

Climate Finance Training for Sector Experts – CliFiT4SE

Context

The challenge

To avoid dangerous climate change and adapt to it, profound changes in the way we live and conduct economic activities are needed, which requires large-scale and innovative ways of funding for climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts alike. Under the Paris Agreement, countries have developed Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) which need to be implemented, not least with support of climate finance mechanisms such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Sector experts playing a crucial role in the implementation of NDCs, they require specific information about climate finance opportunities enabling them to make informed decisions on whether climate finance is an option for financing specific sector projects, measures or programmes.

Our approach

CliFiT4SE is a dynamic, interactive training approach to inform sector experts in developing countries and emerging economies about climate finance opportunities. The overall objective of the training is to provide tailor-made support, strengthening the ability of sector experts to apply a climate-lens to their sector and assess the relevance of sector projects for climate change adaptation and mitigation – and thus for climate finance. In addition, the training will contribute to enhancing communication between stakeholders involved in climate finance.

Specific **learning objectives** of this training are:

- Understanding key criteria to access climate finance;
- Enabling participants to take initial steps to set up a climate finance project;
- Introducing participants to the logic and financing instruments of the Green Climate Fund (GCF);

Target group

The primary target group for CliFiT4SE are sector experts who have an interest in exploring climate finance options.

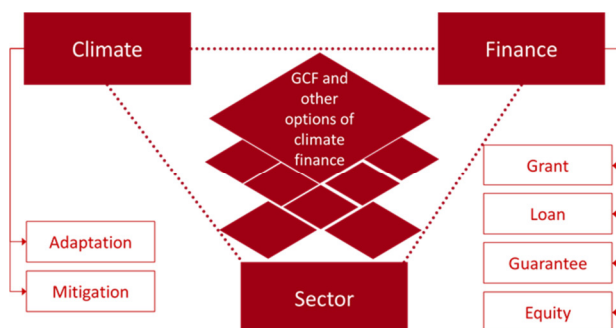
This may include:

- Sector experts in ministries for the environment, finance and planning, and relevant line ministries;
- Representatives of public and private entities engaged in supplying public goods;
- Private sector entities, donors, implementing entities and other governmental or non-governmental bodies interested in climate finance.

Conceptual framework

CliFiT4SE uses the logic of the GCF as a guiding principle on how to demonstrate the relevance of sector projects to the cross-cutting topic of climate change. As the GCF seems to favour projects that include a finance instrument or mechanism, CliFiT4SE also introduces sector experts to the key considerations of how financing institutions assess the bankability of a project, discussing the financing instruments currently accepted by the GCF.

The chart below summarizes the different elements of this new sector-specific climate finance training approach.

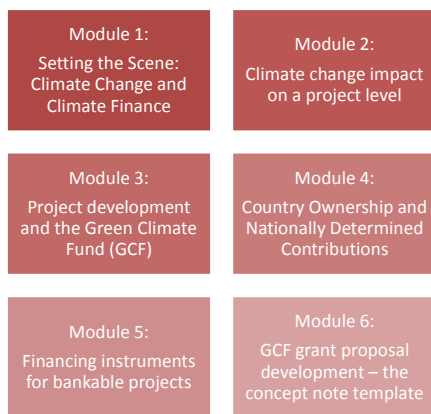


Content

Modular training toolkit

CliFit4SE follows a modular concept, offering several combinations for different learning paths and addressing the specific training needs of sector experts. The toolkit comprises **six training modules** that allow delving into the most important issues starting at distinctive levels. The introductory module starts with providing a short overview on the concept of climate change, and briefly explains climate change mitigation and, more importantly because still often misunderstood, climate change adaptation. It also introduces basic information on climate finance.

The five thematic modules focus on climate change indicators, the key elements of the Green Climate Fund relevant from a project developer's perspective, country ownership and nationally determined contributions (NDC), financing instruments and mechanisms as well as the GCF concept note template (see image below).



The CliFit4SE toolkit comprises several types of training materials: **Introductory presentations** give participants an overview of each training topic, including the main concepts and empirical examples. **Interactive exercises** allow for a more focused examination and reflection on selected aspects of Climate Finance Readiness. The comprehensive **Trainer Manual** provides guidance

for trainers on how to conduct interactive CliFit4SE training sessions.

Training formats

Depending on the group and the desired intensity of training, the following options are suggested:

- Half day (executive briefing)
- Two days (full version)

The half-day executive briefing aims to raise the awareness of executives from ministries and other public bodies about specific areas of climate finance readiness from a sector perspective. It can also lay the foundation for follow-up activities, such as consultations on enhanced sector involvement in NDC or capacity-building activities to promote Climate Finance Readiness (CFR) in the country in question. In the two-day version, trainers can take a more interactive approach and use specific exercises relevant to the country and sector in question.

CliFit4SE put into practice

In consultation with GIZ, the CliFit4SE training toolkit can also be applied in the context of projects funded by other donors. CliFit4SE training workshops, however, should be conducted by qualified trainers who are familiar with the CliFit4SE training approach.



The team of GIZ's CF Ready Programme and adelphi will assist in identifying experienced trainers and in designing tailored CliFit4SE training programmes.

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