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With reference to 'Global Climate Change Alliance', which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. It is an initiative of the European Union. 2. It provides technical and financial support to targeted developing countries to integrate climate change into their development policies and budgets. 3. It is coordinated by World Resources Institute (WRI) and World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

• **Statement 1 is correct:** the Global Climate Change Alliance is an initiative of the European Union launched to help vulnerable developing countries. Statement 2 is also correct: it gives technical and financial support so those countries can fold climate change into development policies and budgets. Statement 3 is wrong: GCCA is coordinated through EU institutions, not by WRI and WBCSD (those bodies are known for other climate-business platforms such as the **GHG Protocol**). The combination 1 and 2 only is therefore the official key.

(b)

Option (b) is 3 only. Statement 3 falsely assigns GCCA coordination to the World Resources Institute and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. Because 3 is incorrect, this option is not the key.

(c)

Option (c) is 2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is right, but dropping the true EU-origin statement and keeping the false WRI-WBCSD claim makes the set wrong. This option is not the key.

(d)

Option (d) is 1, 2 and 3. Including the incorrect coordination claim knocks the full set out. This option is therefore wrong.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. GCCA is an EU initiative that funds and advises targeted developing countries on climate-proofing policies and budgets. It is not a WRI-WBCSD programme. Statement 3 confuses GCCA with other public-private climate platforms. Hence only the first two statements stand.

Related possible facts

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GCCA launch

European Union, 2007-08, later GCCA+

Focus countries

LDCs and SIDS most exposed to climate risk

GHG Protocol

WRI and WBCSD corporate/city emissions accounting standard

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