



The Commonwealth
Climate Finance Access Hub

10 Years of the

Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub

2015–2025

The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub (CCFAH) was created in 2015 following the mandate by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Malta in the same year. The Hub supports small and other vulnerable states to improve their access to climate finance, leverage available technology and strengthen both human and institutional capacities for inclusive climate change adaptation and mitigation.

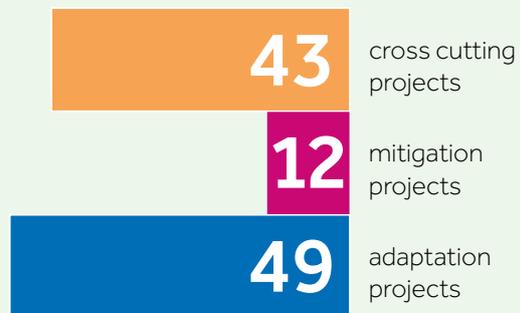
A decade of achievements, 2015/16–2025/26

CCFAH helped countries access
US\$485.68 million in climate finance.

This funding was secured alongside US\$97.5 million of co-financing from member countries.



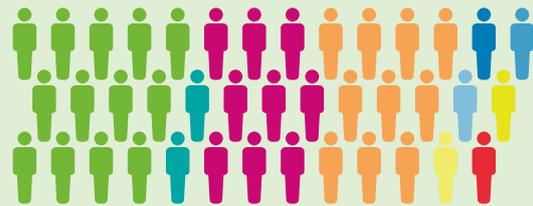
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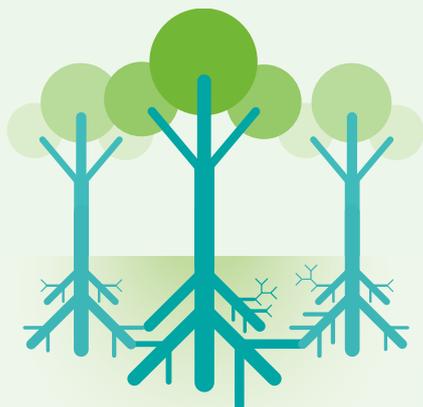
CCFAH supported projects in **16 countries**, as well as regional projects in Africa and the Caribbean.



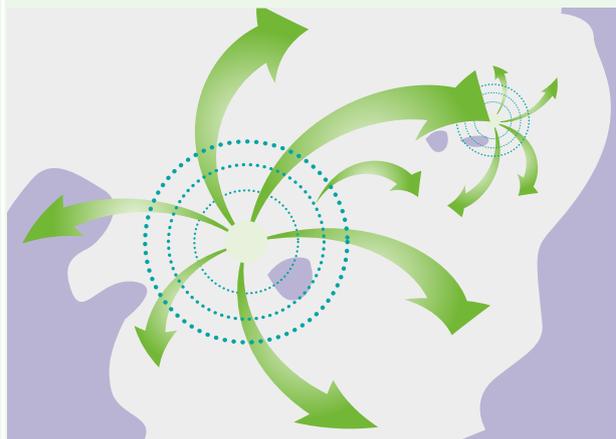
CCFAH's national, regional, gender and health advisers and managers engaged in 40 deployments across the Africa, Indo-Pacific and Caribbean regions.



CCFAH conducted **157 capacity-building initiatives** that have trained more than 3,430 officials in member countries.



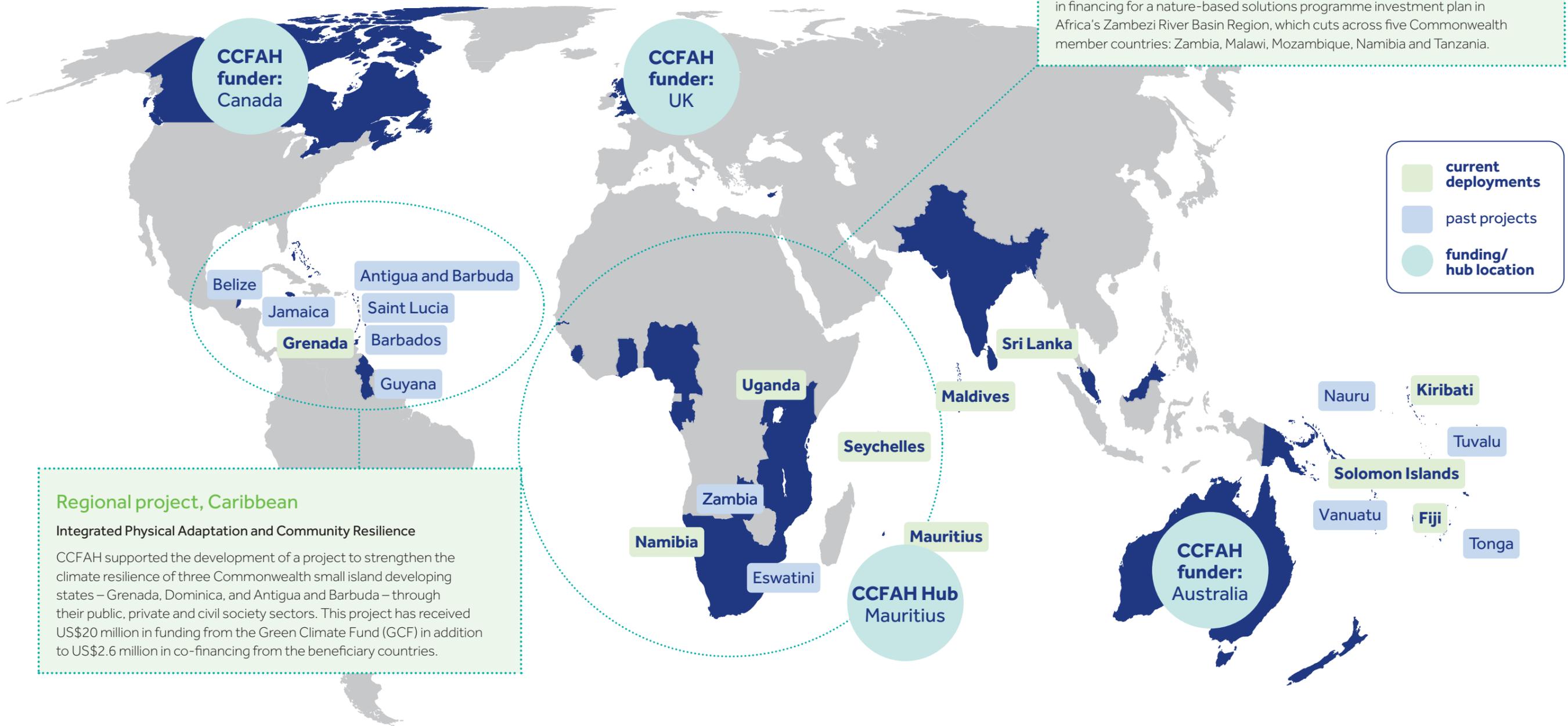
CCFAH ensures that **best practices are shared, scaled, replicated and publicised** to enhance climate action across the Commonwealth.



Where has CCFAH made an impact?

So far, CCFAH has deployed 41 advisers across 21 Commonwealth member countries. These include 34 Commonwealth National Climate Finance Advisers embedded in line ministries responsible for climate change and finance; three Commonwealth Regional Climate Finance Advisers based in regional institutions in the Caribbean, Indo-Pacific and Africa; and two thematic advisers on gender climate finance and health climate finance. Additionally, a Manager, an Information and Knowledge Management Officer and administrative officers support the operations of the CCFAH Hub in Mauritius.

Regional project, Africa
Nature, People and Climate Programme in the Zambezi Region
 CCFAH's adviser for Africa – supported by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and in partnership with the the African Development Bank and the Climate Resilient Infrastructure Development Facility – aided the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM's) development of a successful regional proposal to the Climate Investment Funds (CIF). CIF approved US\$60.35 million in financing for a nature-based solutions programme investment plan in Africa's Zambezi River Basin Region, which cuts across five Commonwealth member countries: Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania.



How CCFAH delivers results

CCFAH helps small and other vulnerable countries secure climate finance to tackle climate change. Commonwealth National, Regional and Thematic Climate Finance Advisers are embedded in government ministries and regional institutions to support in-country and regional teams to develop bankable projects and fit-for-purpose policies; strengthen climate finance readiness, including providing accreditation support; and promote knowledge generation, sharing and learning.

In the 10 years since its launch, CCFAH's advisers have trained more than 3,400 officials, experts and young people in member countries, with six training programmes providing essential skills for effective climate policy engagement, and training for 27 young leaders from 23 countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific, the Caribbean and Europe.

CCFAH provides targeted, hands-on technical training for project developers, policymakers, researchers and wider stakeholders to enable them to develop strong climate finance concept notes and proposals that are successful at attracting investment. These 'write-shops' directly address the challenges that governments and institutions face when developing proposals, such as limited technical knowledge, difficulties in structuring financial mechanisms, and lack of access to necessary data. Participants in CCFAH's write-shops are guided through practical exercises that develop a climate finance project from an initial idea into a structured output – a concept note or proposal – ready for submission.

"The training was highly practical, helping us structure proposals in ways that meet funder expectations. Working with representatives from different ministries also gave me insight into bottlenecks and co-ordination challenges."

Poornima Weerasekara, journalist and PhD candidate, Sri Lanka

As well as equipping participants with technical skills, CCFAH's capacity-building initiatives foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among diverse stakeholders – thus ensuring that proposals are developed with comprehensive input from expert networks drawn from multiple sectors.

"The Maldives' vulnerability to climate change is not a distant concern – it is a lived reality. As we reaffirmed during this workshop, our response must not only stem from urgency, but also improved capacity, co-ordination and strategic implementation."

Minister of State Ibrahim Mimrah, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Maldives

As demand for climate finance grows at a challenging time for investment, CCFAH remains committed to supporting Commonwealth countries to transform their climate ambitions into actionable projects that drive sustainable development.

CCFAH has generated a wealth of knowledge and experience across regions that can assist member countries to tap into various funding envelopes for climate investment. The *Toolkit to Enhance Access to Climate Finance* is one of our key resources, based on CCFAH's hands-on work over the last five years. It informed the development of the Commonwealth Secretariat's 'Commonwealth Climate Finance Essentials' e-course (see cwlearn.commonwealth.int).



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