

## GCCA+: Two pillars of action

The **GCCA+** continues to support those countries most vulnerable to climate change through two mutually reinforcing pillars:

- Under the first pillar, the **GCCA+** serves as a platform for dialogue and cooperation on climate change between the EU and developing countries. The results of this exchange feed into discussions for a new climate agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other international processes.

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- Under the second pillar, the **GCCA+** acts as a source of technical and financial support for climate-vulnerable developing countries and regions, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. Based on countries' needs, the **GCCA+** will continue to provide technical assistance in its priority areas as well as strengthening activities in the fields of community resilience to climate change, climate finance, adaptation and mitigation synergies, ecosystem-based adaptation, gender issues in relation to climate change, urban development, climate-induced migration and more, as these topics become increasingly significant for development and policy agendas.



The **GCCA+** cooperates with individual countries in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific as well as regional bodies such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the Caribbean Forum, the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel and the Mekong River Commission. Following the principles of aid effectiveness, **GCCA+** interventions are implemented in close coordination with and through national and international organisations as well as EU Member State development agencies such as the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida) in Mozambique, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) in Nepal, German International Cooperation (GIZ) in Ethiopia and the Portuguese Institute for Cooperation and Language (Camões) in Timor-Leste.

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51 PROGRAMMES  
IN 38 COUNTRIES,  
8 REGIONS  
AND SUBREGIONS



National governments are also invited to contribute financially to the **GCCA+**. To date, Ireland, Cyprus, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Estonia have contributed a total of €37 million to the GCCA, of which €32 million was fast start finance.

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## From GCCA to GCCA+

The European Union (EU) established the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) in 2007 to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on climate change issues with developing countries most vulnerable to climate change.

Building upon the work of the past years, the European Commission launched the **GCCA+** flagship initiative in 2014. As the successor to the GCCA, the **GCCA+** continues to support those countries most vulnerable to climate change challenges, notably Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries. The **GCCA+** makes a key contribution to the climate change landscape through a double layer of action:

policy dialogue and exchange of experiences, and technical cooperation through country and regional interventions. Specific support is provided to regional bodies of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of States through the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme.

When it started in 2008, the GCCA was working in just 4 pilot countries. **Today, the initiative supports 51 programmes in 38 countries, 8 regions and subregions and at the global level, with a total budget of over 315 million euros.**



## GCCA+ Priority areas:

- Mainstreaming climate change into poverty reduction and development strategies
- Adaptation, building on national and regional plans and programmes
- Disaster risk reduction
- Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation
- Enhancing participation in mitigation efforts

