



CLIMATE**FOCUS**

Expanding Potential Partnerships for the GCF

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Who is Climate Focus?



Team of individuals committed to finding unique and creative solutions to climate change.



Offices and staff located in Amsterdam, Bangkok, Lisbon, Sao Paulo, and Washington DC.



Focus areas include: Climate law and policy, REDD, emissions trading



Role of Subnational Partnerships in REDD+

- Maintain momentum around REDD+ where national and international progress is slow
- Support policy development with concrete implementation of policies and measures
- Make full use of knowledge, experience, contacts, and networks to the benefit of conservation and





Interested regions (preliminary list)

- **Aquitaine** (France, nrg4SD)
- **Baden-Wurttemberg** (Germany)
- **Basque country** (Spain)
- **Bavaria** (Germany)
- **Catalonia** (Spain, nrg4SD)
- **Flanders** (Belgium)
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- **Lower Saxony** (Germany)
- **Hesse** (Germany)
- **North Rhine Westphalia** (Germany)
- **Rhone-Alps** (France)
- **Scotland** (United Kingdom)



Role of the GCF

- Creates a platform for the exchange of information and experiences
- Allows South-South / North-South collaboration at the subnational level
- Supports readiness efforts at the subnational level
- Forges bilateral partnerships between regions and state





Challenges for the GCF

Attract new partner regions and identify concrete opportunities for collaboration

Balancing partner entities from developing with entities from developed country regions

Combining environmental rigor with flexibility



Develop and share REDD+ management capacities across partner regions

Identify new sources of finance through public private partnerships





Mobilize Support Through New Partnerships

Goal: Broaden support for REDD+ at a subnational level.

Strategy: Identification of active, ambitious and politically motivated partner regions in Europe and Australia.

Tactics: Engage in dialogue, identify champions, secure political support, identify concrete projects based on private-public and public-public partnerships taking into account fiscal constraints.



Public private
partnerships

Knowledge
partnerships

Opportunities of
collaboration

Public public
partnerships

Trade partnerships



Opportunities to collaborate

- Existing within the context of the GCF: Collaboration within future regulated carbon markets (California), but not an option for EU entities
- Voluntary carbon markets through PPPs, such as
 - Public agreements between regions ensure standards and quality of voluntary credits
 - Collaboration within procurement of low-deforestation goods and services
 - Exchange of experience around forest management and monitoring
- Support MRV and technical capacities (support readiness processes)
- Exchange experience and knowledge in forest management
- Support low-deforestation supply chains and certification processes (around agricultural commodities and timber)



Lessons Learned

- Strong interest in collaboration and support for the GCF
- Interest is often linked to the identification of a concrete partner region and collaboration project
- Identification of partner region often limited by pre-existing partnerships and national strategies
- Coordination with the national level

essential



Thank you for your attention.

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