

Introduction for Countries

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

1 Countries Express Interest



Countries request a CFAN advisor by submitting expressions of interest (see “How to Get Involved” below). If the number of country requests exceeds available advisors, countries will be selected based on country needs, country context, and input from CFAN’s Advisory Group and Steering Committee.

2 Advisors Are Hired



In response to country expressions of interest, 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.

3 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

Request an advisor. Countries express interest in hosting a CFAN advisor by completing the form on the CFAN website, cfanadvisors.org. Please note that this form neither implies a formalized commitment from countries nor guarantees provision of a CFAN advisor.

Complete country questionnaire. Countries that submit an advisor request will be asked to complete a questionnaire to assess alignment between the country's needs and CFAN's services.

CFAN advisors are fully funded and come at no cost to recipient countries.

Further inquiries can be directed to info@cfanadvisors.org.

