



**Quick Info (Q & A) about
NATIONAL DESIGNATED AUTHORITY**

**Green Climate Fund
Adaptation Fund**

1. What is the National Designated Authority (NDA)?

It is a national institution mandated by the Zambian Government the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund (AF) to be a liaison and interface of activities of the funds in the country.

2. When was the National Designated Authority established?

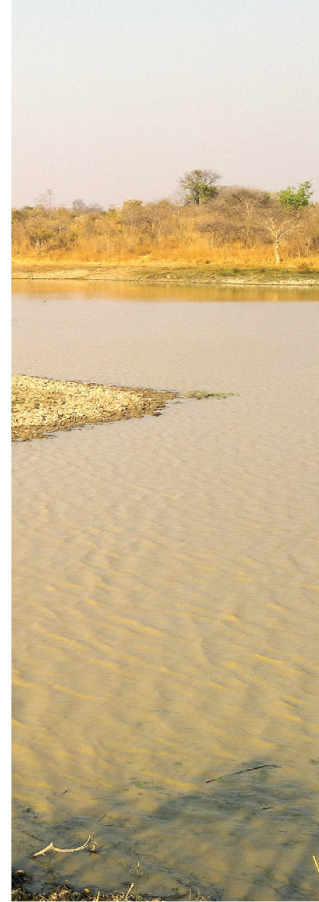
The National Designated Authority was established in August 2015 as a project office in conformity with the GCF Governing instrument and falls under the development planning department in the Ministry of National Development Planning.

3. When was the National Designated Authority established?

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) is a global fund which was established in 2010 by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to provide technical and financial support to climate programmes and projects in developing countries like Zambia. It also aims at limiting or reducing greenhouse emissions (mitigation) and to adapt to the impacts of climate change (adaptation). The Green Climate Fund is currently the largest global fund of the UNFCCC and its headquarters is located in Songdo in South Korea.

4. What is the Adaptation Fund (AF)?

It is an international fund that finances programmes and projects aimed at helping developing countries to adapt to the harmful effects of climate change. It was set up under the Kyoto Protocol of the UNFCCC in 2001.



5. What is an Accredited Entity?

An Accredited Entity is an institution who receives the concept note from the applicant following its review by the technical experts and develops it into a full proposal which is later submitted to the GCF or AF. If the financier is satisfied that the project or programme proposal meets required guidelines, it will channel the resources through the same Accredited Entity. The role of the Accredited Entity includes management and monitoring of the projects and programmes.

6. How can one access financial Support from the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund?

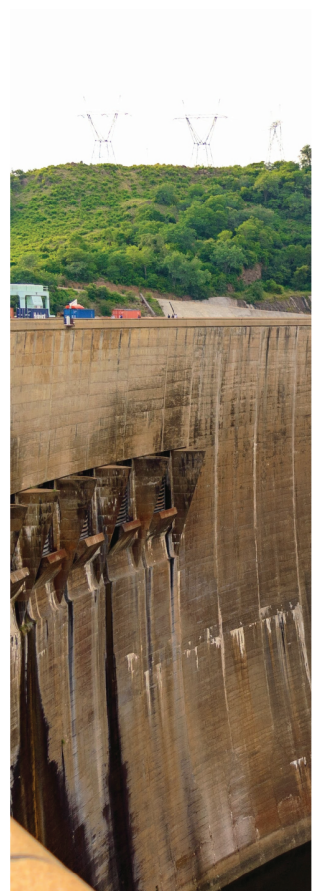
Applicants seeking financial resources from the GCF and the AF must submit their concept notes on projects and programmes through the Ministry of National Development Planning. After receiving the submissions, the NDA convenes a meeting of technical experts to review the concept notes to ensure that they are in line with climate change priorities laid out in the National Policy on Climate Change (NPCC), National Development Plans and other related policies and strategies. The NDA will thereafter write to the applicant to submit their concept note to the financier's Accredited Entity.

7. Does Zambia have a national accredited entity?

Zambia does not yet have a National Accredited entity, however three institutions have been nominated and are in the process of accreditation with the GCF.

8. Can the NDA reject an application for funding?

No! The NDA does not reject proposals for funding. For applications that do not meet the criteria set up by the financiers, the NDA will advise the applicants to ensure that their programmes and project proposals meet the set criteria by the funder and the development priorities of the country. For applications that meet the set criteria, the NDA will issue a letter of support to the applicant and the accredited entity. When such a letter is issued, it means that the applicant/accredited entity has met all the



laid out guidelines required for the funding and is advised to develop a full proposal to submit to the Green Climate Fund.

9. What type of projects can be accepted?

All viable projects and programmes that lead to the limiting or reduction of greenhouse emissions and contribute to increased resilience, or adaptation of livelihoods to the adverse effects of climate change are eligible for funding.

10. What size of projects can be funded by the GCF?

Micro (US\$0 – 10million)

Small (US\$10 – 50million)

Medium (US\$50 – 250million)

Large (more than US250million)

11. Are there any other smaller-scale projects or programmes funded by the GCF?

Yes. There is the Simplified Approval Process (SAP), a pilot scheme by the GCF for smaller scale projects or programmes whose threshold is US\$10 million. Projects considered are those ready for scaling up and has the potential for transformation to adapt and/or mitigate to climate change.



12. Who can access the funds, public or private sector?

Any institution, public or private sector could access the funds, as long as the institution is legally registered and meets the required standards.

13. Can a person apply for funding in their individual capacity?

Only institutions and associations meeting the standards set out by the Zambian Government, Green Climate Fund, or the Adaptation Fund.

14. Are there any projects that have been approved for funding so far by the GCF and the AF?

So far, two Zambian projects were approved by the GCF in 2018. These are;

- i) The Zambia Renewable Energy Financing Framework with a total investment amount of US\$154.0million from financiers, out of which the GCF funded in US\$52.5million. The project lifespan is five (5) years. It is anticipated that the successful implementation of this project will result in avoiding an equivalent of 4 million tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), an effort to contribute to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target and in conformity with UN SDG #7 on achieving “Affordable and clean energy” as well as meeting the goal of Pillar No.1 in the 7NDP and other policies of the Zambia Government.
- ii) The Strengthening Climate Resilience of Agricultural Livelihoods in Agro-Ecological Regions (SCRALA) I and II in Zambia with a total investment of US\$137.3 million. The GCF contribution was US\$32 million while the rest came from co-financiers including the Zambia Government. The project lifespan is seven (7) years. The SCRALA initiative has the potential to economically empower an estimated 3million small holder farmers-mostly women, youths, and marginalized groups in 16 districts in agro-ecological regions I and II in Zambia which include parts of Central, Lusaka, Southern and Western provinces.



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