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AFRICA ADAPTATION ACCELERATION PROGRAM



DOUBLING DOWN ON ADAPTATION IN AFRICA

It is only by adapting to climate change that Africa can reach its potential. Yet climate finance – which is necessary to underpin wider development goals – remains critically short of what is needed. The Global Center on Adaptation's (GCA) *State and Trends in Adaptation Report* highlights **an annual adaptation financing gap of US\$41.3 billion for African countries.** COP28 in Dubai made breakthrough agreements on the targets and framework for the Global Goal on Adaptation while reminding us of the **criticality of doubling adaptation financing by 2025.** The need to adapt our world, and especially to support the most vulnerable, is ever more urgent.

The Africa Adaptation Acceleration Program (AAP) is Africa's response to the impacts of the climate crisis. Co-designed between the African Development Bank (AfDB) and GCA, and endorsed by the African Union, the initiative is **mobilizing \$25 billion to accelerate climate change adaptation actions across Africa by 2025.**

Since its launch in January 2021, GCA's technical adaptation support under the AAP Upstream Financing Facility has proved highly impactful. In partnership with governments, academia, community-based organizations, and International Financial Institutions (IFIs), **GCA helped shape over \$8 billion in investments that will build climate resilience for nearly 60 million climate vulnerable people in 35 countries and generate over 700,000 jobs.**

In partnership with the IMF, GCA will support policy reform for adaptation through the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) and mobilize adaptation finance through project preparation facilities in at least five countries in Africa. GCA will tap into the potential of the private sector to drive climate adaptation by fostering alliances between private corporations and African financial institutions to **develop and expand markets for adaptation products and services through the GCA Business Adaptation Hub in partnership with the World Economic Forum.** We will also expand our adaptation finance business lines to **engage directly with African banks to establish adaptation investment portfolios.**

LEVERAGING MILLIONS TO INFLUENCE BILLIONS

Through the AAAP, GCA and AfDB are mobilizing \$25 billion by 2025 to accelerate adaptation action in Africa and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through interventions in four priority areas with related goals:

- 1. Food Security:** With a goal to influence at least **\$10 billion** in investments by 2025 to build climate-smart agriculture and resilient food systems to support food security for at least **38 million farmers and herders in 26 African countries**.
- 2. Infrastructure and Nature-based Solutions:** With a goal to mainstream innovative climate resilience solutions, including nature-based solutions, into **\$12 billion** worth of investments in infrastructure for water, transport, energy, and urban systems by 2025 to ensure infrastructure assets and services for **100 million people are resilient to climate change**.
- 3. Youth Entrepreneurship and Adaptation Jobs:** With a goal to support **one million youth** with entrepreneurship skills and to create **5 million adaptation jobs** through International Finance Institution investments worth over **\$2 billion** by 2025.
- 4. Adaptation Finance:** With a goal to unlock access to **\$1 billion** in adaptation finance by 2025 by designing innovative public and private financial instruments and solutions that include structuring resilience bonds and debt for-resilience swaps, influencing IFI investments for the financial sector, and developing aggregation mechanisms for adaptation investment assets and monetization of adaptation benefits.

The AfDB committed \$12.5 billion of its capital to the AAAP, with the **African Development Fund's climate action window** set to avail additional dedicated, efficient, and affordable climate finance to Africa's most vulnerable and least adaptive countries to climate change.

The Program is supported by the **AAAP Upstream Financing Facility**, managed by GCA. This Facility supports African countries and financing institutions by bringing the best knowledge, science, and practice to the development of innovative adaptation projects. This Facility finances the work of GCA and its implementation partners, many of them African institutions, to design and mainstream adaptation and resilience components into the projects of IFIs, MDBs, other public and private DFIs. Through the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility, GCA supports research, monitoring for rapid extraction and replication of lessons, knowledge sharing, capacity building, and policy support, with the goal of supporting the design of transformational adaptation shifts at the country level and mobilizing financing for climate adaptation in Africa.

Since its launch in January 2021, **the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility has influenced over \$8 billion in investments** financed by the AfDB and other partners, including the World Bank, that target the **strengthening of resilience for almost 60 million people and generate over 700,000 jobs**. Through the AAAP GCA maintains an influencing ratio of 1:100, where **one dollar invested in the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility influences \$100 in downstream investments to bring the best adaptation solutions to Africa**. These results have supported GCA's efforts on advocating and mobilizing global support for climate adaptation through initiatives that convened over 65 heads of states, governments, and ministers.



AAAP UPSTREAM FINANCING FACILITY OPERATING MODEL: SCALING ADAPTATION SOLUTIONS



Mainstreaming adaptation in IFI investment projects

The AAAP Upstream Financing Facility designs adaptation solutions into investments financed by AfDB and other IFIs and embeds capacity within national institutions to scale and amplify impact.



Enabling direct access to global climate finance

In collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility supports national entities to directly access global climate finance, including from the GCF, by supporting the preparation of robust, evidence-based funding proposals.

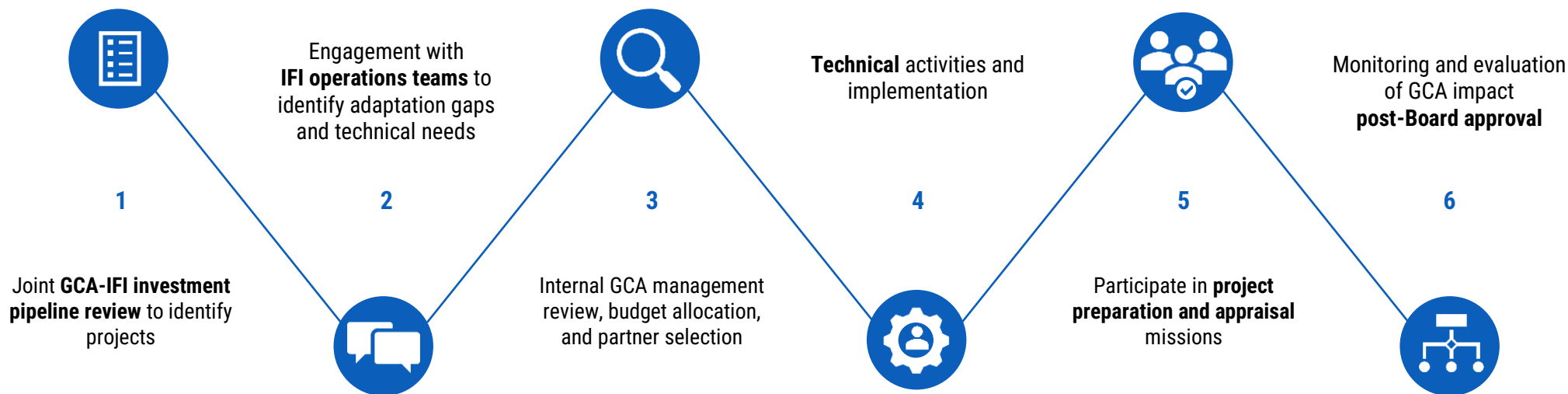


Scaling domestic private sector participation on climate adaptation

The AAAP Upstream Financing Facility supports financial institutions including African banks to develop adaptation investment lines by stress testing portfolios, developing risk screening methods and tools, and identifying adaptation markets for growth.

HOW GCA WORKS WITH IFI PARTNERS TO SHAPE ADAPTATION INVESTMENTS

GCA and its implementation partners, many of them African institutions, support the mainstreaming of adaptation components into the projects of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other public and private Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) through the AAAP Upstream Financing Facility.



AAAP UPSTREAM FINANCING FACILITY RESULTS AND EXPECTED IMPACT



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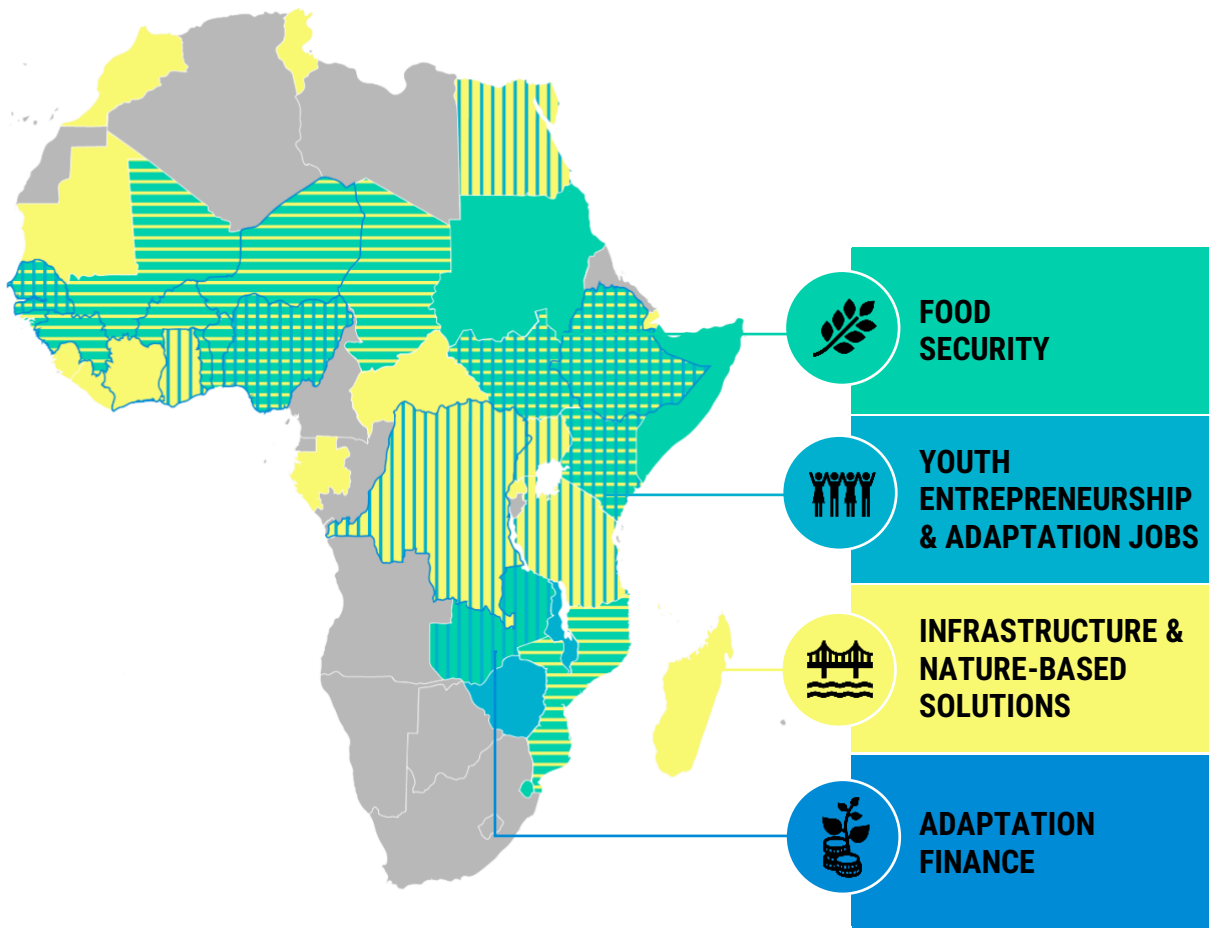






AAAP UPSTREAM FINANCING RESULTS AND EXPECTED IMPACT BY PILLAR

The AAAP focuses on four transformational priority areas, or pillars, where investments in adaptation and resilience building can yield high economic dividends for African nations:

1. Food security
2. Infrastructure and Nature-based Solutions
3. Youth Entrepreneurship and Adaptation Jobs
4. Adaptation Finance

These four pillars are interlinked to achieve the transformational shifts in adaptation that African nations need. For example, reducing food insecurity requires enhancing the resilience of critical transportation systems, from ports to roads, to ensure the continuity of supply chains from farms to markets to homes. Enterprises incubated and scaled under the youth entrepreneurship and adaptation jobs pillar are part of the ecosystem of service providers for critical digital and other climate advisory services to help farmers reduce climate risk for more resilient agriculture.



|  Investments Influenced |  Countries Worked In |  Expected No. of People Benefitting |  Expected No. of Jobs Created |
|--|---|--|--|
| \$2.5 billion | 25+ | 13 million | 173,000+ |
| \$1.2 billion | 25+ | 1 million | 445,000+ |
| \$4.3 billion | 25+ | 43 million | 91,000+ |
| \$0.3 billion | 14 Direct Access Entities in 10 countries supported to enable direct access to global climate finance | | |



Program to Build Resilience for Food and Nutritional Security in the Horn of Africa



In the Horn of Africa, **GCA is supporting the \$226 million Program to Build Resilience for Food and Nutritional Security in the Horn of Africa (BREFONS)** financed by the AfDB to improve food and nutrition security by strengthening the resilience and adaptive capacity of pastoral and agropastoral communities and production systems to climate change. The investment program contributes to improving peace and security in the region by raising resilience to climate shocks and thus reducing conflicts that arise from climate-induced resource competition, and in turn enhance food security and living conditions in the six countries.

Under this project, GCA is partnering with the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) to **provide upstream technical assistance to develop toolkits and build capacity in Kenya and Djibouti to leverage the most promising digital technologies and approaches for climate adaptation** to build the resilience of smallholder farmers. These toolkits will serve as a roadmap for the implementation of digital technologies for the agricultural sector in the two countries and, in turn, influence the wider AfDB investment, which also covers Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Somalia.

GCA is helping **embed capacity within national institutions and stakeholders**, including policymakers, to ensure the uptake of digital solutions and to sustain and amplify the impact of the project.



INVESTMENT VALUE INFLUENCED BY GCA
\$226 million



EXPECTED NO. OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING
3 million people
in the Horn of Africa



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2022-2026

KEY PARTNERS



GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA is providing upstream technical assistance and support for project implementation by:

- Identifying key agriculture adaptation constraints that can be addressed by digital technologies and developing solutions
- Assessing the conditions and opportunities for digital applications for drought index insurance
- Identifying opportunities for digital agricultural adaptation solutions through the preparation of climate risk and digital agriculture profiles
- Supporting stakeholders to identify and implement opportunities through a digital agricultural adaptation toolkit
- Building the capacity of policymakers to ensure uptake of digital solutions using the toolkit

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Through this investment project, the following outcomes are expected:

- 1.3 million farmers and pastoralists using climate services where 15 million livestock are benefiting
- 30% increase in agricultural productivity with 30% increase in annual income
- 30% increase in uptake of climate risk financing and insurance solutions
- 55,000 jobs created for youth and women
- 170,000 hectares cultivated using digital climate-enabled solutions



In Nigeria, **GCA is supporting the World Bank's \$500 million Livestock Productivity Resilience Support project (LPRES)**, which aims to improve the productivity of the livestock value chain, improve food and nutrition security, income growth, and social cohesion between agro-pastoral communal groups to reduce farmer-herder conflicts.

The investment aims to **improve the productivity of the livestock value chain for over 1.4 million people to mitigate key drivers of farmer-herder conflicts** in selected states in Nigeria. The project is achieving these outcomes by increasing livestock productivity, improving food and nutrition security, encouraging income growth, and building social cohesion among communal groups. These measures will help ensure greater livestock resilience and also minimize environmental degradation and emissions from the sector.

GCA is providing **technical assistance to ensure the investment incorporates climate risk considerations and the relevant digital solutions** for adaptation in the livestock chain in Nigeria. GCA will conduct climate risk assessments to promote an understanding of the enabling environment and its capacity for adaptation so that interventions are well-targeted and contribute to the overall resilience and food security of the local population. Specific outputs will include a comprehensive review and landscape analysis of the livestock sector in the country and an inventory of existing and viable climate-smart digital agriculture solutions applicable to the livestock sector, particularly cattle, small ruminants, and poultry value chains.



**INVESTMENT VALUE
INFLUENCED BY GCA
\$500 million**



**EXPECTED NO. OF
PEOPLE BENEFITTING
1.43 million people
in Nigeria and
45 million livestock**



**IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2022-2028**

KEY PARTNER



GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA's interventions include:

- Assessing climate risk and incorporating digital solutions for adaptation in the livestock sector into the project's design
- Identifying opportunities, constraints, and entry points for investments to promote climate adaptation across livestock value chains
- Establishing an inventory of existing and viable digital tools and climate-smart digital agriculture solutions and platforms that are applicable to the livestock sector
- Developing a micro-region rural risk typology to establish a climate risk map of smallholder livestock in the country

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

GCA's support will improve these project outcomes:

- Supporting 45 million livestock benefiting from digital climate adaptation solutions, supporting 1,430,000 individuals
- 50,000 farmers adopting improved agricultural technologies
- 1,000,000 hectares of grazing area transitioned to sustainable land management practices, of which 150,000 hectares are now cultivated using digital climate-enabled solutions
- 60 livestock infrastructure systems rehabilitated with climate and disaster-resilient practices



Kenya-South Sudan Corridor Road Upgrading Project



INVESTMENT VALUE INFLUENCED BY GCA
\$223 million



EXPECTED NO. OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING
3.5 million citizens
from bordering inhabitants



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2023-2027

KEY PARTNERS



In Kenya, **GCA is supporting the \$223 million Kenya-South Sudan Link Road Upgrading Project financed by the AfDB.** The investment project will upgrade critical sections of the Kenya to South Sudan road corridor, which forms a critical trade route between Kenya and South Sudan. Through greater connectivity, the project aims to promote uninterrupted trade and communication between Kenya and South Sudan, boost export-oriented agricultural development, and contribute to the economic and social empowerment of the local population.

GCA is providing **technical assistance to integrate gray and green adaptation solutions into the road project, with a focus on climate-informed operations & maintenance and nature-based solutions.** Technical work completed in 2023 includes a detailed climate risk assessment to model projected hazards. Data from the study shows that future patterns of extreme weather events caused by climate change could result in higher temperature extremes and droughts coupled with an increase in extreme precipitation. These extremes increase the likelihood of landslide events that damage roads and disrupt critical services, with potential damages growing from an estimated \$16 million per year under the baseline scenario to a \$72 million per year in 2050 under a high-emissions global warming scenario. Through climate risk dialogues with the Kenya Highways Authority and other stakeholders, GCA will facilitate the prioritization of adaptation options that will be integrated into the project design.

GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA's interventions include:

- Quantifying key climate hazards and associated risks to planned transport assets
- Determining exposure and vulnerability of the transport systems with corresponding impacts on assets, services, and people
- Identifying and appraising relevant adaptation and resilience options, focusing on operations and maintenance and nature-based solutions
- Building capacity to mainstream resilience for transport infrastructure planning, design, and operations

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

GCA's support for the AfDB and KenHA will reinforce the project's outcomes:

- 193 kilometers of resilient, refurbished road
- 500 additional traders (60% women) utilizing improved market facilities
- 7,200 direct jobs created (30% women)
- The development of a Kenya-South Sudan Trade Facilitation Strategic program



Liberia Urban Resilience Project



**INVESTMENT VALUE
INFLUENCED BY GCA**
\$40 million



**EXPECTED NO. OF
PEOPLE BENEFITTING**
200,000 people
(50% women) in Greater
Monrovia, Buchanan,
Gbarnga, and Ganta



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2023-2028

KEY PARTNERS



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GCA is supporting **Locally Led Adaptation efforts to inform the design of the World Bank's \$40 million Liberia Urban Resilience Project (LURP)** in Greater Monrovia and three secondary cities (Buchanan, Gbarnga and Ganta). The investment project aims to increase flood resilience and access to urban infrastructure in vulnerable informal neighborhoods, thus enhancing the climate resilience of these communities. Concurrently, it will be strengthening municipal and institutional capacities in Liberia, improving integrated urban management.

GCA's support for Locally Led Adaptation helps cities become more resilient to the effects of climate change by **integrating the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable communities into large scale investment projects financed by the IFIs**. In Liberia, GCA is partnering with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Liberia, Akiba Mashinani Trust, Slum Dwellers International, and the Federation of Liberia Urban Poor Savers to support an enumeration and climate risk profiling process by local communities living in informal settlements in the Northern Bushrod and Southeastern Paynesville areas of Greater Monrovia.

Peer-to-peer training workshops provide stakeholders with the opportunity to engage with and learn from community members, city council representatives, and civil society representatives from Nairobi, where similar work has been implemented.

GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA's interventions include:

- Community-driven risk profiling and enumeration of neighborhoods in Northern Bushrod and South-eastern Paynesville.
- The development of a community engagement strategy to guide World Bank-financed climate adaptation projects, based on prior community-driven enumeration efforts.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Integrated understanding of climate hazards and risks in 15 communities in Southern Paynesville and 37 in Northern Bushrod Island in Greater Monrovia, which feeds into the project's implementation.
- Strengthened capacity for Government of Liberia staff to engage with local communities on adaptation issues and conduct community-driven risk enumeration and profiling.



EXPECTED NO. OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING
30,000 smallholder farmers, and 250,000 people



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2022-2023



KEY PARTNERS



The **Youth Adaptation Solutions Challenge (YouthADAPT)** is an annual competition and awards program that supports youth-led enterprises with innovative climate adaptation and resilience solutions. Each winner of the Challenge receives a \$100,000 grant, enabling them to expand their solutions. The winners also gain business support through a 12-month accelerator program.

The inaugural YouthADAPT Challenge was launched in 2021, and it had significant impacts. **The 2021 cohort created 8,512 direct and indirect jobs, trained over 12,000 small-holder farmers, and recorded 123% surge in revenue.** In September 2022, GCA and its partners launched the second YouthADAPT Challenge, building upon the achievements of its inaugural Challenge. For the 2022 cohort, the GCA selected 20 winners out of 3,700 applications from 51 African countries. The cohort of winners was selected from 13 countries and reflected a gender balance, with over 50% representation of female-led businesses. Preliminary results from the 2022 cohort include creation of 351 jobs (158 direct and 193 indirect), training of 11,128 small holder farmers and unlocking over €700,000 in additional funding.

The YouthADAPT Challenge winners lead adaptation solutions in agriculture, water, waste management and digital solutions. The variety of adaptation solutions that these young entrepreneurs represent demonstrates the potential of youth-led entrepreneurship to create adaptation jobs while protecting communities from the worst impacts of climate change.

GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA is providing the following:

- **Capacity Building & Training:** Develop training materials and deliver training workshops to equip selected youth-led startups with practical skills in entrepreneurship and climate adaptation mainstreaming
- **Mentorship & Coaching:** Provide professional mentorship, empowering them to execute their business plans, create jobs, and support continental efforts towards climate resilience
- **Grant Funding:** Provide grant support of up to \$100,000 to support their short-term growth and facilitating linkages with potential investors for longer term growth

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The project is expected to drive the following outcomes:

- Inculcate an ecosystem of domestic enterprises providing adaptation goods and services.
- Create 20,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- Train 30,000 smallholder farmers on climate adaptation.



**INVESTMENT VALUE
INFLUENCED BY GCA**
\$538 million



**EXPECTED NO. OF
BENEFICIARIES**
10,000 SMEs
from Nigeria



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2022-2027

KEY PARTNERS



In Nigeria, **GCA is working with the AfDB on the \$538 million Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Program**, which aims to create 500,000 jobs and train 25,000 youth-led enterprises. The program supports the economic and social development programs of the Federal Government of Nigeria, contributing to the development of rural infrastructure, improved access to agricultural markets, increased farm productivity, and promotion of agricultural technology, agribusiness, and job creation.

The key development objectives are to sustainably contribute to poverty alleviation, reducing hunger and inequality, while addressing constraints to agribusiness competitiveness by furthering opportunities for economic diversification, job creation, building climate resilience and improved livelihoods in Nigeria.

GCA's intervention will **ensure that 30% of the jobs created through the project are adaptation jobs**. This will be done through recommendations to support adaptation focused entrepreneurs in upscaling and boosting youth entrepreneurship. Technical inputs include feasibility studies and assessment of job opportunities in adaptation, as well as the skills required for these new adaptation jobs to support skills development.

GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA is providing the following technical assistance to the project:

- Feasibility studies and assessment of job opportunities in adaptation within the program, to identify and measure possible adaptation jobs that can be created through the program.
- Assessment of skills required for new adaptation jobs to be harnessed from the program, to support the skill development components.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

GCA's support for the African Development Bank and Federal Government of Nigeria will reinforce the project's outcomes:

- 500,000 jobs created (100,000 Direct/400,000 indirect)
- 30% adaptation jobs created through the project (expected to be 150,000 jobs)
- 10,000 Small and Medium Sized Enterprises supported



GCA support aims to **reduce barriers to large-scale access to multilateral climate funds in Africa and significantly increase the flow of adaptation finance** to the region. While multilateral climate funds, like the GCF, hold unique potential with high-risk taking capacity to finance large-scale adaptation projects, country institutions often lack an understanding of how to develop robust, evidence-based funding proposals and concept notes.

In Senegal, GCA is working with the Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE), La Banque Agricole (LBA), Fonds de Garantie des investissements Prioritaires (FONGIP), and Le Fonds Souverain d'Investissements Stratégiques (FONSIS) to enable direct access to the GCF. GCA's support to FONGIP and FONSIS has included developing a comprehensive gap assessment, identifying a substantial need for **the development of different policies, procedures, and strategies to meet GCF accreditation standards**. GCA is providing technical support to help update these documents and management procedures.

With CSE, GCA's support starts with technical assistance for re-accreditation to the GCF. In parallel, GCA is providing **technical support to CSE and LBA to identify project concepts that will be developed into funding proposals**. These include initiatives to enhance smallholder farmers' resilience in Southern and Eastern Senegal through agroforestry systems.



TARGET INVESTMENT VALUE INFLUENCED BY GCA
\$200 million



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2023-2025

KEY PARTNERS



GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA is providing the following technical assistance to the project:

- Providing tailored guidance and technical support to streamline the accreditation and reaccreditation processes for Direct Access Entities in Senegal
- Capacity building to develop high-quality adaptation concept notes
- Strengthening the technical and operational capacity of CSE, LBA, FONGIP and FONSIS, enabling them to effectively navigate the GCF accreditation process and access adaptation finance at scale

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Through the program, the following outcomes are expected:

- Develop four adaptation concept notes to be submitted to GCF
- Goal to mobilize over \$200 million in funding for adaptation initiatives
- Improve institutional and technical capacity to implement innovative financial instruments
- Enhance the credibility of national entities in the eyes of stakeholders such as investors, donors, and international organizations



Climate change is already having significant impacts in Ghana. Studies show that temperatures for all ecological zones are rising while rainfall levels and patterns have been generally reducing and becoming increasingly erratic. Available data also shows a sea-level rise of 2.1 mm per year over the last 30 years, indicating a rise of 5.8 cm, 16.5 cm and 34.5 cm by 2020, 2050 and 2080 respectively.

With these growing concerns, the government of Ghana gives high priority to climate adaptation strategies. In 2015, the Government of Ghana submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Ghana requires between \$9.3 and \$15.5 billion of investment to implement the 47 NDC measures from 2020 to 2030. \$3.9 billion would be required to implement the 16 unconditional programs of action through 2030. The remaining \$5.4 billion for the 31 conditional programs would be mobilized from the public, international, and private sector sources and carbon markets. While mobilizing substantial domestic funding, Ghana relies on international support to achieve its 2030 contributions.

In order to diversify its channels for the delivery of climate finance and to strengthen national ownership, **GCA is providing support to the Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF) for accreditation to the GCF.** Once accredited, GCA will provide technical assistance to develop concept notes and funding proposals, drawing from Ghana's National Investment Roadmap for Climate Resilient Infrastructure, launched in 2022.



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
2023-2024

KEY PARTNERS



GCA'S ADDED VALUE

GCA is providing the following technical assistance to the project:

- Providing tailored guidance and technical support to streamline the accreditation the accreditation for GIIF, ensuring compliance with GCF standards
- Strengthening the technical and operational capacity of GIIF to effectively navigate the GCF accreditation process and access adaptation finance at scale
- Enhancing the capacity of Direct Access Entities to develop high-quality adaptation concept notes, thereby increasing the chances of approval by the GCF Secretariat

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Through the program, the following outcomes are expected:

- Mobilized private sector funding for adaptation initiatives
- Updated policies and strategies of four national entities
- Improved institutional and technical capacity to implement innovative financial instruments
- Enhanced credibility of national entities in the eyes of stakeholders such as investors, donors, and international organizations

CATALYZING CHANGE FOR ADAPTATION: OUR APPROACH

The interconnecting and reinforcing nature of GCA's programs, research, and advocacy drives the agenda of creating a more climate-resilient world.

PROGRAMS

GCA seeks impact at scale by catalyzing and shaping at an early stage the most significant investments that will guide the development of communities and countries. **This upstream support aims to ensure the most effective downstream implementation** in a world challenged by climate change. By collaborating with stakeholders who bring different expertise, reach, perspectives, and resources, our programs deliver concrete and sustainable results and make a positive impact at all levels of society.



RESEARCH FOR IMPACT

Our **State and Trends in Adaptation in Africa** reports provide the most comprehensive overview of the present and projected climate risks in Africa and blueprint for adaptation action. Offering a wealth of innovative adaptation and resilience ideas, solutions, and financing options, the reports inform the design of projects and programs, including those supported by the AAAP.



AGENDA SETTING AND ADVOCACY

GCA supports African leadership through the AAAP on the adaptation imperative for Africa by convening leaders and policymakers at the highest level to make the case for investing in adaptation. Our international summits and national workshops provide action-forcing platforms to deliver commitments to the AAAP and catalyze new coalitions of partners and initiatives to accelerate action on the ground.



GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

While the effects of climate change will be felt by all, they will not be felt equally. Each AAAP pillar maintains a focus on the disproportionate exposure of the poor and vulnerable populations, including women, to climate change impacts and ensures their adaptation needs are included in the prioritization of adaptation actions.

LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION

GCA applies a Locally Led Adaptation approach across its portfolio. This involves working with local communities to develop people's adaptation plans, and making links to planned IFI investment projects. GCA also hosts a Global Hub on Locally Led Adaptation to gather best practices and facilitate knowledge sharing and exchanges between practitioners.

YOUTH

Climate change will significantly and adversely impact Africa, the youngest continent in the world. The AAAP promotes innovation and inclusive growth for young people, empowering African youth to lead on adaptation action through education, policy engagement, climate-resilient jobs, and youth enterprise development.

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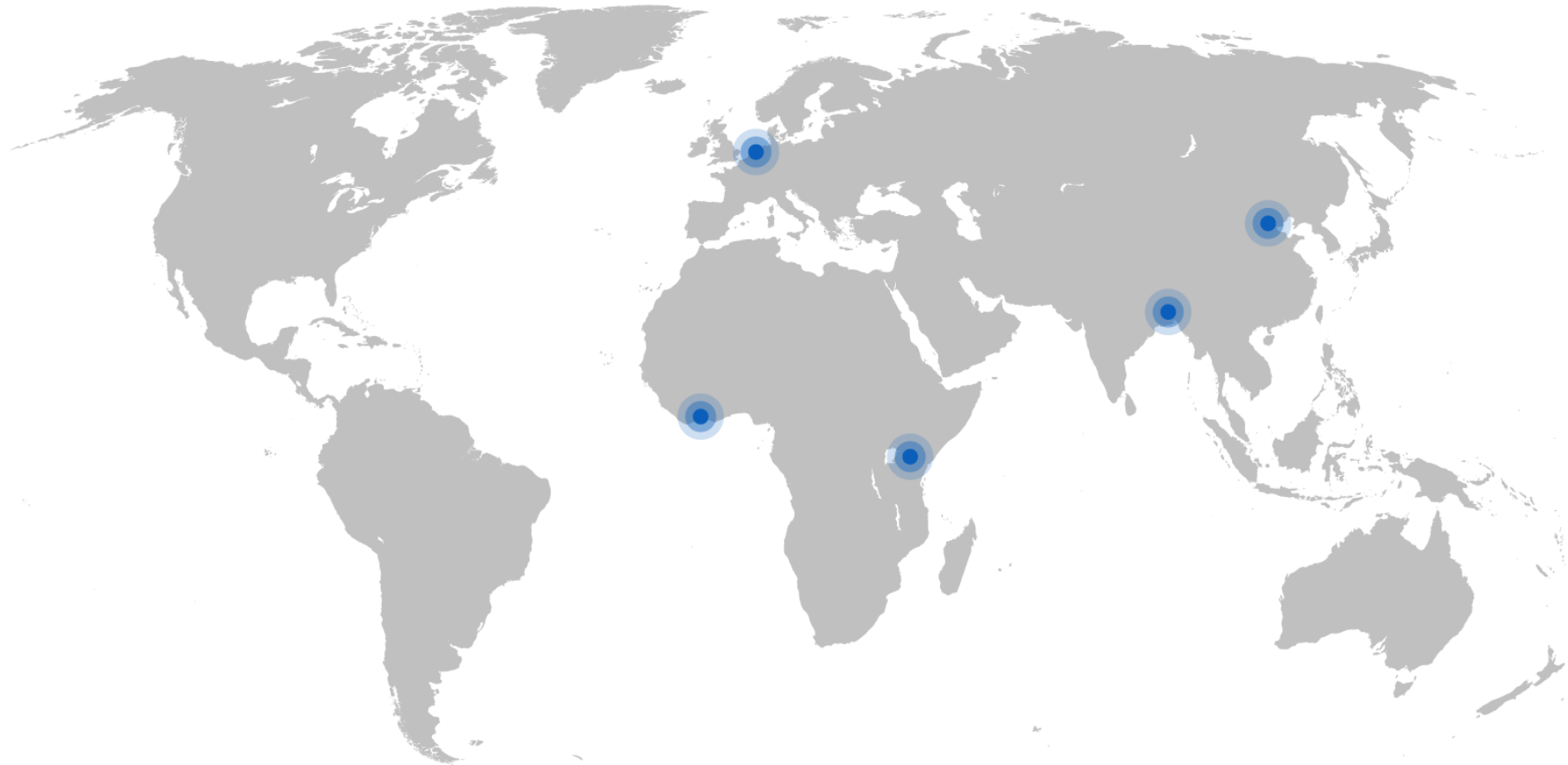


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ABOUT THE GLOBAL CENTER ON ADAPTATION

GCA was established as an international organization to help countries and communities around the world adapt to the impacts of climate change. As a solutions broker, it works to promote global cooperation and collaboration on adaptation, bringing together governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders to scale and accelerate adaptation action. GCA's work is guided through three core approaches: knowledge, leadership, and action. These reflect the organization's commitment to building knowledge and understanding about adaptation, fostering leadership on adaptation at all levels, and taking concrete action to support adaptation efforts.

Founded in 2018, GCA operates from the largest floating office in the world, located in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. GCA has a worldwide network of regional offices in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire; Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Beijing, China, and is opening a new office in Nairobi, Kenya in 2025.



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