



## Maximizing Transformational Impact of Climate Action

### A CIF Evaluation and Learning Workshop

**DATE:** October 16th to 18th, 2023

**VENUE:** World Bank Building, MC C2-125. (Exact room location to be confirmed)  
1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC

**TIME:**

**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** 09:00 – 17:30 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (plus optional reception after the workshop sessions)

**October 17<sup>th</sup>:** 08:00 – 17:30 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

**October 18<sup>th</sup>:** 08:00 – 12:30 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

## Objectives

This workshop aims to explore and advance the transformational impact of climate action supported by evaluation and learning. Through its sessions participants will explore the opportunities to build new knowledge, apply learning, and work as a community of practice across key learning themes: transformational change, just transitions, development impacts, gender, and social inclusion. Key objectives for the workshop include:

- Highlight the relevance of transformational change within evaluation, explore its operationalization through guidance notes, and their application across the program and project lifecycle.
- Advance key principles and practices of transformational climate finance through case examples, guidance, and collaboration.
- Expand partnerships across climate action networks in ways that support and enhance the building and expanding of a vibrant community of practice focused on transformational change.

The above objectives are to be reached through a focus on transforming evaluations, transformational climate finance, and fostering communities of practice as part of the Transformational Change Learning Partnership (TCLP).

## Day 1 – Monday, October 16

8:30 – 9:00 Tea, coffee, and registration

9:00 – 10:00 Welcome and introductions

**Hybrid presentation:** Opening remarks by Luis Tineo, Interim CEO, Climate Investment Funds. Objectives of workshop and overview of CIF commitment to and initiatives on Evaluation and Learning (E&L) and Transformational Change.

10:00 – 10:30 Ice breaker going into tea

10:30 – 12:30 Exploring priority learning themes relevant to transformational climate action

**Hybrid Plenary Session:** This session will provide an overview of CIF work across four priority learning themes and explore how they relate to each other. The session will also invite participants to identify and discuss aligned learning themes and activities focused on transformational change in climate action.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 TCLP review and current strategic areas - discussion on way forward

**Interactive plenary discussion:** Session to explore the future of the Transformational Change Learning Partnership (TCLP) and potential avenues for engagement and roles for participants and partners. Update the value proposition of TCLP and explore the role and synergies of different partners to support transformational change, creating links between what is needed and the work that is already happening, as well as opportunities for future collaborative work to accelerate the transformational impact on climate change action.

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Ignite sessions

**Lightning presentations:** This space will rapidly showcase engaging examples highlighting “transformational change in action”—ways in which participants are embedding and witnessing transformational change in activities, projects, and programs—in areas including transformational evaluations, transformational climate finance, and communities of practice for transformational change. Brief, visual presentations will be shared from practitioners working on transformational change from diverse institutions including the CIF, Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, African Development Bank, B Lab Africa, and the Rwanda National Fund for Environment and Climate Change.

18:00 -20:00 Reception

## Day 2 – Tuesday, October 17

### 8:00 – 10:00 Transformational change insights from the CIF

**Hybrid plenary:** This series of sessions will highlight emerging approaches and insights from the CIF, including the E&L Initiative, and the relevance to programs and climate action, providing examples of how transformational change is integrated into initiatives in the following areas:

1. CIF program design, results frameworks, and evaluation
2. Climate finance
3. Fostering collaboration and partnerships through learning platforms and the TCLP

### 10:00 – 10:30 Tea break

### 10:30 – 12:30 Panel discussion: Collaboration for transformational change

**Hybrid plenary:** Panel discussion to explore “What can we do together that we cannot do alone to support transformational change?” featuring representatives from multilateral development banks (MDBs), country governments, and observers to share examples, needs, and opportunities.

### 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

### 14:00 – 15:30 Parallel thematic workshops: Evaluation, climate finance, and communities of practice

Participants will divide into groups to take forward current work in the following areas:

- **Track 1: Evaluation for transformational change.** This interactive session will explore opportunities to advance approaches and practice related to transformational change and evaluation. The session will explore recent thinking and insights related to concepts, criteria, and frameworks (including the OECD DAC criteria) for integrating transformational change thinking into evaluative practice. The session will draw on experiences from institutions such as the Green Climate Fund, the CIF, the World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), the South African Government Just Energy Transition Partnership (JET-P). The session will also provide an interactive opportunity for participants to inform and shape the TCLP’s development of guidance notes to support transformational change through evaluation throughout the program and project lifecycle.
- **Track 2: Transformational climate finance.** This interactive session will advance thinking and discussions on transformational climate finance from the CIF TCLP May 2023 Workshop and the June 2023 CIF guidance note that was informed by these discussions: *Principles for Transformational Climate Finance to Advance Just and Equitable Climate Solutions*. Specifically, the session will explore case examples of transformational climate finance principles in practice and provide opportunities for participants to inform and shape transformational climate finance guidance resources that are being developed by the CIF TCLP, focusing on initial guidance resources in two areas: (1) developing inclusive, replicable, community planning platforms that can be connected to national-scale climate financing for adaptation and resilience, and (2) approaches to de-risk the impact of currency and exchange rate volatility for clean energy and climate finance projects.

- Track 3: Fostering collaboration, learning, and partnerships for transformational climate action.

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Thematic workshops (continued)

## Day 3 – Wednesday, October 18

8:00 – 10:00 World Café to surface insights and actions

**Plenary session (possible virtual option):** This session will summarize insights and outcomes from the previous days and propose avenues for operationalizing and advancing work in the following areas:

1. Transformational change in CIF program design, results frameworks, and evaluation
2. Transformational climate finance

**3. Fostering collaboration and partnerships through learning platforms and the TCLP**

This interactive session will help shape the future of the TCLP and CIF learning platforms. The session will include activities to map important partners and actors, to solicit ideas for strengthening online communities of practice, and to identify pressing partner and stakeholder needs that can be addressed through CIF learning platforms, the TCLP, and other communities of practice.

The session will include brief presentations from the previous days' workshop sessions. Followed by a rotating World Café, allowing all participants to discuss and provide input.

10:00 – 10:30 Tea break

10:30 – 12:30 Closing plenary: Catalyzing action for the year ahead

**Plenary session (possible virtual option):** This interactive closing session will provide space for participants to share observations, reflections, ideas, and resources across the workshop thematic areas: transformational change and evaluation; transformational climate finance; and fostering collaboration, learning, and partnerships on transformational change. The session will focus on catalyzing a clear action agenda to guide work by TCLP, other partners, and workshop participants over the next week, next 6 months, and the next year. The session will be designed to leave participants energized for the important collaborative work ahead!

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**Climate Investment Funds – Evaluation & Learning (E&L) Initiative**  
*Objectives and priority learning themes*

