: Mitigation

ATOME Villeta Green Fertilizer (AVGF) Project will be the largest green fertilizer plant in the LAC region, serving as a transformational demonstration of industrial decarbonization at scale. The project will produce green hydrogen via electrolysis and use it to manufacture low-emission calcium ammonium nitrate fertilizer, enabling a shift away from fossil fuel-based inputs. It is expected to improve food security across the region by increasing the availability of fertilizer.





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