

Dear friends, partners and associates

Despite current constraints, OneWorld projects continue to be focussed on resilience building, be it through analysing climate risk and vulnerability, co-developing new knowledge with stakeholders, or building institutional capacity in the region, to name a few examples. Through these newsletters, we aim to share how we are doing this.

This week we are launching a new climate finance capacity development project, as well as sharing an update for one of our newer [Valuing Resources projects](#).

We wish everyone good health.

Belynda and the OneWorld team

Development of Capacities for Green Climate Fund Project Development

Climate change is running faster than we are. We need much more ambition and urgency. Finance is key. Developed nations need to meet their pledge to mobilise USD 100 billion a year for mitigation and adaptation countries. The Green Climate Fund has a significant role to play.

- UN Secretary Antonio Guterres

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) encourages developing countries to access finance for climate change projects directly through their accredited institutions. But African entities find it difficult to develop successful proposals.

Doing so requires depth and breadth of skills. These range from building a science-based climate rationale, to demonstrating achieving development impacts. Bringing these elements together, and navigating the complex GCF process is a unique challenge for project proponents.

One World is developing a **Training of Trainers programme** for African beneficiaries, funded by the African Development Bank. Training targets are key staff of direct entities, local and regional consultants or NGOs. The training involves a thorough assessment of what they know, need to learn, and learning preferences. Once certified, trainers can assist accredited entities develop successful proposals to access the GCF.

There is little evidence that previous training and capacity building processes in climate finance readiness have resulted in more than ad hoc improvements. OneWorld will use a **blended learning** approach, geared to be **innovative, sustainable and replicable**. It will use holistic, modern, innovative education techniques, with high quality materials, and learning processes, anchored in case studies and live examples from the region.

Baseline Assessment of the Orange-Senqu River Mouth Rehabilitation Project

The **Orange-Senqu River Mouth** is one of Africa's most critical wetland ecosystems. But increasing demand and unsustainable water resource use has substantially changed the natural ecosystem.

OneWorld is undertaking a **baseline study and framework situational analysis for the rehabilitation and sustainable management** of the river mouth, with a multi-disciplinary team mobilised by the Orange-Senqu River Commission. Phase I includes analysing secondary data on water quality for the lower Orange River. In parallel, this is being reviewed to accommodate both COVID-19 travel limitations and the timing of ideal water level conditions.

Early work reveals a connection with environmental damage from mining activity that has not been formally decommissioned, as well as a lack of regulatory compliance over abandoned mines. a larger problem in South Africa. Both are stifling rehabilitation efforts. Understanding baseline nutrient input conditions, such as mine drainage, into the river mouth ecosystem is critical for developing **priority management response interventions**.

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