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Partnership for Climate Action (PCA)

USAID's **Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI)** is a global program designed to empower countries to develop and implement ambitious climate policies and practices that mitigate climate change and increase resilience. CACCI supports nations in executing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) while fostering local ownership and inclusion.

CACCI launched the Partnership for Climate Action (PCA) to engage private sector partners to invest in critical projects that decarbonize economies and strengthen national resilience; help shape policies that enable climate investments and financial flows; and track and report on their emissions and pathways towards net-zero emissions. This engagement is vital to mobilize the funding and resources needed to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, the USAID Climate Strategy, and CACCI.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS CATALYZING LOCALIZED IMPACT

Through the PCA, CACCI enables private sector partners to:

- Develop impactful interventions aligned with business interests and NDC/NAP targets
- Identify investment opportunities for projects aligned with NDCs/NAPs
- Connect with U.S. Government expertise and partner country officials for enhanced climate impact
- Pool knowledge and resources in collaboration with other partners to drive transformational change within countries, communities, and markets of interest

PARTNER MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

To aid PCA partners in progress toward their sustainability goals and countries' climate commitments, CACCI can add value in the following ways:

- **Thought Leadership:** Market intelligence and entry support; climate risk assessments; finance, policy, and partner landscape assessments; and expertise in carbon markets, climate-related financial disclosures, climate-smart agriculture, food security, health, and renewable energy
- **Strategy Development:** Sustainability, environmental, social, and governance (ESG), net-zero, circular economy, and supply chain optimization strategies; climate adaptation and risk reduction plans; and regulatory and NAP/NDC alignment for corporate social responsibility (CSR)/ESG initiatives
- **Tracking and Reporting:** Measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of GHG emissions; assessment of resilience impacts and co-benefits; and reporting against ESG metrics in compliance with global standards
- **Co-creation:** Design activity concept notes, CSR/ESG initiatives, project pipelines, and climate literacy and awareness trainings
- **Leverage Public-Private Resources and Expertise:** For collaborative climate action and investments via forums, roundtables, convenings, etc.
- **Policy Dialogue and Advocacy:** Public-private dialogue, climate policies and regulatory frameworks navigation, and influencing business enabling environments
- **De-risk Investments:** Matchmake and leverage concessional funds to de-risk finance and test innovative business models or technologies
- **Mobilize Sustainable Finance:** Facilitate investments, design impact investment and blended finance vehicles, structure products, and provide transaction advisory and due diligence

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Firms should confirm commitment to the following baseline criteria (formal membership and partnership pending due diligence):



GHG Emissions Reduction: Scope 1 and Scope 2 via energy efficiency, renewable energy usage, and sustainable transportation, sourcing, operations, and, ideally, net-zero targets



Formal Sustainability or ESG Policies: Commitments and/or regular publication of reports detailing the company's impacts on the environment, society, and economy



Long-term Financial Health: Balancing profitability with environmental and social responsibilities



Ethical Investment Portfolios: Investments and investors/financiers aligned with ethical, environmentally sustainable, and socially responsible principles



Legal and Regulatory Compliance: With international and local laws, including those related to environmental protection, human rights, labor laws, sanctions, fraud, and anti-corruption; applicable to key personnel and principals



Locally Responsive: Locally relevant actions that respond to the specific needs of the communities in which the company operates



Inclusive Practices: Ensuring the participation of marginalized communities, *i.e.*, indigenous peoples, women, and youth, in hiring practices, operations, projects, or services, and CSR, ESG, or sustainability initiatives.

For more information, please visit <https://www.climatelinks.org/projects/cacci>.

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