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Fostering the Next Generation of CDRFI Actors

MCII is determined to reduce the protection gap by developing effective CDRFI solutions, and advocating for new ways of applying risk-transfer mechanisms to better shield vulnerable communities from climate change impacts.

Currently, within CDRFI decision-making processes, younger representation is urgently needed.

We need more opportunities for capacity-building-networks tailored towards young insurance and climate risk professionals from both the Global South and North.

In order to achieve this, we have initiated and are hosting the first global network for aspiring young leaders working in the various fields of Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance.

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The first ever network for young professionals who want to gain knowledge, skills, and become changemakers in the field of Climate & Disaster Risk Finance & Insurance (CDRFI)

climer bridges the gap between young professionals from various sectors in the Global South and North, fostering collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and personal growth.

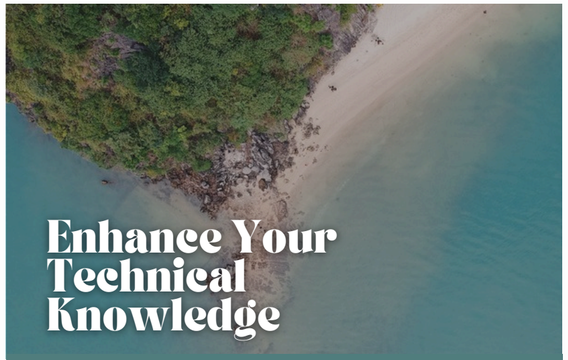
This cross-sector collaboration empowers participants to drive innovation and create impactful solutions.



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

PROGRAMME PILLARS

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Enhance Your Technical Knowledge

Gain understanding of the fundamentals of CDRFI, how CDRFI solutions work in practice, how they enhance climate resilience for people and economies, and how to contextualize CDRFI applications so they make a difference for climate vulnerable communities.

Develop knowledge on creating collaborations between private and public sector entities for social impact and understand how the insurance industry can facilitate sustainability and resilience transformation globally.

Contextualize international debates, gain insights into how to influence decision making processes, and events at global and national levels.



Connect with Inspiring Climate Actors

Learn about successful growth and development strategies by connecting with influential leaders, inspiring personalities, MCII members and renowned experts in the global sphere of CDRFI, private sector, climate change policy, community engagement, and advocacy through fire-side style events.



Hone Your Skills

Acquire skills that will support your role as a future change maker by participating in coaching sessions geared towards helping you develop your leadership style, advocacy and public speaking skills, competency in creating outward facing content and more.



Create Agency & Change Projects

Seize the chance to drive a relevant issue forward by forming small virtual teams with other CLIMERs globally to jointly work on a concrete project of your own design. Your team will be supported by the MCII coordinators to facilitate contacts or material if needed, but you are given the power to develop, drive and implement your project, resulting in the opportunity to present your findings to key stakeholders at a major international event.

SESSION OUTLOOK (TBC)

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Enhance Your Technical Knowledge

- Basics of Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance
- Climate Risk Policy & Governance
- Role of Climate Risk Analytics
- Assessing the Impact of CDRFI Initiatives
- History and Models of Microfinance
- Microinsurance under the Gender Lens
- Nature Based Solutions for Climate Risk



Hone Your Skills

- Public Speaking
- Science Storytelling
- Next Generation Leadership & Being a Leader Coach
- Communication Skills
- Stress Management
- Networking



Connect with Inspiring Climate Actors

- Carolina Fuentes: Director | Santiago Network on Loss & Damage
- Lolesh Sharma: CEO | Pacific Re
- Marike Brady: Director | Global Shield Secretariat
- Prof. Dr. David Bresch | ETH Zurich
- Rachel Delhaise: CSO | Convex Insurance
- Vikas Singh: Business Development Lead | Blue Marble
- Ekhosuehi Iyahen: Sec. Gen. | Insurance Development Forum
- Shalini Vajjhala: Executive Director | Precollective
- Swenja Surminski: Chair | MCII

AGENCY & CHANGE PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Objective: To apply the knowledge and skills gained throughout this course by developing and presenting a practical, innovative, and impactful change consultancy proposal addressing a critical challenge within CDRFI.



Group Work

CLIMERS work in groups of 4-5 individuals.



Change Consultancy

Each group acts as social entrepreneurs, tasked with addressing one of the pre-selected problems/opportunities within CDRFI and proposing a concrete solution through an innovative output.

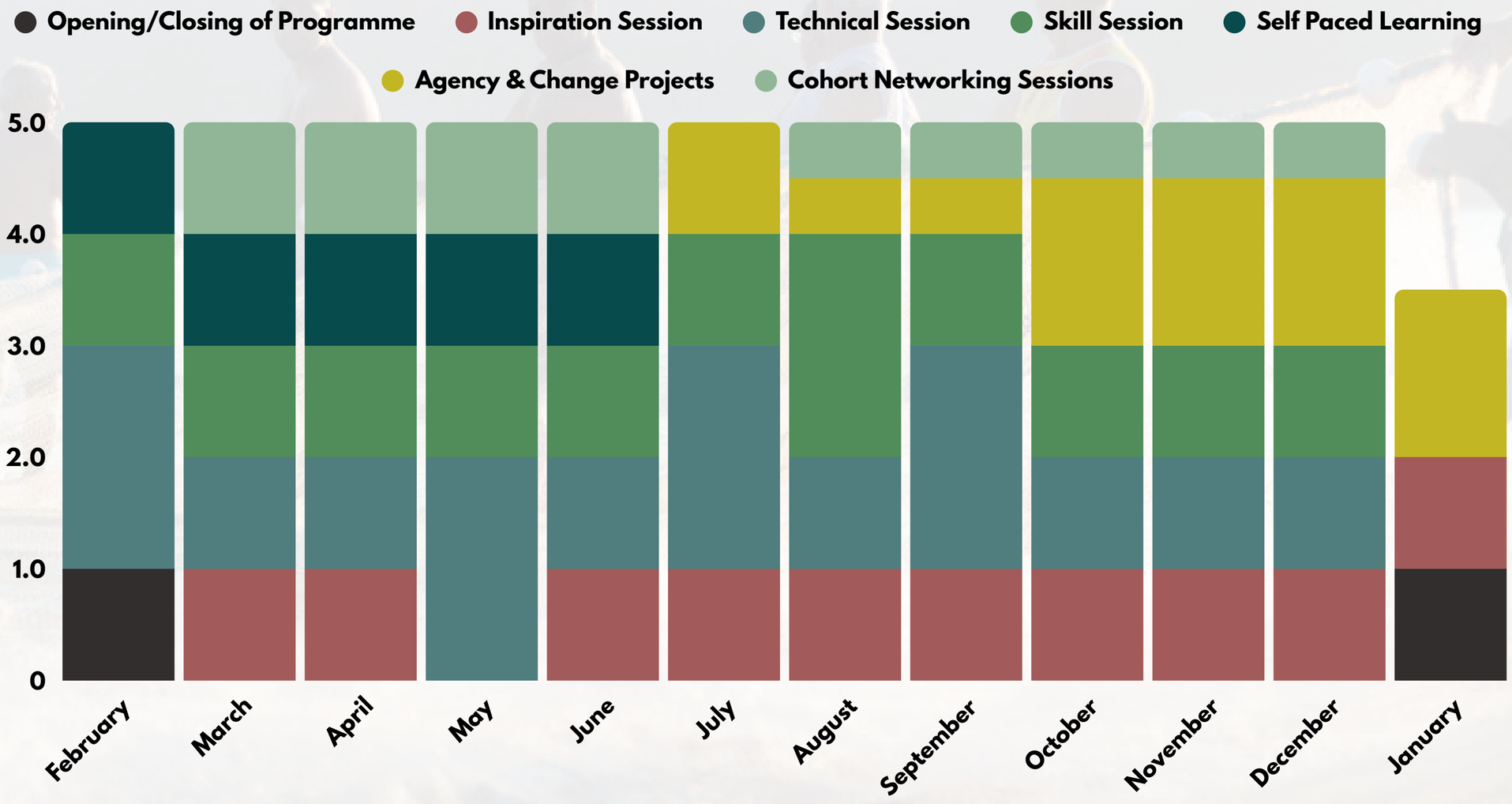


Shark-Tank Presentation

The final outcome is a persuasive presentation to a “shark tank”-style jury comprised of experts from the CDRFI community.

2026 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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COHORT OVERVIEWS

2025 COHORT

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

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19 ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

10 Private Sector
4 NGO/ Development Sector
3 Policy Sector
2 Academia

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2026 COHORT

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

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24 ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

9 Private Sector
8 NGO/ Development Sector
3 Policy Sector
3 Academia

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2026 RECAP

2025 RESULTS

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climer Empowered Young Professionals to Enter the CDRFI Space

- 18 young professionals graduated from the inaugural climer cohort
- Participants worked in 5 teams, developing: educational games to promote disaster risk awareness, community-based apps and AI models to help locals assess and navigate climate risks and business models exploring CDRFI solutions and market opportunities



climer Expanded the CDRFI Ecosystem

- Many graduates have newly entered the sector, working in leading organizations within the space, including regional risk pools.
- Several participants with no prior experience are now active contributors to the space
- Others returned to their organizations with enhanced knowledge and leadership capacities



climer Created Lasting Impact Through Collaboration

- The programme successfully strengthened connections between innovation, young professionals, and climate resilience
- climer graduates are now MCII members, joining a global community of experts from research, development cooperation, NGOs, and the insurance sector, all working together to advance climate risk management and adaptation

2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **CLIMER showcase session at 2nd Annual Bonn Risk Finance Dialogue:** Winners of the 1st Agency & Change project competition presented their results to the BRFD audience.

- **Alumna speech at the MCII 20th Anniversary Reception:** Antonia Witthoff (Cohort 1 Alumna) spoke on the strength of CLIMER's peer network and her cohort's continued engagement, an example of the long-term, cross-institutional relationships the programme can foster.





2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **CLIMER Community in Action:** Participants, coordinators, and lecturers from the first two cohorts have connected at conferences around the world, building relationships and sharing knowledge along the way.











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GET INVOLVED

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Share Your Expertise

Join CLIMER as a Technical, Inspirational, or Skill session Speaker to engage directly with participants, share insights, and shape the next generation of climate resilience leaders.

Contribute your knowledge directly by posing a challenge question or offering mentorship to a climer agency and change project team.



Sponsor a Candidate

Organizations with an internal nominee for the CLIMER Programme can fast-track their participation by contributing €6,000, which directly supports bursary opportunities for other deserving candidates. This contribution includes the tuition of the nominee.



Support Global Access

Empower diverse voices in climate action by making a lump-sum donation to fund participation from Global South candidates who may otherwise be unable to self-fund.



Fund Implementation

Contribute directly to the Implementation Fund, currently being established to help turn the winning CLIMER team's change project into meaningful, on-the-ground results in climate disaster risk finance.



General Investment

Provide a general financial contribution to help sustain and grow the programme's impact as it moves into Cohort 3 and beyond.

***All financial contributions are acknowledged with your organization's logo featured in the partners section of climer.org**

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Ready to join the CLIMER community? Whether you want to share your expertise, sponsor a candidate or support the programme’s growth, we would be happy to discuss which contribution option fits your organization best.

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