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# **C3A: a major program to support the emerging analytical needs of Ministries of Finance**

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**The Coalition for Capacity on Climate Action (C3A) aims to strengthen knowledge of the role of Ministries of Finance (MoFs) in the ecological transition and their capacity in scaling up climate action.** At the UN climate conference COP27 in 2022, the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action (CFMCA) recognized the lack of sufficient attention by many MoFs to developing systemic visions for dealing with the challenges of climate change impacts.<sup>1</sup> In addition, few dedicated knowledge and capacity-building programs existed to support the leadership of MoFs in tackling climate change. C3A was created in June 2023 on the sidelines of the Paris Summit for a New Global Financing Pact to deliver on this need (Crystallin et al., 2023).

**Funded and hosted by the World Bank, C3A is a knowledge-exchange and capacity-building program for MoFs.** With a large network of knowledge partners across research, policy, and the operational side, C3A takes a demand-led approach to unlock policy and analytical capacity on critical and frontier topics, ranging from macroeconomics and transition financing plans to debt sustainability, innovation, and nature. C3A aims in particular to bridge the science-to-policy and the policy-to-science gaps.

**It is actively responding to the demand of MoFs** and provides them access to an extensive knowledge network (research-to-policy, policy-to-research, and peer-to-peer), technical training (on policy, decision-making tools, and models) delivered physically or virtually to high-level policymakers and/or technical experts, and in-depth capacity-building on analytical tools (co-developed and/or contextualized in collaboration with local partners) (Sokona, 2022).

**Activities are delivered through C3A network partners, as well as Regional and Thematic hubs.**

Regional hubs, such as those in Latin America and the Caribbean,<sup>2</sup> are where thematic knowledge is applied and contextualized to specific issues. The regional hubs are responsible for assessing individual and regional MoFs' capacity creation needs and priorities for policy design and peer-to-peer exchange; for identifying and engaging with local knowledge and advocacy partners to implement C3A activities, including developing local knowledge and analytical tools; and for facilitating and delivering capacity creation and peer-to-peer exchange between MoFs in the region and with other regional hubs, in collaboration with thematic hubs.

**Thematic activities are typically chosen to address cross-cutting climate-related issues and stimulate the creation of knowledge on these topics around the specific needs of MoFs**—green innovation and structural change, fiscal policy, and debt sustainability in the transition; financing strategies for the transition; and nature transition aspects—by drawing on relevant policy, scientific work, and policymaker experiences.

**Core activities are regional conferences, online and in-person workshops, and training at national, regional, and global levels, in-depth collaborations with champion countries, and an annual global symposium.** An editorial series of technical notes on key issues relevant to MoFs, policy briefs on key experience from countries, and working papers on frontier topics are also created in addition to as global flagship reports.

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