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About CFAN
The Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) aims to alleviate the challenges faced by developing countries in securing and structuring finance for climate investments. By cultivating a network of highly trained and embedded climate finance advisors, CFAN builds the capacity of developing countries to more quickly access climate finance and achieve their climate objectives. Countries participating in CFAN ultimately benefit from increased access to financial resources to fulfill their climate goals.

Where We Work
CFAN works in all developing countries with a focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Africa, the Pacific, and the Caribbean. By year-end 2021, CFAN plans to train and deploy 30 advisors in 30 countries across these regions.

Who’s Involved
CFAN is managed by the Network Coordinator, initially Rocky Mountain Institute, with input from the Advisory Group and Steering Committee comprising developing country representatives, donor institutions, and international organizations with experience building in-country climate finance capacity. Please see the CFAN website, cfanadvisors.org, for an updated list of our Member Initiatives.

How It Works

1️⃣ Countries Express Interest
Countries indicate their interest in working with a CFAN advisor by completing an online survey (see How to Get Involved below). CFAN then follows up with countries to discuss the opportunity. Based on these discussions and available funding, CFAN will determine whether it can offer an advisor.

2️⃣ Advisors Are Hired
In response to each country’s needs and priorities, CFAN identifies climate finance advisors to work in-country for a period of at least one year. CFAN advisors are hired under a mandate focused on navigating the climate finance system and creating clear, concise, and concrete investment opportunities that will be attractive to donors.

3️⃣ Advisors Are Trained
CFAN advisors attend a multiweek, cohort-based training, which includes technical training as well as relationship-building with public and private finance providers.

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4 Advisors Are Placed In-Country

Following the training, advisors begin work in-country within the country-identified ministry or office responsible for accessing and coordinating climate finance.

5 CFAN Builds Capacity

CFAN provides ongoing technical support to advisors while also building long-term capacity through in-country trainings for civil servants, ensuring climate finance capacity remains in-country beyond the tenure of the advisor.

How to Get Involved

Countries interested in hosting a CFAN advisor initiate the process by submitting the survey for countries on CFAN’s website, cfanadvisors.org. Please note that this survey does not imply a formal commitment from countries, nor does it guarantee that countries will receive an advisor. The survey simply serves to signal a country’s interest in further engaging with CFAN.

Following submission of this survey, CFAN will assess alignment between the country’s needs and CFAN’s services through further discussions with interested countries.

CFAN advisors are fully funded and come at no cost to recipient countries. Further inquiries can be directed to info@cfanadvisors.org.