

**Workshop on Strengthening Information Sharing on
GCF and Readiness Project**



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Organized by: Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN)

Date & Venue: 1st June at RSPN Hall

Project: Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Project

1. Introduction

The Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN), serving as a delivery partner under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Project, organized a stakeholder workshop on 1 June 2026 in Thimphu focusing on strengthening information sharing related to GCF requirements and ongoing readiness activities. The workshop was conducted as part of the approved activity on “Strengthened Information Sharing” under the readiness support programme.

The primary aim of the workshop was to enhance awareness, improve coordination, and build a common understanding among local government officials, community representatives, and relevant stakeholders on GCF processes, requirements, and the ongoing concept note development activities.

2. Objectives of the Workshop

The key objectives of the workshop were to:

- Strengthen understanding of GCF policies, procedures, and funding requirements.
- Share progress on the ongoing development of the Concept Note under the Readiness Project.
- Facilitate dialogue among stakeholders on priority issues related to climate change adaptation.
- Enhance coordination and information flow between RSPN, local governments, and community stakeholders.
- Identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities for improved climate resilience interventions.

3. Participants

The workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders including:

- Local government officials
- Sectoral agency representatives
- Community leaders from Gangtey-Phobji
- Technical experts and consultants engaged under the Readiness Project
- Representatives from implementing and partner institutions

4. Proceedings of the Workshop

4.1 Opening Session

The workshop commenced with welcome remarks from the Executive Director of RSPN, who highlighted the importance of effective information sharing in ensuring inclusive and transparent climate finance planning. The opening session also included remarks from relevant stakeholders emphasizing the significance of local participation in climate adaptation planning.

4.2 Presentation on GCF and Readiness Activities

A detailed presentation was delivered on the Green Climate Fund, its operational framework, and eligibility criteria. The session also covered the objectives and scope of the Readiness Project being implemented by RSPN. Participants were briefed on the progress of Concept Note development, including thematic priorities such as waste management, agriculture, and water/springshed management.

4.3 Group Discussions

Participants were divided into thematic groups to facilitate focused discussions:

1. Waste Management
2. Agriculture
3. Water and Springshed Management

Each group identified key challenges, priority interventions, and recommendations relevant to their respective sectors.

4.4 Plenary Discussion

The group findings were presented in a plenary session, followed by an interactive discussion. Participants provided feedback on proposed interventions, implementation challenges, and potential areas for integration with existing plans and programmes.

5. Key Issues Raised

Several important issues emerged during the workshop discussions, including:

- Need for stronger alignment of proposed interventions with existing plans, including Ramsar site management frameworks.

- Concerns regarding potential duplication of infrastructure support, particularly in waste management.
- Lack of technical expertise in water resource management at the local government level.
- Need for enhanced community-based approaches in agriculture and eco-tourism development.
- Importance of youth engagement through enterprise development and livelihood diversification.

6. Recommendations

The workshop generated the following key recommendations:

- Strengthen coordination mechanisms to ensure alignment with existing sectoral and conservation plans.
- Prioritize capacity building for local governments, particularly in water resource and climate adaptation planning.
- Promote integrated and sustainable waste management systems, including community participation.
- Support formation of farmer groups and enterprises, with a focus on organic agriculture and value addition.
- Explore broader biodiversity-based eco-tourism opportunities beyond flagship species conservation.
- Ensure all interventions under the Concept Note are complementary and non-duplicative.

7. Conclusion

The workshop successfully enhanced understanding among stakeholders regarding the Green Climate Fund Readiness Project and strengthened information sharing across key sectors. It provided a valuable platform for dialogue, coordination, and consensus-building on priority climate resilience interventions. The inputs generated will directly inform the refinement of the Concept Note and contribute to more integrated, sustainable, and community-driven climate adaptation planning in the project area.

RSPN acknowledges the active participation of all stakeholders and reiterates its commitment to supporting inclusive and effective climate resilience initiatives through continued collaboration and engagement.









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