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 and Direct Access Entities (DAEs) to more quickly access climate finance and achieve their climate objectives. Institutions 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.

Who’s Involved
CFAN is managed by the Network Coordinator, initially RMI, with input from an 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 and DAEs express their interest in working with a CFAN advisor by submitting a formal expression of interest letter or reaching out to us at info@cfanadvisors.org. CFAN then follows up to discuss the opportunity. Based on these discussions and available funding, CFAN will determine whether it can offer an advisor.

2. **Advisors Are Hired**
   Based on needs and priorities identified in consultation with country governments and DAEs, CFAN recruits climate finance advisors to work in-country for a minimum period of one to two years. 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 Placed In-Country**
   Advisors are embedded in the relevant ministry or department responsible for accessing and coordinating climate finance. They begin work.
CFAN advisors attend a multimonth, cohort-based training that grounds participants in a deep understanding of the climate finance ecosystem, key skills in project design and finance, and communication and facilitation.

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.

Countries or DAEs interested in hosting a CFAN advisor can indicate their interest by submitting a formal expression of interest letter or reaching out to us at info@cfanadvisors.org.

Following submission of interest, CFAN will assess alignment between the institutions needs and CFAN’s services through further discussions with interested parties.

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