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## Global Green Growth Institute

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization dedicated to supporting and promoting strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies. GGGI was established in 2012, at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and currently consists of 31 Member countries around the world. GGGI's mission is to support the transition of its Member and partner countries toward a model of green growth by developing and implementing strategies that simultaneously achieve poverty reduction, social inclusion, environmental sustainability and economic growth. By pursuing this mission, GGGI aims to achieve its vision of a resilient world of strong, inclusive and sustainable green growth.

### Supporting the LDC Group

GGGI's Climate Diplomacy program was launched in 2017 to support the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations, in response to a request by Ethiopia when they assumed the role of LDC Group Chair. The LDC Group comprises the 47 countries that are most vulnerable to climate change.

LDC Group members face challenges in the UNFCCC process due to limited resources and capacity. The LDC Group is currently chaired by Bhutan and 15 LDC Group members are GGGI Member or partner countries.

GGGI's Climate Diplomacy services are closely aligned to the LDC Group's biennial work plan. GGGI closely collaborates with the other organizations supporting the LDC Group, the International Institute for Environment and Development and Climate Analytics, to maximize the value GGGI adds. The program focuses on transparency and mitigation, leveraging national-level GGGI operations that support countries to establish enhanced transparency frameworks and develop NDC roadmaps to magnify the technical support and capacity building provided to the LDC Group.

"GGGI is working... to identify the challenges and capacity gaps faced by the LDC Group in implementing enhanced transparency frameworks, which will enable the LDC Group to engage in transparency negotiations and plan for the operationalization of the Paris Agreement Work Program at the national level."

**Gebru Jember Endalew**

Former LDC Group Chair, Ethiopia

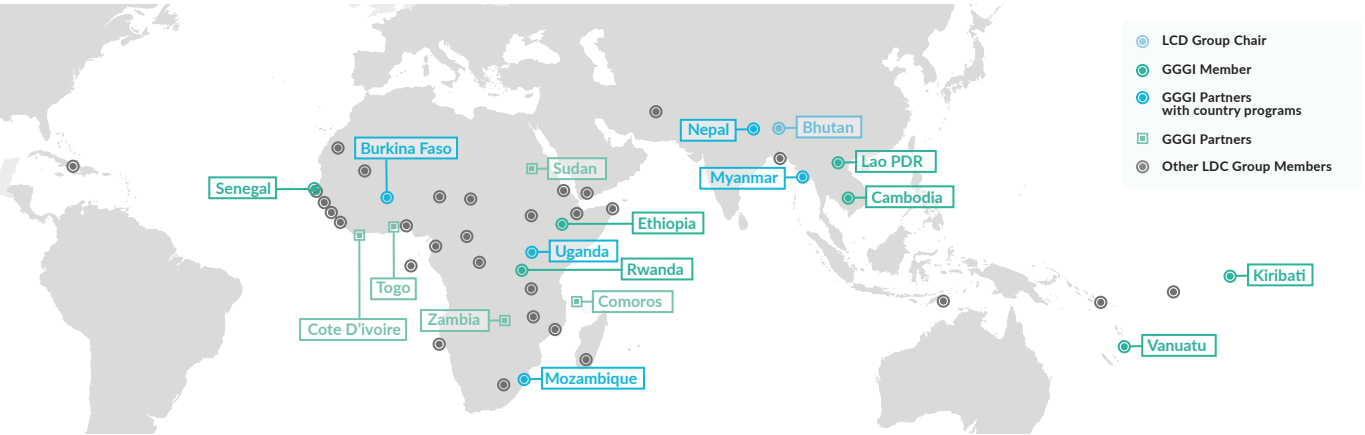


Delegates at COP 23.  
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Gebru Jember Endalew, LDC Group Chair, Ethiopia, at COP 24.  
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### GGGI Members and Partner Countries in the LDC Group



### Why Climate Diplomacy?

Climate Change is the critical issue of our time, and GGGI firmly believes that addressing climate change is vital to achieving green growth in its Member and partner countries. Climate diplomacy plays an essential role in climate action.

At the international level it galvanizes ambition to address climate change and supports the development of the rules set under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement. At the national level it enables countries to set Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), access international climate finance, implement mitigation and adaptation measures, and measure, report and verify that international commitments are being met.

GGGI takes a holistic approach to climate diplomacy that aligns national and international climate action, enabling the most climate vulnerable countries to both implement the Paris Agreement and strengthen their engagement in the UNFCCC process. The Climate Diplomacy program sits at the nexus between GGGI's national level programming, which supports countries to implement the Paris Agreement Work Program, and the rule setting regime under the UNFCCC. At that locus, the program aims to support the most vulnerable GGGI member countries to build their climate diplomacy capacity through: technical assistance in the negotiations; capacity building for negotiating delegations; and a research portfolio to draw out lessons learned at the national level.

### Climate Diplomacy Services

#### Technical Assistance

Supporting the LDC Group in the UNFCCC negotiations, responding to requests for assistance from the LDC Group Chair and issue coordinators, with a specific focus on mitigation and transparency. This technical support includes analysis of negotiating texts, development of briefing notes drawing on GGGI's experience supporting the implementation of national programs, and support translating national experiences into negotiating positions.

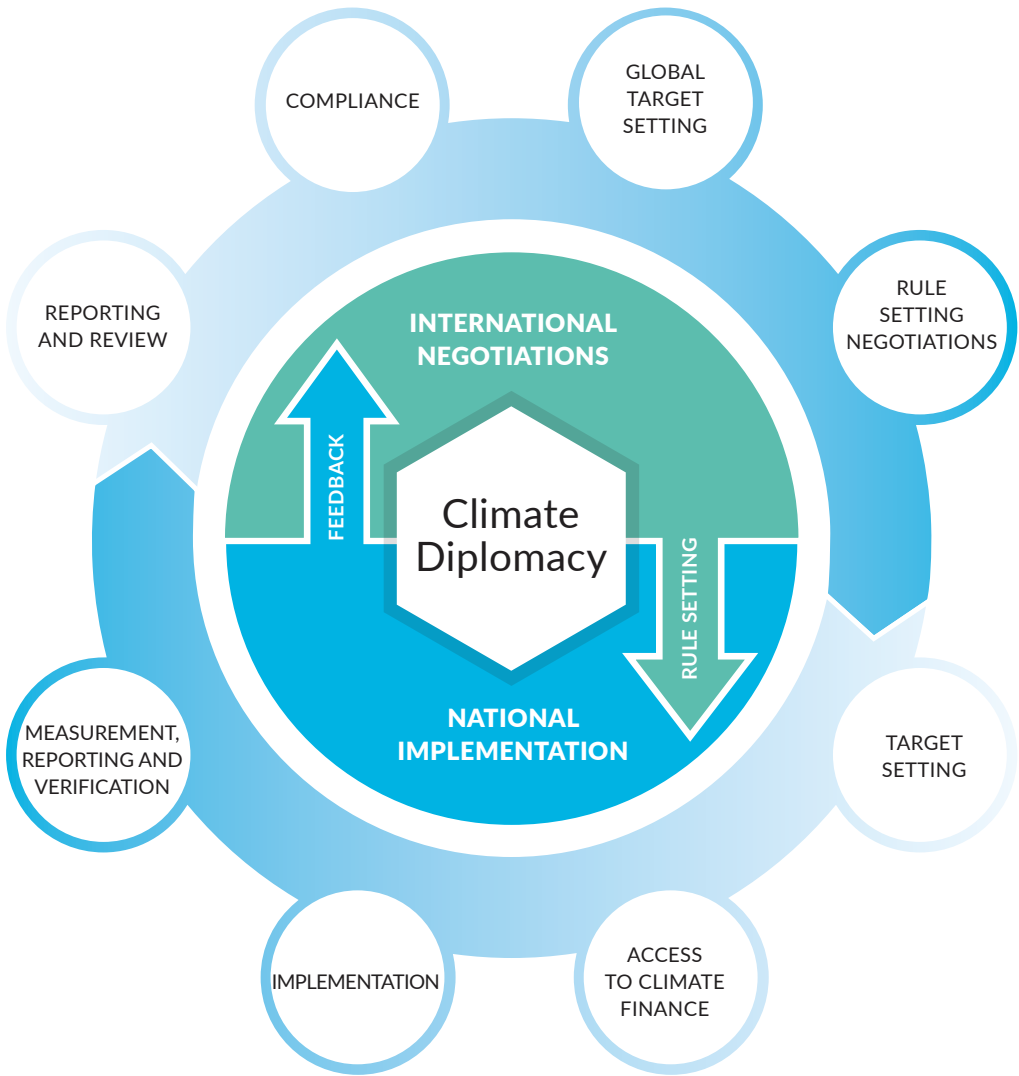
#### Knowledge Sharing

Undertaking research to support the LDC Group in the UNFCCC negotiations. This research is designed to provide an evidence base on which the LDC Group can build and explain positions within the UNFCCC process. It also enables the development of programs that are better targeted to address the special needs and circumstances of least developed countries.

#### Capacity Building

Driving partnerships with international academic and non-academic institutions to build the capacity of the LDC Group to carry-out negotiations under the UNFCCC and implement their commitments under the Paris Agreement. Delivery of a training module to support GGGI LDC Group members engagement in UNFCCC negotiation processes. In 2018 this type of training was initiated in Burkina Faso and Myanmar.

### GGGI's Climate Diplomacy Model



## How We Work

GGGI supports its Member and partner countries in mainstreaming green growth and climate change actions into national, subnational and sectoral economic development plans and visions. GGGI also helps to address financial, policy, and knowledge gaps, and challenges in its Member and partner countries, supporting them to green investments and develop bankable projects. In addition, GGGI delivers a compelling and rigorous evidence base that showcases impact through policy research, analysis, and data-driven tools and methodologies.

In the context of green growth, GGGI provides a comprehensive suite of services to address climate change and meet NDC targets. The NDC Alliance delivers interventions in six areas, including: governance to develop and integrate NDCs into national planning processes and climate diplomacy; implementation of NDCs through sectoral projects; measurement, reporting and verification through enhanced transparency frameworks; climate finance by building national financing vehicles, supporting Green Climate Fund readiness projects, and developing bankable projects; capacity-building to enable Member and partners countries to implement their climate commitments; and sectoral interventions in the areas of sustainable energy, sustainable landscapes, water and sanitation, and green cities to ensure climate resilient green growth.



**Tshewang Dorji**, Bhutan, foreground, during adoption of the Paris Agreement.

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“Within a short period of time, GGGI has become an integral member of the LDC Group support team, and one that is vital to my role as Transparency Coordinator... this work has enabled the LDC Group to deepen our engagement in the transparency negotiations.”

**Tshewang Dorji**

LDC Group Transparency Coordinator, Bhutan



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## Our Approach

- Partnering with developing and emerging countries to design and deliver programs and services that demonstrate new pathways to pro-poor economic growth.
- Providing Member countries with the tools to help build institutional capacity and develop green growth policy, strengthen peer learning and knowledge sharing, and engage private investors and public donors.
- Leveraging a comprehensive network and governance structure to facilitate a multi-directional and multi-sectoral sharing of knowledge between South-South countries, while gathering global actors with the potential to set and drive the international agenda on green growth.

GGGI's interventions emphasize change in four priority areas considered to be essential to transforming countries' economies including:



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