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<p>. Relevant stakeholders have the information and guidance needed to support the development of sound policy and incentive schemes that enable and fast-track low-carbon infrastructure projects on a subnational level, as well as to foster up-scaling and replication of investment deals</p>	<p>360 stakeholders trained</p>
<p>: Stakeholders are informed and trained to implement and incentivize sustainable, green infrastructure, incorporating Nature-based Solutions</p>	<p><i>Indicators</i></p>
<p>Various stakeholders are trained fit-for-purpose to fast-track project investments</p>	<p>: Training of _____ to increase understanding of safeguard requirements, ESMS requirements, SDG and NbS criteria, business viability, and other investment requirements for high-</p>

- Public authorities at national and subnational levels have distinct roles in the implementation

Current use case, applicability, good practices and lessons learned on financial instruments (PA, FA)

Building policies and regulations to enable upscaling of climate/nature businesses and investments (PA)

Roles of public authorities in mobilizing climate/nature finance (PA)

Improving access to finance by subnational governments (PA)

Understanding and addressing the data needs for upscaling climate/nature finance (PA)

Development of green finance products (FA)

Mobilizing finance for climate adaptation businesses (PA, FA)

(main target groups: PD, PA)

Basic understanding of key NbS concepts, examples of projects with strong NbS potentials, Project decision-making informed by accounting of NbS benefits (PA, PD)

Designing "bankable" projects leveraging NbS with robust revenue streams (e.g. agri-food and water infrastructure projects) (PA, PD)

Designing projects and activities integrating smallholder regenerative/NbS agriculture approaches and technologies (PA, PD)

(main target groups: PD, FA)

Understanding how to assess and manage E&S risks and impacts and elaborate ESMS/ESAP (PD, FA)

Impact MRV: collecting data and reporting on environmental and social impact metrics (PD, FA)

(main target groups: PD, FA)

Enhancing awareness on gender equality requirements, including 2X Challenge criteria (PD)

Understanding how to design gender-sensitive/responsive projects (PD)

Developing, implementing and monitoring Gender Action Plans (PD)

A brief analysis of the SCF pipeline tracker⁵ highlights following regions and countries with high number of potential projects:

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As for sectoral distribution, energy, waste management and agri-food are the three dominant sectors, each accounting for roughly 1/3 of the analysed SCF project pipeline.

1	South Africa	14
2	Kenya	9
3	Indonesia	7
4	Ecuador	7
5	Brazil	7

⁵ Data derived from the pipeline tracker as of 17.11.2023. 99 projects with "to be screened", "parked" or more advanced status are included in this analysis. Projects with status " (to be) screened out" and " discontinued" are excluded.

6	Senegal	5
7	Morocco	5
8	Rwanda	5
9	Dominican Republic	4
10	Guinea	4
11	Mexico	4
12	Jamaica	3
13	Nigeria	3

Expected contributions of the 2024 activities to the project targets are as follows, where the figures under “ plan” refer to the number of participants who complete the in-country thematic training workshops (target number of beneficiaries of online courses TBD):

	PDs trained	60	82	160	TBD	40 * 4 countries
	PAs trained	150	77	160	TBD	40 * 4 countries
	FIs trained					

This paper presents the draft initial concept notes of SCF's national thematic training workshops. Contents and feedback from the workshops will then be transformed into 3 thematic webinars and self-paced free sponsored online training courses with the IUCN Academy (<https://iucnacademy.org/>) to be offered as SCF

Main target:

- (1) Officials from subnational (e.g. provinces, municipalities) and national governments
- (2) Members of financial institutions (fund managers, investors, private banks, public development banks)

Background:

Cities and subnational actors play major role in achieving global nature and climate goals, however often lack knowledge needed to mobilize finance (especially private finance), strengthen enabling environment to attract investments, and leverage the potential benefits of NbS.

Expected outcomes:

By the end of the training, participants will have deeper understanding on:

Main target:

Financial institutions interested in nature and climate investments

Background:

One of the barriers in scaling up nature and climate investments in developing economies is the limited capacity of financial institutions to put in place and enforce ESMS and impact MRV requirements for investees. This training aims to address these capacity gaps by introducing the key elements of ESMS and impact MRV, in line with requirements set forth by SCF as an example.

Expected outcomes:

By the end of the training, participants will have deeper understanding on:

- Investor requirements and objectives of developing and implementing ESMS and impact MRV
- Basic components of ESMS and steps required for its application to own businesses, including gender and social inclusion policies
- Frameworks, tools and metrics used for impact management and reporting
- Available technical tools and resources to support the above process

Session topics (tentative):

- Major global frameworks used for impact management and reporting (e.g. IFC/WB, ISSB, Gold Standard, ISEAL), investor requirements (e.g. SCF requirements)
- Structure, components, process and cost of developing and implementing ESMS and impact MRV (to be grouped by sub-modules – governance and responsibilities, key E&S risks, D/D, stakeholder engagement, gender and social inclusion, M&E)
- Major metrics used for assessing and monitoring different types of impacts
- Available technical tools and resources to support the above process
- Examples of ESMS and impact MRV efforts by (prospective) SCF investees and TA provided