





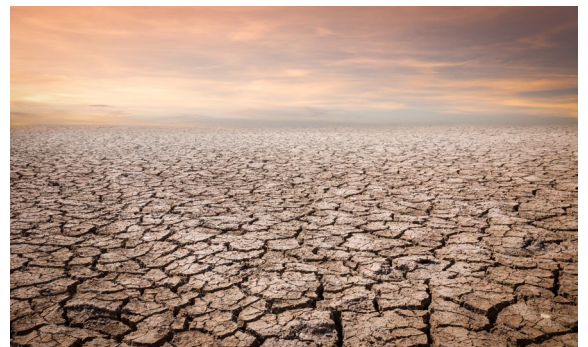
NEVER BEFORE HAS HUMANITY FACED AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE. The consequences are plain for all to see: diminishing food and water supplies, intensifying natural disasters, global health epidemics, and large numbers of animal and plant species being driven to extinction. Since 1880, the planet has warmed faster than at any other time in history.

IN THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT, WE HAVE A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL.

Advancements in climate science have painted the clearest picture yet of where we stand and where we need to go. Young people are rising up and calling on world leaders to use our unprecedented knowledge and wealth to meet the climate challenge. And we have seen progress, with governments rallying behind ambitious climate targets and businesses ramping up investments in clean technologies.

HOWEVER, THE MARCH TOWARD A CLIMATE-SMARTER FUTURE MUST PICK UP THE PACE.

Developing countries hold some of the best opportunities to do just that, ensuring a global economy that protects the planet and sustains its people. In the years to come, Africa, Asia, and Latin America will see rapid population growth and economic development. Today's investment decisions must steer developing countries away from a polluting, climate-vulnerable path. They must pave the way for a low-carbon, climate-resilient world that promotes jobs, new industries, and improved well-being for all.



FOUNDED IN 2008, THE \$8 BILLION CLIMATE
INVESTMENT FUNDS HAS BEEN ON A MISSION
TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WIN
THE RACE AGAINST THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY.

Since its inception, CIF has recognized the power of mobilizing diverse partners to achieve transformation. CIF brings together governments, businesses, local communities and indigenous peoples, and development organizations around a shared vision to drive joint investments in renewable energy, sustainable forestry, and resilience in over 70 countries.





IN 2008, DESPITE FALTERING CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS AND A RAGING FINANCIAL CRISIS, CIF'S FOUNDING PARTNERS BOLDLY ESTABLISHED A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND SET OF FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERING TRANSFORMATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION EVER SINCE.

Partners establish CIF to support low-carbon, climate-resilient development in developing countries.

CIF launches the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) to scale up low-carbon technologies and reduce emissions.

CIF launches the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) to help communities cope with climate change impacts.

CIF launches the Scaling up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries Program (SREP) to expand access to renewable energy.

CIF unveils the Forest Investment Program (FIP) to help developing countries manage forests and other natural resources more sustainably.

CIF greenlights its largest investment package, channeling \$775 million in support of renewable energy development in India.

CIF approves funding to build Morocco's Noor Ouarzazate Concentrated Solar Power Plant, the world's largest CSP facility.

Total CIF contributions surpass \$7.6 billion.

CIF launches the Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) to empower indigenous and local populations to sustainably manage forests.

CIF welcomes \$400 million in new contributions.

CIF sets about facilitating regional cooperation among Pacific small island countries to strengthen adaptation and reduce disaster risk.

2008

Amid surging CO2 emission levels, addressing climate change becomes a higher global policy priority.

2009

Developed nations commit to channeling \$100 billion a year in climate finance.

2010

Electric cars start rolling off assembly lines.

Researchers warn that climate change could make the Arctic Ocean ice-free by 2030.

2011

The UN establishes the Sustainable Energy for All organization.

A drought in the Horn of Africa impacts more than 10 million people.

2012

The UN Sustainable Development Goals begin to take shape.

Hurricane Sandy slams the Caribbean and the United States with record-breaking force.

2013

Wind power becomes cheaper to produce than fossil fuels in coal-exporting Australia.

Typhoon Haiyan devastates the Philippines, claiming over 6,000 lives.





CIF establishes CLIMADAPT, a \$5 million resilience financing facility benefiting small businesses in Tajikistan.

CIF invests \$900 million in concentrated solar power generation worldwide.

CIF funding for hydromet and climate services in vulnerable countries reaches \$200 million.

CIF invests over \$200 million in mini-grid systems globally.

CIF support for adaptation in small island developing states tops \$230 million.

The CIF-supported KaXu Solar One facility is recognized by the UN as an example of innovative climate finance.

CIF approves \$50 million to stimulate off-grid electricity markets in Rwanda.

CIF establishes the \$15 million Technical Facility for Clean Energy Investment to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development.

An independent evaluation finds that CIF's business approach has distinct advantages and leads to transformational or systemic impact

Nearly 50 leaders from developing countries urge the international community to recapitalize the CIF.

The United Kingdom contributes a record \$250 million in support of CIF's Global Energy Storage Program.

2014

NASA launches the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 to obtain close-up views of carbon sinks worldwide.

The People's Climate March in New York City and other global cities becomes the largest such march in history.

2015

The landmark Paris Agreement becomes the first comprehensive global treaty to combat climate change.

Costa Rica becomes the first country to achieve a fully renewable energy grid 75 days in a row.

2016

16.9 million hectares of forests reported to be lost to climate change.

Climate-related coral bleaching said to have killed up to 93 percent of Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

2017

Climate finance from multilateral development banks hits a record high of \$35.2 billion.

The UN adopts a new plan to align global climate action with efforts to promote gender equality.

Solar energy attracts more global investment than any other technology, including fossil fuels.

2018

Portugal's renewable energy production exceeds national demand for electricity, achieving a milestone unseen in the last 40 years.

Leading climatologists warn there is only a 12-year window to prevent worst-case climate change scenarios.

2019

Young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg sails across the Atlantic in a zero-carbon racing yacht to participate in the UN Climate Action Summit.

The UN warns that one million plant and animal species are on the verge of extinction due in large part to climate change.





BY DEPLOYING LARGE-SCALE, AFFORDABLE FINANCE, CIF IS PIONEERING MORE THAN 300 CLIMATE-SMART INITIATIVES, including the largest concentrated solar power plant in the world, the first fleet of hybrid city buses in South America, a network of weather-resilient roads in flood-prone Mozambique, the first real-time weather stations in the Caribbean, and around \$810 million in global geothermal investments.

CIF has helped realize transformational projects. Collectively, these initiatives are supporting:

26.5 GIGAWATTS
IN CLEAN POWER CAPACITY WORLDWIDE

more than the total energy output of Vietnam or Malaysia

BROADER ENERGY ACCESS
FOR 8.5 MILLION PEOPLE

equivalent to the population of Switzerland or Sierra Leone

STRENGTHENED CAPACITY
OF 45 MILLION PEOPLE

to cope with climate change, which exceeds the population of Poland or Argentina

10,000 GIGAWATT-HOURS
OF ENERGY SAVED

comparable to the total electricity production of Uruguay

36 MILLION HECTARES
OF SUSTAINABLE FORESTS

an area the size of Germany

MEET THE CHANGE MAKERS



Gaire family
Farmers
Bhairahawa, Nepal

The Gaires are the long-time owners of a farm and now also help generate clean power by supplying the raw material needed to produce biogas. Biogas is a renewable power source made using organic waste. Its carbon footprint is lower than fossil fuel alternatives and it can be locally made, reducing Nepal's reliance on imported fuel and making energy that is both sustainable and reliable.

“MEET THE CHANGEMAKERS” IS A TRAVELING EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY IN DIFFERENT CITIES AROUND THE WORLD. The initiative aims to bring all people closer to the transformative power of climate finance.

The portraits offer a window into the lives of people working to put climate action at the heart of policymaking, business, and community life. Supported by the Climate Investment Funds, the men and women seen here are among the millions of people empowered by climate finance: they are the convention-busting farmers, solar engineers, entrepreneurs, and all those defying “business as usual” to pave the way for a climate-smarter world.

Their impact is felt worldwide, and made possible with the support of CIF donors. They include Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Likewise, CIF wishes to recognize its 72 recipient countries, whose partnership is essential to ushering in the climate-smart transition.



Kenneth Adjeh Yeboah
Cocoa farmer
Kumasi, Ghana

Kenneth was prepared to risk everything to make the dangerous crossing to Europe in search of employment, following thousands of young sub-Saharan Africans just like him. That is, until the green economy came knocking. Since enrolling in a program to become a sustainable cocoa farmer, Kenneth has resolved to remain in Ghana to build his business. The Climate Investment Funds-supported program is part of a national effort to establish 28,000 hectares of climate-resilient cocoa, address deforestation, and promote sustainable agriculture.



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