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Finance solutions for enduring naturescapes

Sustainable Finance Coordination and Capacity for TFCAs

CONCEPT NOTE

The Sustainable Finance Coalition (the Coalition) FINDS, DESIGNS and MOBILISES tailor-made finance solutions for nature. We are a driving force for the incubation and implementation of finance solutions at their point of impact, ensuring effective and enduring naturescapes across Africa through collective action.

Sustainable Finance in Practice Webinars

A Webinar Series for the TFCA Community of Practice in Sustainable Finance

Sustainable Finance in Practice is a four-part webinar series under the Sustainable Finance Coordination and Capacity for Transfrontier Conservation Areas, implemented by the Sustainable Finance Coalition under the Climate Resilience and Natural Resource Management in the SADC Region (C-NRM) programme. It is designed to support members of the TFCA Community of Practice on Sustainable Finance to uncover how finance solutions work in real settings through practitioner insight, practical case examples and discussion on relevance for connected landscapes.

Problem

Several TFCA stakeholders are engaging around the topic of sustainable finance, however this is often through broad concepts rather than practical examples. In transboundary landscapes and seascapes, this makes it harder to judge which solutions are realistic, what conditions they require, and how they might support long-term conservation, coordination and resilience.

Solution

The series will complement the project's Capacity Support to three TFCA's and the more structured Resource Mobilisation and Capacity Building workstream by offering a lighter, practice-oriented exchange platform. Across four webinars, participants will engage with key sustainable finance concepts and finance solutions, drawing on the Coalition's Finance



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The Sustainable Finance Coalition is a registered NPC, NPO and PBO. The Coalition is led by Founder and CEO, Candice Stevens, and supported by a Coalition Core Team. Our diverse and innovative Team hails from across Africa offering multi-disciplinary expertise and experience. The delivery of our Finance Model is enhanced through collaboration with our Finance Doers at Scale, our Finance Solution Drivers, and our Specialist Contributors. We are supported in our efforts by our Board and a voluntary advisory Council comprised of thought leaders from 19 sectors. The Coalition thanks and acknowledges the collective action required to design finance solutions for nature at scale from across the many parts of our Finance for Nature Ecosystem, and the role of our donors, funders and investors.

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Solution Inventory and finance solutions developed collaboratively across the continent. Each webinar will emphasise the Building Blocks of finance solution success and what it takes to advance it, including lessons for TFCA contexts.

Impact

Beyond the immediate learning value of each session, the webinar series is intended to contribute to stronger sustainable finance capacity across the TFCA network by broadening access to practical finance knowledge, strengthening peer exchange, and supporting wider uptake of solution-oriented sustainable finance thinking. Over time, this should help build stronger awareness, confidence, and readiness among TFCA stakeholders to engage sustainable finance more strategically.

In this way, the series will help reinforce the TFCA Sustainable Finance Community of Practice as a regional platform for shared learning and applied knowledge, while building greater confidence and readiness among stakeholders to engage, adapt, and advance sustainable finance pathways in connected landscapes.

The intended result is stronger practical finance literacy across the Community of Practice, more grounded reflection on which pathways may be fit for purpose, and clearer entry points for deeper exploration, design support or future resource mobilization.

Delivery Approach

Each 90-minute session will combine a short technical framing, a practice-based case example, reflections from an implementing actor or practitioner, and moderated discussion on implications for TFCA contexts. The series is intended to surface how sustainable finance looks in practice rather than repeat curriculum-based teaching.

Indicative Webinar Schedule

Date	Theme and Practical Focus	Speaker
9 April 2026	<p>Blue Finance in Practice</p> <p>This webinar will explore how blue finance approaches are being structured across naturescapes where inland waters and seascapes, livelihoods and conservation priorities intersect, including rivers, wetlands, catchments and coastal or marine-linked TFCAs.</p>	<p>Technical Framing: Justin Smith</p> <p>In Practice Reflections: Blue Outcomes Fund</p>
26 May 2026	<p>Nature Markets in Practice</p> <p>This session will examine biodiversity credits and nature markets as emerging sustainable finance approaches that seek to channel finance toward nature-positive outcomes. It will focus on how these mechanisms are being shaped in practice, including the ecological, governance, and integrity considerations that determine whether they are credible and appropriate. For TFCAs stakeholders, the session will provide a grounded discussion of where these approaches may offer potential, where caution is required, and what would need to be in place for them to be considered as part of a broader sustainable finance pathway.</p>	<p>Technical Framing: Dr Wendy Engel</p> <p>In Practice Reflections:</p>

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14 July 2026	<p>Conservation Trust Funds in Practice</p> <p>This session will explore two important approaches to long-term conservation finance architecture: Conservation Trust Funds and Outcomes-Based Funds. The discussion will look at how these mechanisms are structured to provide more sustained, performance-linked financing for conservation. In practice, both approaches require strong governance, clear financial design, and a credible link between finance and conservation outcomes. The session will help TFCA stakeholders consider how such mechanisms can support long-term landscape finance needs, and under what conditions they may be relevant in transfrontier settings.</p>	<p>Technical Framing: Candice Stevens/ Ellane van Wyk</p> <p>In Practice Reflections: TBC</p>
27 October 2026	<p>Connected Finance in Practice</p> <p>This session will examine Connected Finance as an approach to designing sustainable finance around the interdependence of ecosystems, institutions, communities, and economic activity across a landscape. Rather than financing isolated sites or stand-alone interventions, Connected Finance focuses on how finance flows, actors, and delivery mechanisms can be aligned to support ecological connectivity, coordinated governance, and landscape-scale outcomes.</p>	<p>Technical Framing: Chanda Mwale</p> <p>In Practice Reflections: TBC</p>