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# **CLIMATE FUND AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FACILITATION GUIDE**

## **1. Who Provides Climate Funds?**

Funding for climate projects comes from diverse sources, including:

### **a. Multilateral Funds**

- I. Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- II. Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- III. Adaptation Fund (AF)
- IV. Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

### **b. International Financial Institutions (IFIs)**

- I. World Bank
- II. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- III. African Development Bank (AfDB)
- IV. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- V. European Investment Bank (EIB)

### **c. United Nations (UN) Agencies**

- I. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- II. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)



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- III. UN Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD)

#### **d. Bilateral Donors**

- I. United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (UK FCDO)
- II. Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- III. Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

#### **e. Foundations**

- I. ClimateWorks
- II. Bloomberg Philanthropies
- III. Rockefeller Foundation

## **2. How Can You Access Climate Funds?**

Accessing climate funds involves:

### **Step 1: Identify the Right Fund**

- I. Align your project with the fund's focus, such as mitigation, adaptation, or REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus).

### **Step 2: Meet Access Requirements**

- I. Submit proposals through accredited entities (e.g., GCF's Accredited Entities, GEF's Implementing Agencies)



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- II. Obtain endorsements from national authorities (e.g., National Designated Authorities for GCF).
- III. Demonstrate alignment with national climate strategies, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

### **Step 3: Ensure Compliance with Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)**

- I. Conduct risk assessments, stakeholder consultations, and develop mitigation plans.

### **3. Do Fund Providers Have Environmental Regulatory Requirements?**

Yes, all major funds providers enforce strict Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS), including:

#### **a. Mandatory Assessments**

- I. Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA)
- II. Environmental and Social Risk Assessments (ESRA)
- III. Gender Analysis

#### **b. Safeguard Policies**

- I. IFC Performance Standards
- II. GCF Environmental and Social Policy (ESP)



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III. World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)

**c. Stakeholder Engagement**

- I. Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- II. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- III. Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)

**d. Monitoring**

Climate and social impact indicators

**4. What Are the Key Requirements by Fund?**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Key Requirements</b>
<b>GCF</b>	ESRA, IFC Performance Standards, Gender Action Plan, GRM
<b>GEF</b>	9 Safeguard Standards, ESIA, stakeholder consultations.
<b>World Bank</b>	ESF (10 Standards), ESMP, RAP, GBV risk assessment.
<b>IFC</b>	Performance Standards (PS 1–8), labor/land safeguards



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<b>Adaptation Fund</b>	ESIA, gender equity, human rights principles
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## 5. How Can Quintessence Facilitate Compliance for You?

We provide comprehensive support tailored to your project's needs:

- A. **Fund Matching:** Identify the best-fit fund based on project type and location.
- B. **Proposal Development:** Align proposals with fund criteria, including NDC alignment and ESS compliance.
- C. **ESS Compliance:** Conduct ESIA/ESRA, develop SEP, GRM, and Gender Action Plans.
- D. **Stakeholder Engagement:** Facilitate FPIC consultations and documentation.
- E. **Monitoring & Reporting:** Design Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (MER) frameworks to meet funder indicators.