



## Report on Hiring of Local Consultant for Assessment of Capacity Needs and Gaps, and Conduct of Training on Climate Finance



## Project Information

**Project Title:** Strengthening Capacities and Enhancing Climate Data and Services in Bhutan to Scale Up Climate Financing from Multiple Sources

**Implementing Entity:** Ministry of Finance, Bhutan (Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance, NDA)

**Reporting Period:** April 10, 2026 and June 18, 2026

### 1. Background

Under the ongoing GCF Readiness Project titled “*Strengthening Capacities and Enhancing Climate Data and Services in Bhutan to Scale Up Climate Financing from Multiple Sources*”, a national consultant was engaged to support targeted capacity strengthening of the National Designated Authority (NDA), particularly the Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance (DMDF), Ministry of Finance.

The assignment was designed to address critical institutional and technical gaps identified during prior capacity assessments, with emphasis on improving Bhutan’s ability to effectively access and manage climate finance from the Green Climate Fund and other sources.

### 2. Objective of the Assignment

The primary objective of the consultancy was to strengthen institutional and technical capacities of NDA/DMDF staff and relevant stakeholders through:

- Delivery of technical training sessions
- Enhancement of competencies in climate finance-related project development and appraisal
- Institutionalization of knowledge within the NDA system
- Support to private sector engagement in climate finance
- Contribution to the formulation of a new GCF Readiness proposal (zero draft)

### 3. Scope of Work Undertaken

The consultant carried out the following key activities:

#### 3.1 Training Needs Assessment

- Reviewed existing capacity assessments and identified priority technical gaps within NDA/DMDF including:
  - Climate project proposal development
  - Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)
  - Financial and investment analysis for climate projects
  - Climate finance programming and structuring
  - Private sector engagement in climate finance

### **3.2 Conduct of Training Programmes**

- Facilitated targeted training sessions for NDA/DMDF officials and relevant stakeholders.
- Ensured a practical and applied approach, including case-based learning and exercises aligned with GCF funding proposal requirements.
- Strengthened participants' understanding of GCF project cycle requirements and fiduciary standards.

### **3.3 Institutionalization of Capacity Development**

- Supported development of standardized training materials for future use by the NDA.
- Contributed to establishing a framework for sustained internal capacity development within DMDF.
- Encouraged integration of training content into ongoing institutional processes.

### **3.4 Support to GCF Proposal Development**

- Assisted in the preparation of the zero draft of a new GCF Readiness proposal.
- Provided technical inputs on project design, results framework, and alignment with GCF investment criteria.
- Incorporated lessons learned from previous readiness activities and identified capacity gaps into the draft proposal structure.

### **3.5 Private Sector Engagement**

- Contributed to identifying entry points for private sector participation in climate finance.
- Provided guidance on structuring investment-ready climate projects to enhance bankability and scalability.

## **4. Key Outputs Delivered**

- Delivery of structured capacity-building workshops for NDA/DMDF staff
- Zero draft of new GCF Readiness Proposal
- Analytical inputs on ESS, financial structuring, and investment analysis
- Recommendations for strengthening private sector engagement mechanisms

## **5. Key Outcomes and Observed Results**

- Enhanced technical understanding of GCF project preparation requirements among NDA/DMDF staff
- Improved capacity in integrating environmental, social, and financial considerations in project design
- Strengthened institutional readiness for pipeline development and proposal submission
- Increased awareness of private sector roles in climate finance mobilization
- Improved coherence in drafting of new readiness support interventions

## 6. Conclusion

The consultancy has made a substantive contribution to strengthening the institutional and technical capacity of Bhutan's NDA/D MDF in climate finance readiness. The assignment directly supports the objectives of the GCF Readiness Programme by enhancing project development capacity, improving safeguards and financial analysis skills, and supporting pipeline development through the preparation of a new readiness proposal.

The outputs generated under this assignment provide a strong foundation for continued capacity building and improved access to climate finance from multiple sources.



