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# Greening Value Chains in Africa

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*\*Please note that this session will be recorded.*

# Welcome and Introductions



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# CFDA mobilizes private finance to support climate action globally



The **USAID Climate Finance for Development Accelerator (CFDA, or the Accelerator)** is a global flagship sustainable finance activity that will **unlock capital for more green and resilient development** in the emerging markets and developing economies where USAID works. Our goal is to mobilize at least \$2.5 billion towards these objectives by 2030.

**Climate Finance Investment Network (CFIN)** convenes diverse finance seekers, finance providers, government agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders from a variety of sectors and emerging/frontier markets to crowd in private sector climate finance through strategic partnerships, advocacy, learning, and catalytic capital. **CFIN members will receive information about funding, partnership, and learning opportunities and are not required to make any commitments.**



# Greening Value Chains in Africa

## Overview & Objectives

Greening Value Chains in Africa (GVCA) aims to direct blended finance into green and sustainable funds or other investment vehicles that support the growth and sustainability of high-value economic activities within African energy transition value chains. By strengthening critical value chains, GVCA will promote environmental sustainability and job creation.

Key Objectives:

- **Greening energy transition value chains** by supporting clean energy generation and investments.
- **Enabling local value addition** across critical mineral extraction and renewable energy installation to **promote economic growth and improve livelihoods**.
- **Mobilize capital** by deploying blended finance to mobilize additional investors.



# GVCA Award Information

Through GVCA, CFDA is soliciting grant applications from experienced investors and investment managers with demonstrated track record of raising and deploying capital, successfully exiting investments, and delivering acceptable returns to investors. Period of performance is about 2 years.



CFDA anticipates issuing **multiple grant awards** of up to **USD \$3M each**. Grant funding may cover start-up costs, operational expenses needed to launch a new investment vehicle, build pipeline to secure investor commitments, technical assistance, or other catalytic uses in support of launching or investing in existing vehicles.



Nordic government partners from the **Investment Mobilisation Collaboration Arrangement (IMCA)** anticipate providing **US \$60M in credit risk guarantees**.



Other contributing donor partners and/or DFI partners, may be invited to review applications for investment consideration, and deploy their suite of investment products (debt, equity, guarantees, etc.)

# GVCA Program Structure

<b>Potential investment partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Experienced debt, equity, or other investors</li><li>▪ Experienced asset managers</li><li>▪ Financial institutions with investment and lending capabilities</li></ul>
<b>Geographic scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ African OECD DAC countries; Sub-Saharan Africa strongly preferred</li></ul>
<b>Sectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Priority: Renewable power generation and/or transmission with nexus to energy transition minerals activities (e.g., geothermal power generation for mineral refining operations)</li><li>▪ Others: renewables manufacturing, circular economy solutions, manufacturing or sales of EV batteries, battery storage systems, green hydrogen.</li></ul>
<b>Sample investment vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Investment fund or sleeve of fund with focus on renewable energy (RE) generation projects</li><li>▪ Debt platform providing project finance to RE projects or other green infrastructure</li><li>▪ Private equity or venture capital funds that invests in companies that develop technology to support energy transition value chains</li></ul>

# GVCA Merit Review Criteria

Feasibility & Technical Approach	Scale of Impact	Management & Programmatic Capacity
Clear investment thesis, appropriate proposed methodology, and implementation timeline	Responds to need of energy transition value chains in Africa & benefits target groups	Experienced and capable of designing and deploying an investment strategy to improve sustainability of energy transition value chains
Vehicle investment and impact targets are applicable under one or more CFDA indicators	Directly or indirectly stimulates other organizations to replicate or implement activities supporting GVCA/CFDA's objectives	Demonstrated experience to raise and deploy capital, and successfully exiting investments
Structure and concept conducive to attracting other capital providers and deploying one or more of IMCA's instruments	Integrates other development objectives like creation of decent jobs and living wages	Demonstrated organizational management and technical effectiveness
Vehicles likely to be ready to deploy capital within the 2-year lifetime of the grant. (strong preference)	Mobilizes private sector capital and/or funds from non-USG partners (minimum 1:1 leverage)	Highly skilled, reputable, and qualified key personnel

# GVCA Merit Review Criteria (continued)

<b>Additionality</b>	<b>Gender, Inclusion, and Localization Considerations</b>
Demonstrates financial and impact additionality of USG and IMCA funds, in mobilizing private capital and reduction of climate vulnerabilities, that would otherwise not be mobilized	Contributes to positive impact on gender equality on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities towards a just and equitable transition
Significantly reduces GHG emissions and increases resilience to climate vulnerability	Demonstrates a conflict-sensitive approach that considers indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, and other marginalized populations.
Demonstrate minimal concessionality and do not distort markets (strong preference)	Demonstrates clear framework for environmental and social safeguards, particularly in high-risk areas

# GVCA Concept Note Submission Process

All applicants need to submit their concept notes through the **Proposal Portal** which will involve the following:

1

**Information regarding Climate Finance for Investment Network (CFIN):** CFDA will share amendments, answers to questions, and other updates to contacts registered with the CFIN

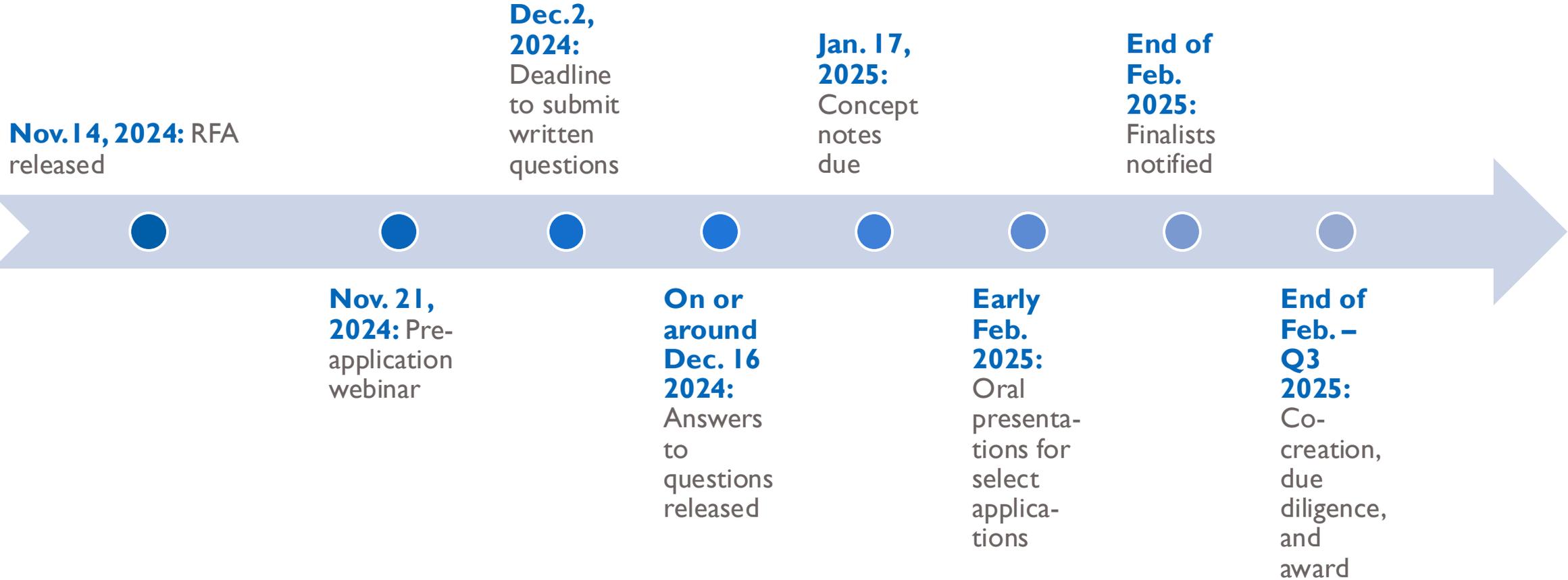
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**Technical approach and budget (Annex A):** Max. 12 PowerPoint Slides. Application must include detailed note and budget and should clearly outline proposed strategies for implementing in line with the solicitation objectives.

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**Other requirements:** documents listed in section 2F of the RFA like required certifications, self-assessment, copy of applicant's valid legal registration, among other requirements

# GVCA Timeline





## Questions and Answers

- Please share questions in the Q&A box (not the chat).
- We will attempt to answer all questions today.
- If we do not have time or are unable to answer all questions, we will provide written responses to unanswered questions in the written Q&A process.

Friendly reminder – written questions must be submitted by Monday, December 2, at 11:59 pm EST



## Partner with us

Please reach out to **info@CFDAccelerator.com** with any questions.

View the full RFA here: <https://chemonics.com/our-procurements/cfda-2025-0024-rfa/>