



# Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions (SCALE)

Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions aims at enabling countries to undertake transformative investment programs in support of ambitious climate objectives.

By providing results-based climate finance, SCALE fills in a critical gap in the current climate finance landscape and supports developing countries in delivering climate-compatible development policies, programs, and activities. To support the achievement of its outcomes, SCALE also deploys targeted funding for activities such as knowledge generation, capacity building, development of tools and modelling, and project preparation.

## Rationale

SCALE builds off more than 20 years of World Bank experience in climate and carbon finance and seeks to catalyse transformative climate action by deploying results-based climate finance. By consolidating and refocusing different sources of finance SCALE supports countries and allows them to both increase (measured in absolute emissions reduced) and accelerate the fulfilment of their Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) commitments. SCALE provides operational financing over the lifecycle of a project, at scale, and pays for verified emissions reductions credits, as well as provides capacity building and technical assistance to support countries to access carbon markets.

Result-based climate finance will play a vital role in helping developing countries to realize and expand their climate goals. It is an efficient way to deliver climate finance and is intended to generate emission reductions credits (ERCs). Result-based climate finance directly pays for verified ERCs and can accelerate the transition of entire economic sectors to a lower emissions future.

## Objectives and activities

SCALE's main goal is to provide financial means to enable and to accelerate the implementation of developing country climate strategies. It will not only be a source of climate finance but also an instrument for policy dialogue and broader in-country engagement to potentially incentivize low carbon development, all in support of the Paris Agreement. SCALE consists of three thematical pillars that serve to support areas most suitable for results-based climate financing:

- Pillar 1 - Natural Climate Solutions: Agriculture, forestry, land-use, oceans, and other sectors that support natural capital assets and vital ecosystem services;

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**Country/region**

Global

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**Funding partners**

Germany, Norway, UK, US

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**Duration**

2025-2029

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**Total budget**

USD 268 million

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**SECO contribution**

CHF 12 million

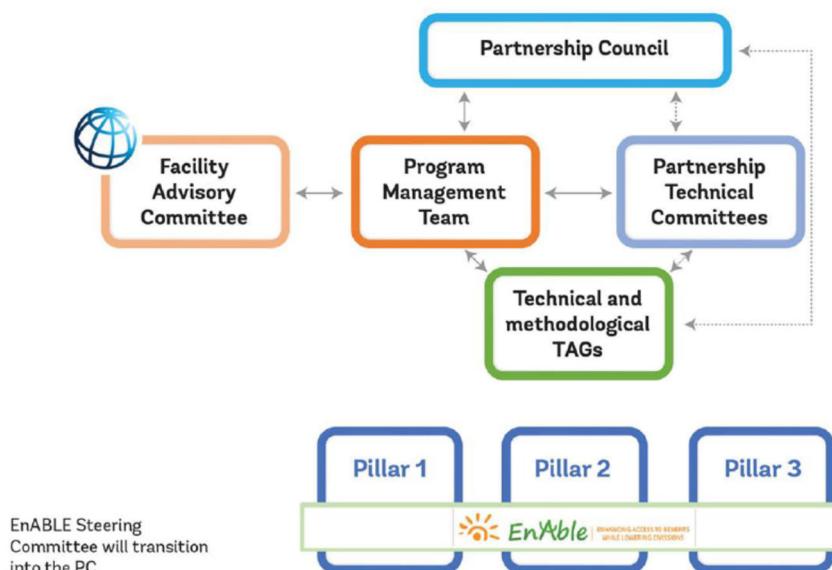


- Pillar 2 - Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions: Energy, water, transport, urban and other sectors that provide public goods to underpin broad-based, inclusive, and sustainable economic activity (under this pillar will also fall activities and projects that support developing countries on a just energy transition);
- Pillar 3 - Fiscal and Financial Solutions: Frameworks and regulatory measures that directly or indirectly provide or mobilize resources for climate action (such as carbon taxes, the removal of fossil fuel subsidies, greening public financial institutions, or loans linked to sustainability).

## Governance

SCALE will be a one-stop shop for results-based climate finance in the World Bank and one of its key climate finance instruments to incentivize and scale-up climate action. The governance structure of SCALE allows for flexibility and strives for efficiency. The SCALE governance structure and stakeholder engagement includes: a) a Partnership Council; b) Partnership Technical Committees; c) Technical Advisory Groups; d) a Program Management Team; and e) a Facility Advisory Committee.

Two Partnership Technical Committee (PTC) will be established — one for Pillar 1 and a second for Pillar 2/3.



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