



Climate Finance Readiness Training – CliFiT

What is it about?

Climate change mitigation and adaptation will require enormous financial resources in the years to come. Funding, however, is not an end in itself. Accessing and using climate finance as effectively as possible poses a number of challenges.

Among other things, countries need to maintain an overview of funding priorities, different financing options, modes of access and spending rules. They also have to deal with the complexities of national public finance systems when absorbing additional funding.

What do we aim for with CliFiT?

In order to help decision-makers master the challenges related to climate finance, adelphi, with financial support from GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, has developed the Climate Finance Readiness Training Toolkit, 'CliFiT'.

CliFiT is a dynamic, interactive training concept and curriculum. Its overall objective is to provide tailor-made support that will enable national stakeholders to initiate processes on building a coherent national framework for climate finance, accessing international climate finance and spending funds effectively and transparently.








In addition, the training will help enhance communication between stakeholders involved in climate finance.

Specific learning objectives of this training are:

- Creating awareness of the challenges countries face regarding national/international climate finance;
- Reflecting on why readiness for climate finance matters;
- Increasing capacity to discuss and improve climate finance readiness in the country context.

What does the CliFiT toolkit comprise?

CliFiT is a modular concept: it offers several combinations for different learning paths, addressing a variety of different target groups and their specific training needs. The CliFiT toolkit comprises eight training modules covering relevant areas for climate finance readiness:

-  Monitoring and Evaluation
-  Strategies and Policies
-  Gender and Climate Finance
-  Pipeline Development
-  Stakeholders and Institutions
-  Good Financial Governance
-  Private Sector Engagement
-  International Landscape

Each of the eight modules contains introductory presentations to familiarise participants with the topic. Interactive exercises allow for more focused examination and reflection on selected aspects of climate finance readiness.

A comprehensive manual provides guidance for trainers on how to conduct interactive CliFiT training sessions. Video interviews provide insight into CFR topics from a practitioner's perspective. Selected training materials are available at www.clifit.org.



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Who should get involved?

The primary target group for CliFiT is the staff of ministries and other public bodies in which climate finance is relevant. This may include:

- Representatives of ministries for the environment, finance and planning, and relevant line ministries;
- Representatives of National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and existing or planned National Implementing Entities (NIEs) or other climate finance-relevant institutions;

In addition, staff from international think tanks and donor organisations, as well as other governmental or non-governmental bodies interested in climate finance and climate finance readiness, could also receive the training.

Participants in the training workshops should already have at least some basic experience in the area of climate policy or climate change.

Based on a training needs assessment, the trainer will be able to adapt the CliFiT material to address participants' specific needs.

How to apply CliFiT?

Thanks to its modular design, CliFiT training can be structured according to specific requirements. Depending on the group and the desired intensity of training, we suggest the following options:

- Half-day (executive briefing)
- Three days (basic version)
- Five days (extended version)

To date, more than 15 CliFiT workshops have been conducted in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The majority of them clearly focused on the Green Climate Fund, detailing institutional and procedural requirements for accessing funds. Other major topics included climate investments comprising a blend of national budget and international funding as well as linking adaptation and/or mitigation strategies with climate finance options.

In consultation with GIZ and adelphi, the CliFiT training toolkit can also be applied in the context of projects funded by other donors. CliFiT training workshops, however, should be conducted by qualified trainers who are familiar with the CliFiT training approach. GIZ's CF Ready Programme team and adelphi will assist in identifying experienced trainers and in designing tailored training programmes. Please contact cf-ready@giz.de or clifit@adelphi.de.

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