About CFAN
The Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) is an agile, demand-driven initiative that offers a practical and actionable solution to Small Island Developing States, Least Developing Countries, and African countries facing capacity constraints in accessing climate finance. By cultivating a network of highly trained, embedded climate finance advisors who work in ministries and Direct Access Entities for a period of one to two years, CFAN builds the capacity of developing countries to more quickly access climate finance and achieve climate objectives. Applying for CFAN support is straightforward, allowing trained advisors to hit the ground within three to six months of approval, funding permitting.

Who’s Involved
CFAN is a global network that brings together developing countries, donor countries and institutions, and regional and international organizations.

To ensure additionality and reduce costs, CFAN partners with existing initiatives and organizations experienced in building in-country climate finance capacity. These member initiatives participate in CFAN in one of three ways:

1. Recruiting and enrolling climate finance advisors into the network
2. Supporting the design and facilitation of the CFAN advisor training and/or in-country trainings
3. Working in-country to deliver complementary services

CFAN is managed by RMI, an independent, non-partisan, nonprofit organization serving as network coordinator with input from an Advisory Group and a Steering Committee. These are comprised of representatives from developing countries, donor institutions, international organizations, and member initiatives.

Member Benefits
- CFAN accelerates the on-the-ground impact of member initiatives by providing rigorous, climate-finance-specific training to the advisors hired by these initiatives.
- The multiweek, cohort-based training provided by CFAN eliminates the need for member initiatives to develop and run their own trainings.
- CFAN offers ongoing support to advisors through on-demand technical guidance, amplifying the impact of the member initiative and reducing the management responsibilities of member initiatives.
- By building a platform for coordination and collaboration among member initiatives, CFAN increases member initiatives’ visibility and political salience, providing greater exposure, reputational benefit, and funding opportunities for each member.

CFAN Services

Advisor training:
CFAN hosts a multiweek cohort-based training for climate finance advisors.

Advisor support in-country:
CFAN provides on-demand technical support to advisors working in-country. CFAN also maintains connections between advisors, encouraging peer-to-peer learning.

Capacity building in-country:
CFAN hosts in-country trainings for civil servants, building capacity in-country beyond the tenure of the advisor.

Network coordination:
CFAN improves coordination across existing organizations while also identifying demand for climate finance advisors, reducing duplication and ensuring additionality of services.
Member Initiatives

Advisor Enrollment Members
Advisor Enrollment Members contribute implementation capacity to the network by recruiting, hiring, and enrolling qualified advisors in CFAN, as well as managing their advisors during deployment. In addition, Advisor Enrollment Members provide input into the development of CFAN services and programs, contribute strategic guidance, share relevant resources, and identify country demand.

Training Members
Training Members contribute technical expertise through helping design and/or host the CFAN advisor training program or in-country trainings and knowledge transfer programs. In addition, Training Members provide input into the development of CFAN services and products, provide strategic guidance, and share relevant resources.

Affiliate Members
Affiliate Members support the implementation of CFAN by offering complementary services or providing input into the development of CFAN services and programs, such as strengthening enabling environments, supporting project development, identifying and coordinating country demand for support services and advisors, and supporting the advisors and the network to successfully structure and securing finance.

How To Join
CFAN welcomes membership from any interested organization or initiative whose scope of work aligns with the CFAN mission. To join, those interested should express their intent to participate and desired membership category in an email to info@cfanadvisors.org.

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