

Briefing Note Eight¹ (January 2024) Civil Society and Climate Finance

Highlights

- 1. CSOs are crucial channels for the delivery of adaptation finance.** Effective adaptation is highly location and country specific. Through the reach and diversity of CSO partnerships, particularly engaging national CSOs in developing countries, CSOs are well positioned to implement locally led adaptation initiatives, accessing local communities and their knowledge.
- 2. Increased support for adaptation through CSOs in the \$5.3 billion climate pledge.** Adaptation is the main focus for CSO engagement in Canada's climate finance, currently implementing 46% of adaptation project commitments. This contrasts to 10% of adaptation implemented by CSOs in the previous \$2.65 billion five-year pledge.
- 3. The \$315 million CSO *Partnering for Climate Fund* is a key component of Canada's adaptation finance.** By December 2023 the Fund had fully committed \$300 million to 15 CSO projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Another \$15 million for partnerships with Indigenous peoples' organizations has yet to be allocated. Beyond the Fund, CSOs are implementing an additional \$190 million in 16 projects for adaptation and \$45 million for mitigation (2.3% of mitigation commitments to date).
- 4. Foreign CSOs play a minor role in Canada's climate finance.** In the first two years of the climate pledge (2021/22 and 2022/23), Canadian CSOs received 84% of disbursements and foreign CSOs, 16%, for climate finance. But there has been no direct funding of CSOs in the global south.
- 5. Agriculture is a key sector for CSOs in adaptation finance.** 34% of disbursements through CSOs for climate purposes were directed to Agriculture initiatives, 22% for General Environment Protection, and 12% for strengthening the Government and Civil Society sector.
- 6. CSO regional allocations concentrate on Africa.** Africa accounts for 35% of CSO climate disbursements for 2021/22 and 2022/23, with the Americas at 15% and Asia at 12%. Significantly, 9% of CSO disbursements were directed to the South Pacific and its highly vulnerable island states.
- 7. Gender equality is a strong focus in CSO climate adaptation disbursements.** At 17% of their climate disbursements, CSOs have a strong focus on principal purpose gender equality in adaptation projects. CSOs are implementing more than two-thirds (78%) of disbursements for adaptation with gender equality as the principal purpose of these projects.

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Civil Society and Climate Finance

1. Increasing support for adaptation through CSOs in the \$5.6 Billion Climate Pledge

The Government's framework for allocating the \$5.3 billion pledge (2021/22 to 2025/26), *Canada's Climate Finance for Developing Countries*,² affirms its intention to collaborate with a range of multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental partners, including leveraging "the climate action expertise and commitment of organizations in Canada." But the policy framework does not put forward a targeted share of the five-year pledge to be delivered through CSOs, despite the well-documented notion that accessing local communities and their knowledge is key to effective adaptation finance. Through the reach and diversity of CSO partnerships, particularly engaging national CSOs in developing countries, CSOs are well positioned to implement locally led adaptation initiatives.³

Adaptation is the main focus for CSO climate commitments in Canada's \$5.3 billion Climate Pledge, with total project commitments of \$490 million being implemented by CSOs, or 46% of adaptation commitments to date (December 2023).

This share in adaptation finance has been strongly influenced by the *Partnering for Climate Fund*, launched in 2022 as the preeminent Canadian initiative for adaptation finance with Canadian CSOs.⁴ The Fund allocates \$300 million to CSO projects in Sub-Saharan Africa with a major focus on nature-based solutions (NbS) and gender equality, and establishes a special \$15 million fund dedicated to support Indigenous peoples and organizations in Canada in advancing climate action alongside Indigenous partners in developing countries. By December 2023, the \$300 million has been fully committed to 15 projects with Canadian CSOs. (See **Annex One** for a list of these projects.) There have been no project commitments announced for the Indigenous Peoples \$15 million fund.⁵

Beyond the Partnering for Climate Fund, there have been an additional 16 project commitments that are being implemented by CSOs, with \$190 million committed for adaptation and \$45 million for mitigation support (2.3% of total mitigation commitments to date). (See **Annex One** for a list of these projects.)

² See <https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/climate-developing-countries-climatique-pays-developpement.aspx?lang=eng#a5>.

³ See the research by the International Institute for Environment and Development on locally led adaptation and its central role in effective finance for adaptation at <https://www.ied.org/climate-change>.

⁴ For details on the call for proposals for this CSOs Partnering for Climate (\$300 million), see <https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/partnering-climate-partenariats-climat.aspx?lang=eng>.

⁵ The call for Indigenous Peoples Partnering for Climate concepts (\$15 million) opened January 2023. For details see <https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/indigenous-partnering-partenarias-autochtones.aspx?lang=eng>.

2. Limited finance through civil society in the 2016/17 to 2020/21 Climate Pledge (\$2.65 Billion)

Support for adaptation through CSO partnerships was not apparent in Canada's first five-year Climate Pledge, 2016/17 to 2020/21.

Out of the \$2.65 billion five-year climate pledge, a total of \$124.4 million in project commitments that were implemented by CSOs (for both adaptation and mitigation). These projects represented 4.6% of total project commitments related to this pledge. Of this total, \$95.5 million were for adaptation (10% of all adaptation commitments) and \$28.9 million for mitigation (1.7% of all mitigation commitments). See **Annex Two** for a list of all CSO climate projects financed through the \$2.65 billion pledge.

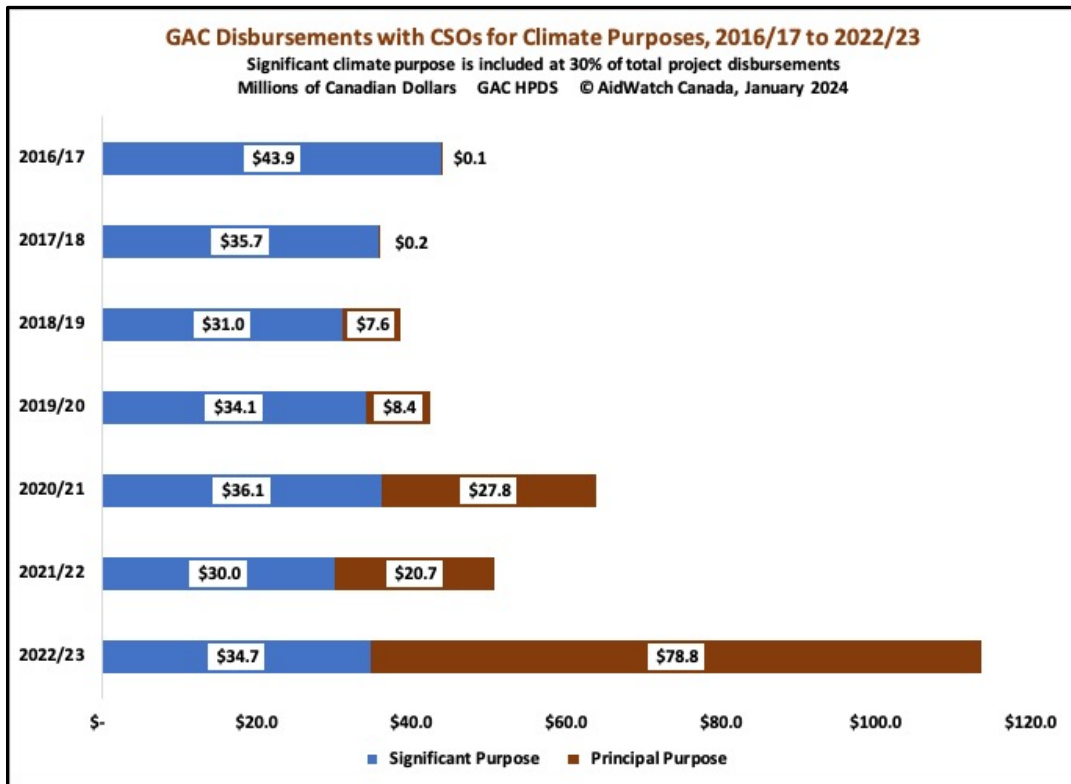
3. Some Trends in CSO Climate Finance

3.1 Overall trends for CSOs improved in the \$5.3 billion pledge period

Some current trends in CSO Climate Finance can be gleaned from annual GAC disbursement in the Historical Projects Dataset. (See statistical details for adaptation and mitigation in **Annex Three**.)

- For the two fiscal years related to the \$5.3 billion pledge period (2021/22 and 2022/23), a total of \$164.2 million were disbursed to CSO implemented projects for both principal purpose and significant purpose (@30% of disbursements). Of this amount, 77% were for adaptation projects and 23% were for mitigation projects.
- The focus on principal purpose projects has improved in the \$5.3 billion pledge period. For adaptation finance for these two fiscal years, 61% were for principal purpose climate projects (where climate objectives are the main purpose of the project) and 39% of significant purpose projects (where climate objectives are among other principal objectives for the project). These shares contrast the previous \$2.65 billion pledge five-year period, where 80% of disbursements for climate finance through CSOs were for significant purpose and only 20% for principal purpose. (See **Chart One**)
- In these two fiscal years, a total of \$17.5 million were disbursed through foreign CSOs. Canadian CSOs received 84% of the total disbursements and foreign CSOs, 16%. While disbursements were made through foreign CSOs, there has been no direct funding of CSOs in the global south in climate finance.
- CSO total climate disbursements for these two years (\$164.2 million) represented only 6.4% of total ODA disbursed through CSOs in these years (\$2,565.4 million).

Chart One: Principal Purpose and Significant Purpose in GAC’s Climate Disbursements with CSOs



3.2 Sector allocations for CSO adaptation climate finance disbursements, 2021/22 and 2022/23

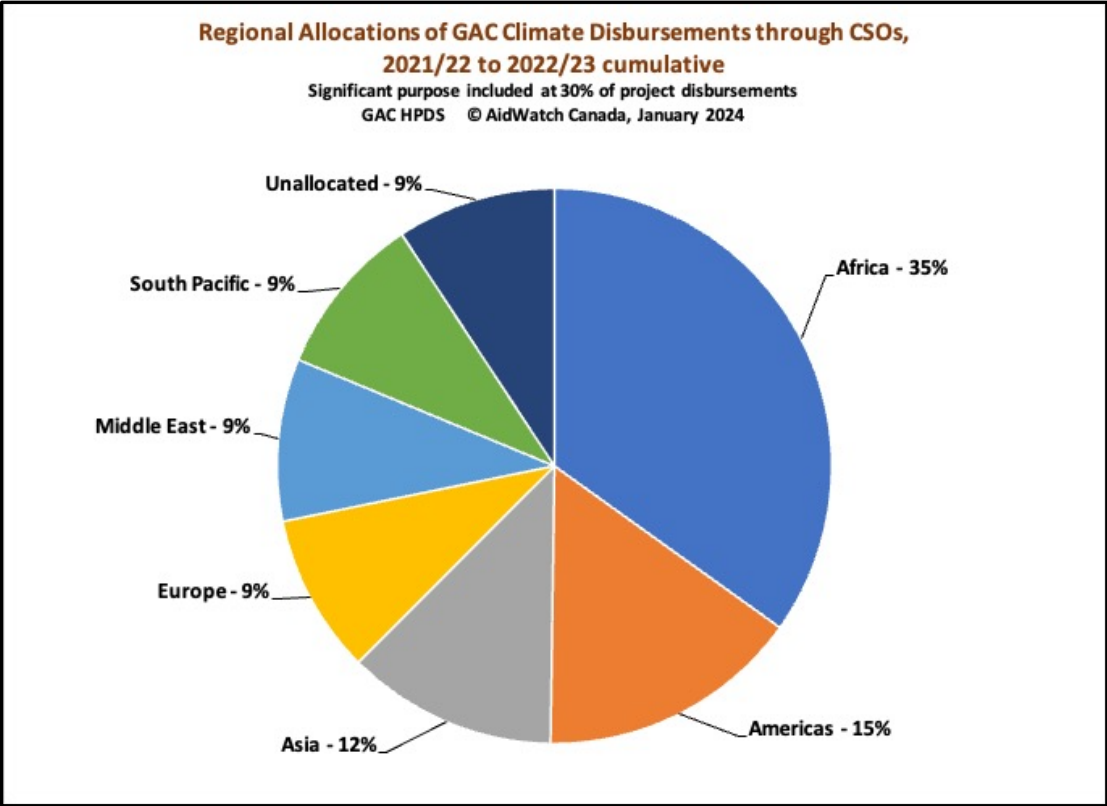
At 34%, agriculture is a major sectoral focus for CSO climate finance in adaptation (including significant purpose projects), followed by General Environment Protection at 22%. (See **Table Two**)

Table Two
Sector Allocation of GAC Climate Disbursements to CSOs for Adaptation, 2021/22 and 2022/23 cumulative, GAC HPDS
 Significant purpose projects included at 30% of project disbursements

Sector	Share of Total Climate Disbursement to CSOs
Agriculture	34%
General Environment Protection	22%
Government and Civil Society	12%
Other Multisector	8%
Forestry	3%
Industry	3%
Basic Health	3%
Business and Other Services	2%

3.3 Regional allocation of CSO adaptation climate disbursements, 2021/22 to 2022/23, cumulative

Chart Two



CSO climate finance for adaptation (principal purpose and significant purpose) are concentrated in Africa at 35% of all GAC adaptation finance with CSOs. The Americas is also an important region for CSO adaptation finance in this period. Climate allocations to the South Pacific by CSOs is apparent at 9% of CSO climate adaptation disbursements. (See **Chart Two**)

3.4 Gender Equality strong focus in CSO Climate Adaptation disbursements, 2021/22 to 2022/23 cumulative

At 17% of total adaptation disbursements, CSO have a strong focus on principal purpose gender equality in its adaptation projects. Significant purpose gender equality makes up the remaining 83% of project disbursements. CSOs are implementing 78% of disbursements for adaptation with gender equality as the principal purpose of these projects.

Annex One CSO Project Commitments in the \$5.3 Billion Pledge

1. Partnering for Climate Initiative

The specific criteria for the \$300 million Partnering for Climate funding include:⁶

- Adaptation must be the primary focus for projects, with biodiversity as a significant objective.⁷
- A gender equality objective at the intermediate outcome level, with at least \$20 million set aside for projects focusing on the intersection of women’s rights and climate adaptation.
- Localization approaches, supporting local involvement, knowledge and ownership
- Alignment with the overall goals for the \$5.3 billion pledge.

Total Committed CSOs: \$295.7 million (99%) (November 2023)

Total Committed Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations: N/A

Approved Projects:

1. Feminist Climate Action in West Africa - \$16 million

Announced: December 2022

Inter Pares and Suco

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/backgrounder-canadas-new-support-to-protect-biodiversity-in-developing-countries.html>

Canada’s support will help scale up community-based responses to climate adaptation by strengthening the participation of women and youth in local governance of biodiversity and climate action, improving agro-ecological practices and ecosystem rehabilitation, and enhancing economic empowerment in Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Togo. Activities include the design and implementation of ecosystem management and development plans, support for strengthening climate-resilient agro-ecological practices, and the installation of nurseries and reforestation of coastal ecosystems.

⁶ See the eligibility criteria at <https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/partnering-climate-partenariats-climat.aspx?lang=eng>

⁷ GAC defines support for adaptation as follows: “GAC will classify activities as being related to climate change adaptation if they intend to reduce the vulnerability of human or natural systems to the impacts of climate change and climate-related risks, by maintaining or increasing adaptive capacity and resilience. This encompasses a range of activities from information and knowledge generation, to capacity development, planning and the implementation of climate change adaptation action.”

GAC defines support for nature-based solutions and biodiversity as follows: Global Affairs Canada will classify activities as biodiversity-related if they promote at least 1 of the 3 objectives of the Rio Convention on Biological Diversity: the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components (ecosystems, species or genetic resources), or fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of the utilization of genetic resources.

2. Regenerative Seascapes for People, Climate and Nature- \$30 million

Announced: February 2023

Mission Inclusion

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/backgrounder-canadas-new-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

This project will support the establishment of a network of sustainable seascapes that will help enhance the climate and socioeconomic resilience of coastal communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Comoros and Madagascar.

3. Natur'ELLES - \$20 million

Announced: February 2023

SOCODEVI

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/backgrounder-canadas-new-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

This project will enable the adoption of nature-based solutions to help conserve mangrove ecosystems, enhance climate resiliency and biodiversity, and support inclusive and equitable governance of the natural resources of mangrove systems in Senegal.

4. Conservation & Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME) - \$16.5 million

Announced: February 2023

Plan International

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/backgrounder-canadas-new-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

This project seeks to improve sustainability for women in the blue economy who depend on healthy oceans for their livelihoods. The project also aims to improve coastal management in Kenya by supporting communities in restoring and conserving mangroves, sustainably farming seaweed, and managing and conserving forests.

5. Gender-Transformative Wetlands Conservation in Lake Chad Basin - \$25 million

Announced: March 2023

Alina

<https://www.alineainternational.com/le-canada-annonce-un-projet-sexotransformateur-de-conservation-du-bassin-du-lac-tchad/> and <https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/partnering-climate-partenariats-climat.aspx?lang=eng>

The Lake Chad Basin Conservation Project aims to enhance the climate resilience of ecosystems and marginalized communities structurally vulnerable to climate change. With a focus on women and youth, the project team will apply nature-based climate solutions to six Lake Chad Basin [RAMSAR wetland sites](#) in Cameroon, Chad and Niger. The project team will use an integrated approach to achieve better conservation and restoration of wetlands and adjoining agricultural landscapes, as well as contribute to sustainable and equitable use of ecosystems. Additionally, an environmental peacebuilding approach and the application of traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge and practices will help reduce local conflict related to use and access of resources.

6. Women Pro-Forests - \$16 million

Announced September 2023

Union des producteurs agricoles - Développement international (UPA-DI)

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/10/working-together-deliver-real-results-beyond-our-borders>

This project aims to improve the adaptation to climate change of women and their families in the Moyén-Bafing National Park in Guinea, through the adoption of nature-based solutions. It also seeks to sustainably improve the economic opportunities of beneficiaries through climate-smart nature-based agroforestry solutions, and through the inclusive and equitable governance of forest biodiversity.

7. Gender Transformative Climate Adaptation - \$16.3 million

Announced September 2023

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/10/working-together-deliver-real-results-beyond-our-borders>

This project seeks to reduce vulnerability to climate change and enhance the well-being of communities and their surrounding ecosystems in the transnational catchment area of the Logone Chari river system between N'djamena and Lake Chad in Cameroon and Chad. The project will improve low carbon, climate resilient economies in the region through the adoption of nature-based solutions. The project will use a gender-transformative approach to support women in leadership roles and reduce their time burdens.

8. Knowledge, Rights and Leadership: Actions by and for Women to Adapt to Climate Change - \$9.9 million

Announced: September 2023

Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/10/working-together-deliver-real-results-beyond-our-borders>

This project aims to use gender-transformative methods and nature-based solutions to improve women's adaptation to climate change in agriculture and forestry. The project will advance forest biodiversity conservation and restoration in the Democratic Republic of Congo's North Kivu (Walikale) and South Kivu (Kabare, Kalehe and Mwenga). The project will also seek to improve households' living conditions and food security status.

9. Zanzibar Women's Leadership in Adaptation Project (ZanzADAPT) - \$5.8 million

Announced: September 2023

Community Forests International

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/10/working-together-deliver-real-results-beyond-our-borders>

This project aims to enhance nature-based climate adaptation in vulnerable coastal communities, fostering biodiversity and conserving coastal and marine ecosystems through mangrove conservation, nature-positive land use, and climate-adaptive agroforestry. The project will help increase women's influence and leadership in nature-based climate adaptation enterprises and governance structures in Zanzibar.

10. Ecosystem Solutions for Sustainable Adaptation (ESSA) - \$15 million

Announced: September 2023

Cégep de la Gaspésie et des îles (CGI)

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/10/working-together-deliver-real-results-beyond-our-borders>

This project aims to contribute to climate change adaptation in communities in or near three protected areas in West Africa: The National Park of Arguin Bank (Mauritania), Niimi and Jokadu Park (Gambia), and the Protected Marine Area of Ufoyaal Kassa-Bandial (Senegal). The project will scale up the implementation of nature-based solutions already tested in the region for greater climate change adaptation.

11. Climate Change Adaptation for Women in Protected Areas of Congo and Chad - \$21 million

Announced: September 2023

Développement international Desjardins and BAASTE

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/21/canada-supports-strong-ambitious-international-action-78th-session>

This project aims to enhance the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems services in protected areas through nature-based solutions. It will strengthen women's ability to manage natural resources; enhance the adoption by women of productive nature-based solutions with biodiversity co-benefits; and enhance the adoption of gender-sensitive and climate-resilient management plans for protected areas.

12. Nature-Based Climate Adaptation in the Guinean Forests of West Africa - \$25 Million

Announced: September 2023

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/21/canada-supports-strong-ambitious-international-action-78th-session>

This project aims to enhance the adoption of gender responsive and inclusive nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation in the Guinean forests of West Africa, specifically in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Guinea by improving women's leadership in planning processes. This project will benefit biodiversity by increasing the restoration of degraded forests and key habitats, and it will increase gender-responsive investments with income potential for women. The project engages with a wide range of stakeholders to develop local and regional capacity to use evidence and integrate women and marginalized groups to prioritize locally relevant nature-based solutions to climate change adaptation.

13. Scaling Urban-Nature-Based Solutions for climate Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa - \$28.7 Million

Announced: September 2023

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/21/canada-supports-strong-ambitious-international-action-78th-session>

This project seeks to achieve enhanced community demand for gender-responsive nature-based solutions for climate adaptation through watershed conservation and restoration; increased adoption of gender-responsive nature-based solutions using watershed conservation and restoration practices to support flood control, upstream and downstream water security, gender equality and biodiversity protection; and enhanced inclusive and gender-responsive governance for the implementation of nature-based solutions for climate adaptation by municipal officials and local stakeholders in urban communities.

14. Locally-led Indigenous Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation in Zimbabwe - \$15 Million

Announced: September 2023

Mennonite Central Committee

<https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2023/09/21/canada-supports-strong-ambitious-international-action-78th-session>

This project will lead to increased adoption of Indigenous-led and gender-responsive nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation. The project aims to reduce vulnerability and increase biodiversity within terrestrial ecosystems; and enhance Indigenous-led, nature-positive, conflict-sensitive and climate resilient livelihood opportunities, particularly for women and girls, through sustainable use of biodiversity in the Mwenezi, Binga, and Gwanda districts.

15. Nature-Positive Food Systems for Climate Change Adaptation - \$35.5 Million

Announced: November 2023

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011740001>

The project aims to improve low-carbon, climate-resilient economies in rural areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zimbabwe to enhance the well-being of communities and, particularly, women, girls and other marginalized groups. It will use nature-based solutions coupled with landscape-level restoration to address food insecurity and increasing threats to livelihoods. It also aims to increase the ability of targeted landscapes to absorb biophysical shocks and stresses caused by the increasingly disruptive effects of climate change.

2. Other CSO Project Commitments in the \$5.3 Billion Climate Pledge

Adaptation Projects

1. National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network - \$10 million (US\$8 million)

Announced November 2021

International Institute for Sustainable Development

Increase - Up from \$4 million for the 2016-2020 commitment period

The Network works with developing countries to address structural drivers of climate vulnerability, as well as to empower women, marginalized groups, and those most affected by climate impacts to participate in the NAP process and shape a country's adaptation priorities. The Network will continue and expand technical support, innovate and experiment with peer learning, and make knowledge around NAPs more accessible and compelling.

2. Phase I and II of Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Plan - \$9 million (US\$7.2M)

Announced November 2021

Stockholm Resilience Centre (Stockholm University)

Increase - Canada committed \$2.5 million to this fund in the 2016-2020 commitment period

Support Small Island Developing States and coastal developing countries increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change through nature-based solutions.

3. On-Air for Gender-Inclusive Nature-based Climate Solutions - \$10.9 million

Announced June 24, 2022 at Kilgali Commonwealth Summit

Farm Radio International

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010522001>

The project will use Farm Radio's interactive local radio programming to achieve enhanced rural community action on climate change adaptation and biodiversity using locally-relevant, gender-inclusive nature-based solutions. This project will help to create a common understanding of climate change, in particular how nature-based solutions can be used to address climate adaptation needs and enhance or protect biodiversity. It will offer a means for local communities (particularly women and youth) to identify and express their adaptation needs, expand access to NBS information across Sub-Saharan Africa; support rural communities in learning about, customizing and applying NBS for climate adaptation; and raise Canadian awareness of, and engagement with these solutions. There are six focus countries – Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda and Zambia - where we will partner with 20 radio stations to research, plan, produce and air 1000 radio programs specifically about inclusive nature-based solutions and biodiversity. Roughly one third of these programs will be "on air dialogues", while the balance will be documentaries and "how to" episodes. Additionally, we will directly support 200 stations in using learning and content resources to add NBS-related items to their rural development programs, and we will distribute those resources to all 1300 radio stations in our network to use as they see fit.

4. Rural Women Cultivating Change in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania - \$14.8 million

Announced March 2022

SeedChange

This project will target remote rural regions of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania, where farming is the primary occupation and principal use of women's labour. Through the use of agro-ecological approaches that encourage equitable production, sustainable resource management and market access, this project will empower women and encourage gender-transformative change. Working in collaboration with women's rights and agriculturally-based organizations, support will be provided to advance climate adaptation, increase food security, enhance gender equality, reduce sexual and gender-based violence and improve livelihoods for rural women.

5. Nature-Based Climate Solutions Knowledge and Capacity Initiative - \$0.96 million

Announced March 2022

International Institute for Sustainable Development

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010814001>

This project will strengthen the knowledge and capacity of Southern and Northern civil society and Indigenous peoples and organizations in designing and implementing nature-based solutions for climate adaptation projects that advance gender equality, are socially inclusive and provide biodiversity benefits in the most vulnerable regions of the world, including Sub-Saharan Africa, small island developing states and least-developed countries.

6. Flood Impacts, Carbon Pricing and Ecosystem Sustainability – \$15 million

Announced

University of Waterloo

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011535001>

Project activities include: (1) developing modelling tools that accurately assess the damage and costs of climate change-exacerbated flooding and inform policy development; (2) developing nature-based solutions to peatland and mangrove restoration and biodiversity conservation that incorporate women's knowledge, skills, and roles; (3) conducting gender-responsive research and developing policies and programs for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including carbon pricing; and (4) exploring and piloting of innovative social support mechanisms to address climate risks.

7. Women and Youth in Action for Sustainable Ecosystems - \$25 million

Announced: March 2023

SOCODEVI and Viridis Terra Innovation Inc.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/03/backgrounder-minister-sajjan-announces-1576-million-in-development-and-humanitarian-funding-as-he-concludes-visits-to-bangladesh-the-philippines-an.html>

This project aims to improve the conservation of ecosystems by increasing the ability of members of farmers' organizations and cooperatives to effectively develop agroforestry value chains that respect biodiversity and are adapted to climate change in Burkina Faso's Sahel region.

8. Moroccan Forest Strategy / Resilient women of the Middle Atlas Project – \$10 million

Announced: December 2022

International Development Co-operation Company, a Canadian non-governmental organization

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/12/backgrounder-canadas-new-support-to-protect-biodiversity-in-developing-countries.html>

This project will support the operationalization of the new Moroccan Forest Strategy in the Khenifra National Park area. By empowering women to be primary forestry actors, the project takes an integrated approach to the management of forest ecosystems and recognizes the key role local communities play in the protection and conservation of biodiversity.

9. Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Adaptation: Monitoring and Impact project – \$3.0 million

Announced: February 2023

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/02/canada-announces-695-million-in-funding-to-protect-and-restore-ocean-ecosystems-in-developing-countries.html>

This project seeks to increase the number of best practices and the knowledge and capacities related to nature-based solutions of the implementing partners of Canada's nature-positive climate finance programming in developing countries. Canada's contribution will support gender-responsive nature-based solutions project design, implementation and monitoring; climate change vulnerability and biodiversity assessments and monitoring systems; implementation of corrective actions in projects; tracking of and reporting on the progress of Canada's nature-based solutions and biodiversity portfolio; and wide sharing of tools and lessons to nature-based solutions practitioners and other stakeholders.

10. Inclusive development of the green tara value chain in Bolivia – 7.8 million

Announced September 2023

SOCODEVI

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P010670001>

This project aims to sustainably develop the green tara value chain – which includes textile and health products– with a climate-smart agro-environmental approach, while promoting gender equality, adaptation to climate change, and food security. It aims to increase the incomes of vulnerable Indigenous rural populations, including Indigenous women.

11. Climate Adaptation and Protected Areas – \$17 Million

Announced September 2023

International Institute for Sustainable Development

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011888001>

The Climate Adaptation and Protected Areas initiative works with project beneficiaries, including conservation partners, local communities, national and local authorities and traditionally marginalized groups—particularly women—to integrate nature-based climate solutions into protected areas management and conservation interventions. The initiative aims to increase the resilience, when faced with current and future climate changes, of ecosystems and people of all genders and social groups in the following countries: Zambia, Uganda, Fiji, Belize, Namibia, Angola and Zimbabwe.

12. Resilience of ecosystems and women's leadership in the Sahel (REELS) – \$30.3 Million

Announced September 2023

CECI

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/filter-filtre>

The REELS project aims to adopt a regional approach to reduce the vulnerability and improve the resilience of women and local communities in the Liptako-Gourma region while fully taking into account the delicate security and stability context in which it will operate. The objectives are as follows: increasing the use of nature-based solutions to climate change under the leadership of women in community development processes; increasing women-led, locally adapted nature-based solutions for conservation, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems; and improving economic, social and cultural environment for women to increase their influence in local, regional and national decision-making processes.

Adaptation / Mitigation Projects

13. Rocky Mountain Institute for Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) – \$5 million

Announced: November 2022

Rocky Mountain Institute

Support the Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) expand its work with climate-vulnerable countries. The Climate Finance Access Network has made great strides in building developing countries' capacity to structure and securing public and private finance for priority climate mitigation and adaptation investments.

Mitigation Projects

14. Enabling Blue Carbon in Indonesia - \$3.0 million

Announced: November 2022 (G20)

Global Green Growth Institute

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011545001>

This project aims to support the Government of Indonesia in establishing healthier blue carbon ecosystems that can help Indonesia better adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Blue carbon refers to carbon sequestered and stored in coastal and marine ecosystems such as mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses. Project activities include: (1) promoting the full integration of blue carbon ecosystems into national development and climate change strategies; (2) positioning blue carbon as the sixth component in Indonesia's Nationally Determined Contribution plan; and (3) incorporating blue carbon within the national monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) system.

15. Nature Based Solutions for Livelihoods in Mangrove Landscapes (Indonesia) - \$20 million

Announced: November 2022 (G20)

Global Green Growth Institute

<https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/P011636001>

This project aims to strengthen Indonesia's climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, and improve the sustainability of coastal livelihoods, by supporting the restoration and protection of mangrove ecosystems in North and East Kalimantan. Project activities include: (1) restoring degraded mangrove ecosystems and protecting intact mangroves with a focus on nature-based solutions; (2) building policymakers' capacity to better incentivize mangroves' restoration and protection; (3) introducing more sustainable fishing and aquaculture techniques to local communities; and (4) improving the licensing regime to provide vulnerable communities with greater access to mangrove resources.

16. Enhancing Climate Resilience of Biodiversity Hot Spots in Jordan - \$7.0 million

Announced: January 2023

International Union of Conservation of Nature

<https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2023/01/canada-announces-funding-for-projects-in-jordan.html>

This project aims to improve the resilience of climate-vulnerable ecosystems and increase the size of restored forest ecosystems in southern Jordan. The project also aims to increase the participation of women, youth and marginalized groups in decision-making processes to derive benefits from the implementation of nature-based solutions in the region.

Annex Two
CSO Projects supported through \$2.65 billion Pledge (2016/17 to 20120/21)

CSO Adaptation Projects in \$2.65 billion Pledge

Organization	Title	Commitment Millions of Cdn \$
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)	National Adaptation Plans Global Network	\$1.92
Canadian Red Cross	Community Resilience Building (Belize, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname)	\$5.0
SUCO	Cashew, Mango and Gardening Value Chains Development for the Benefit of Women and Youth (Haiti)	\$5.0
CECI	Climate Adaptation and Economic Development of Agricultural Sectors in Haiti	\$13.0
CECI	Women, Agriculture and Resilience in Senegal	\$18.4
Oxfam Quebec	Productive, Inclusive and Adapted to Climate Change Coffee Value Chains (Haiti)	\$13.0
Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières	Creole Garden Revalorization (Haiti)	\$5.0
MEDA	Adaptation and Valorization of Entrepreneurship in Irrigated Agriculture (AVENIR) (Senegal)	\$18.3
SOCODEVI	Women economic empowerment through forestry cooperative development in Morocco	\$8.3
Rocky Mountain Institute	Support to the Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN)	\$4.75
Aga Khan Foundation	Accelerator for Women climate entrepreneurs	\$1.0
NovaSphere Digital Solutions	NDC Implementation	\$1.9
Total CSO Adaptation Commitments		\$95.5
Share of Adaptation		10%

CSO Mitigation Projects in \$2.65 billion Pledge

Organization	Title	Commitment
UN Foundation	Transforming the Market for Stoves and Clean Energy in Haiti	\$20.0
UN Foundation	Haiti Clean Energy Action Plan	\$1.2
Rocky Mountain Institute	Support to the Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN)	\$4.75
Aga Khan Foundation	Accelerator for Women climate entrepreneurs	\$1.0
NovaSphere Digital Solutions	NDC Implementation	\$1.9
Total CSO Mitigation Commitments		\$28.9
Share of Mitigation		1.7%

Total CSO Projects in \$2.65 billion Pledge

Total CSO Commitments	\$124.4
Share of \$2.65 billion	4.6%

Annex Three
Civil Society Disbursements for Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Projects,
2016/17 to 2020/21

1. All CSOs, All Projects (Significant and Principal Purpose Projects)

Significant Purpose counted at 30% of project disbursement

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share	\$2.65B Share
Significant	\$43.9	\$35.7	\$31.0	\$34.1	\$36.1	\$30.0	\$34.7	39%	80%
Principal	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$7.6	\$8.4	\$27.8	\$20.7	\$78.8	61%	20%
Total CSOs	\$44.0	\$35.9	\$38.6	\$42.5	\$ 63.9	\$50.7	\$113.5		

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share
Total Canadian CSOs	\$40.8	\$30.9	\$33.0	\$39.3	\$49.1	\$42.5	\$96.0	84%
Total Foreign CSOs	#3.2	\$5.0	\$5.6	\$3.2	\$14.8	\$8.2	\$17.5	16%

2. Adaptation

Significant Purpose counted at 30% of project disbursement

Canadian CSOs

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share	\$2.65B Share
Significant	\$33.7	\$25.4	\$20.5	\$26.5	\$25.8	\$21.8	\$25.1	37%	82%
Principal	--	--	\$6.3	\$7.2	\$14.6	\$15.4	\$63.5	63%	18%
Total	\$33.7	\$25.4	\$26.8	\$33.7	\$40.4	\$37.2	\$88.6		

Foreign CSOs

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share	\$2.65B Share
Significant	\$1.9	\$3.7	\$3.2	\$1.3	\$3.6	\$3.5	\$5.0	45%	63%
Principal	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$1.3	\$1.2	\$5.5	\$3.2	7.3	55%	37%
Total	\$2.0	\$3.8	\$4.5	\$2.5	\$9.1	\$6.7	\$12.3		

All CSOs, Adaptation

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B CSO Adaptation Share
Adaptation	\$35.7	\$29.2	\$31.3	\$36.2	\$49.5	\$43.9	\$100.9	83%

3. Mitigation

Significant Purpose counted at 30% of project disbursement

Canadian CSOs

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share	\$2.65B Share
Significant	\$7.1	\$5.5	\$6.2	\$5.6	\$5.8	\$4.7	\$4.5	72%	91%
Principal	--	--	--	--	\$2.9	\$0.6	\$2.9	28%	9%
Total	\$7.1	\$5.5	\$6.2	\$5.6	\$8.7	\$5.3	\$7.4		

Foreign CSOs

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B Share	\$2.65B Share
Significant	\$1.2	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.7	\$0.9	\$0.0	\$0.1	1%	50%
Principal	--	\$0.1	--	--	\$4.8	\$1.5	\$5.1	99%	50%
Total	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.1	\$0.7	\$5.7	\$1.5	\$5.2		

All CSOs, Mitigation

Millions Cdn \$	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	\$5.3B CSO Mitigation Share
Mitigation	\$8.3	\$6.7	\$7.3	\$6.3	\$14.4	\$21.8	\$7.4	17%