



Answers by India Water Foundation, an observer organisation with UNFCCC

1. What are your overall expectations for the climate finance work programme? What concrete outputs and outcomes should the climate finance work programme deliver?

The climate finance work programme should deliver clear, actionable pathways to scale predictable, adequate and accessible finance aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement, particularly Article 9. It must move beyond dialogue to implementation-focused outcomes. Concrete outputs should include: a framework for aligning public and private finance with SDG and climate nexus priorities; simplified access mechanisms for developing countries; standardised metrics for tracking finance flows and impact; and guidance on leveraging blended finance and innovative instruments. Outcomes should ensure enhanced transparency, increased flows for adaptation and loss and damage, strengthened capacity in developing countries, and improved coherence between climate finance, development finance and national planning systems.

2. What are the thematic pillars of the climate finance work programme and the related subtopics that we should address within each pillar?

The climate finance work programme may be structured around the following thematic pillars:

- a. Scaling and Access to Climate Finance
Subtopics: adequacy and predictability of finance; simplified access for developing countries; direct access modalities; adaptation finance gap.
- b. Alignment and Integration with SDGs
Subtopics: nexus-based financing (water–energy–health–environment); integration with national development plans; climate–SDG co-benefits.
- c. Private Sector Mobilisation and Innovative Finance
Subtopics: blended finance; risk de-risking instruments; carbon markets (Article 6); ESG integrity and avoiding greenwashing.
- d. Transparency, Tracking and Accountability
Subtopics: common metrics and definitions; tracking flows and impact; MRV systems; data interoperability.
- e. Capacity Building and Enabling Environments
Subtopics: institutional strengthening; policy coherence; project preparation support; local and community-level capacity.

f. Equity, Adaptation and Loss & Damage

Subtopics: just transition; climate justice; finance for vulnerable communities; operationalisation of loss and damage funding.

3. How should the climate finance work programme be organized to ensure that the format is inclusive, balanced, and technically robust, while addressing climate finance comprehensively and delivering outcomes that are actionable and meaningful?

The work programme should be structured through inclusive, multi-stakeholder tracks combining technical expert dialogues, regional consultations and country-led case studies. It should ensure balanced representation of developed and developing countries, with strong participation from communities, private sector and civil society. Outputs should be iterative and solution-oriented, policy briefs, toolkits and financing roadmaps co-developed with stakeholders. A results framework with clear timelines, measurable indicators and regular stocktakes should ensure accountability, learning and actionable outcomes.

Best regards

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