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Technical Assistance Facility

Turn your ocean-positive project into a high-integrity blue bond — with expert support, global visibility, and funding along the way

Applications Open end September
Register Interest Now:
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The Blue Bond Accelerator enables issuers to transition from concept to issuance in the Regenerative and Sustainable Blue Economy, catalysing high-impact socially-inclusive projects backed by long-term capital and strong stakeholder management.

The Regenerative & Sustainable Blue Economy: Context & Opportunity

- **6x** more sustainable food by 2050
- **40x** more renewable energy by 2050
- **12 million** more jobs by 2030
- **35%** of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed
- **$15.5 trillion** in benefits from sustainable ocean investments by 2050
- **Billions** of people made more resilient

Key Challenges

01 LIMITED KNOWLEDGE, CAPACITY AT AN ISSUER AND SYSTEMIC LEVEL

02 INSUFFICIENT PIPELINE AND BANKABILITY

03 HIGH UPFRONT COSTS AND EFFORT

04 LACK OF CLARITY ON DEFINITIONS, STANDARDS, AND METRICS

05 LIMITED ACCESS TO INVESTOR COMMUNITY AND DE-RISKING MECHANISMS

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ACCELERATING CREDIBLE BLUE BOND ISSUANCE AT SCALE

MARKET BUILDER
Knowledge sharing & Ecosystem building

TECHNICAL ADVISOR
Support pipeline building, issuance process, alignment to benchmarks, and exposure to investor community

CONVENER
Convening market stakeholders for collaborative action

What our Technical Assistance Facility offers

- Technical Assistance & Cost-Sharing
- Framework Alignment
- Investor Visibility
- Partner Connections

Our Partners

orraa Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance

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UK International Development — Partnership | Progress | Prosperity

Environment and Climate Change Canada / Environnement et Changement climatique Canada

Legal Partner: SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

Assurance Partner: BUREAU VERITAS 1828

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For more details please contact: info@bluebondaccelerator.org https://bluebondaccelerator.org/

Are you ready to issue a blue bond? We'll help you get there

Our Offer

We want to hear from issuers who are ready for high-quality, standards-aligned investment ready project pipeline.

- **Successful applicants** will receive 5 months of free technical assistance.
- **Other promising applicants** will receive needs-based support in the form of building pathways to market and developing credible pipelines, framework input, eligibility checks and inclusion in the BBA database for potential future support.

Preference given to first time issuers of blue bonds as well as blue use of proceeds and blue KPIs

Who should apply?

Eligibility

Prospective issuers

- Sovereigns, Sub-sovereigns, Corporates or Financial Institutions

Standards Alignment

Willingness to align with one or a combination of:

- ICMA principles
- Bonds to Finance the Sustainable Blue Economy: A Practitioner's Guide
- IFC Blue Finance Guidelines
- UNEP FI Recommended Exclusions for Sustainable Blue Economy Financing
- UNGC Practical Guidance to Issue a Blue Bond

Selection Criteria

Investment Sectors focus

A minimum of 2 ideally:

- Ocean Conservation
- Sustainable Seafood
- Circular Economy & Blue Technology
- Sustainable Blue Infrastructure
- Ocean-based Renewable Energy
- Ridge to Reef

Geography

Eligible countries and states in the Asia Pacific region that fall under:

- OECD's Official Development Assistance (ODA) list
- World Bank's low & middle-income countries (LIMIC)

And others with vulnerable coastal areas

Limited Window opportunity to apply - Timelines below

- **Application window opens** ***(end Sept. 2025)***
- **Application closing** ***(31st Oct. 2025)***
- **Selection of successful applicants** ***(early Nov. 2025)***
- **Pilot begins** ***(Nov. 2025)***
- **Technical Assistance & Support** ***(Nov. 2025- Mar. 2026)***
- **Pilot ends** ***(Mar. 2026)***
- **Post Pilot Support** ***(Mar. 2026-Jun. 2026)***

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