

Fix Every Gap Before GCF Sees It

A three-layer evaluation of your GCF Concept Note - scored section by section against the latest V.3.0 template, paradigm-shift pathways, and approved precedents.

24h

TURN-AROUND

11

SECTIONS SCORED

100%

SOURCE-VERIFIED

THE CHALLENGE: Over 60% of concept notes from small island states and African DAEs fail - they do not meet criteria at all or get stalled when kicked back. Weak climate rationale, incomplete sections, and misalignment with sector pathways are the leading causes - all fixable before submission, if you know where to look.

HOW THE EVALUATION WORKS:

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Template Responsiveness Check

Every section of GCF CN Template V.3.0 checked for presence and substantive population. Absent or incomplete sections flagged before detailed evaluation begins.

Layer 1 — 11 Sections · V.3.0 Template

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Section-by-Section Alignment Scoring

Each section scored against GCF criteria using a criterion aggregation formula. Three sections incorporate sector-specific paradigm-shift pathway analysis - the most common gap in rejected CNs.

Layer 2 — Criterion Aggregation · Sector Pathways

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Composite Score & Readiness Report

All 11 section scores synthesised into a composite alignment score and a readiness rating. Includes precedent benchmarking from CFI's GCF corpus where available.

Layer 3 — 10-15 Page Evaluation Report

YOUR READINESS RATING:

 **Ready for Submission**

High alignment. Refinements may strengthen specific sections.

 **Moderate Revision**


Targeted gaps identified. Specific corrections with precedent examples.


 **Significant Revision**


Multiple material gaps. Submitting as-is risks deferral or rejection at first review.


WHAT YOU RECEIVE:


 **Responsiveness Report:** Template completeness check

 **11 Section Evaluations:** Criterion-level scoring per section

 **Sector Pathway Analysis:** Paradigm-shift alignment for C.1, C.2, C.5

 **Precedent Benchmarking:** Comparable approved CNs from CFI corpus

 **Composite Alignment Score:** Section aggregation + readiness rating

 **Priority Recommendations:** Ranked corrective actions per section

SCORING SYSTEM:

● **Score 5 — High Alignment**

● **Score 4 — Moderate**

● **Score 3 — Low-Moderate**

● **Score 1-2 — Low / Non-Alignment**

SECTOR COVERAGE:

- Energy generation and access
- Transport
- Buildings, industries, and appliances
- Forests and land use
- Health, food, and water security
- Livelihoods of people and communities
- Ecosystems and ecosystem services
- Infrastructure and built environment

TESTIMONIALS:



"The Concept Note report was invaluable as a resource that bridged gaps, ensuring our narratives were precisely aligned with the latest investment criteria." - *Project Proponent*



"This is a fantastic report for building confidence in our submissions. It provides a clear roadmap of areas needing more attention - it helped us significantly improve our core logic." - *Southern Africa Accredited Entity*



"Useful to project developers and private players - and other GCF climate finance applicants with limited application experience." - *Development Bank of Zimbabwe*



"My first impression of the review for Côte d'Ivoire is that it is spot on. I compared the conclusions to my own technical review and the results are remarkably aligned. I am truly impressed." — *Senior GCF Evaluator (Ret.)*



"Many DAEs require support to navigate complex requirements. The ability to help them translate their ideas into precise language provides assistance that is truly game-changing." - *Chief Information Officer*

EVALUATION SERVICES - BUILT ON WHAT GCF HAS ALREADY SAID YES TO:

SINGLE SECTION:

\$195 USD

One section evaluated — ideal for testing C.1 Climate Context or C.2 Project Description before full submission. Delivered in 24 hours.

FULL CN EVALUATION:

\$750 USD

All 11 sections. Sector pathway analysis. Precedent benchmarking. Composite score + readiness rating. Delivered in 24 hours.

CN STRATEGY ROADMAP:

\$1,250 USD

Full evaluation plus structured action plan converting Secretariat feedback into a ranked revision strategy. Ideal after a deferral.