



# 2023 GEF INTRODUCTION SEMINAR



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2023 GEF  
INTRODUCTION  
SEMINAR

AGENDA

February 27

- GEF Overview
- GEF Partnership
- GEF Funding

February 28

- GEF Operations & Policies
- GEF-8 Programming

March 1

- OFP & Civil Society Support
- Small Grants Program

March 2

- Communication & Outreach
- Support for Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience



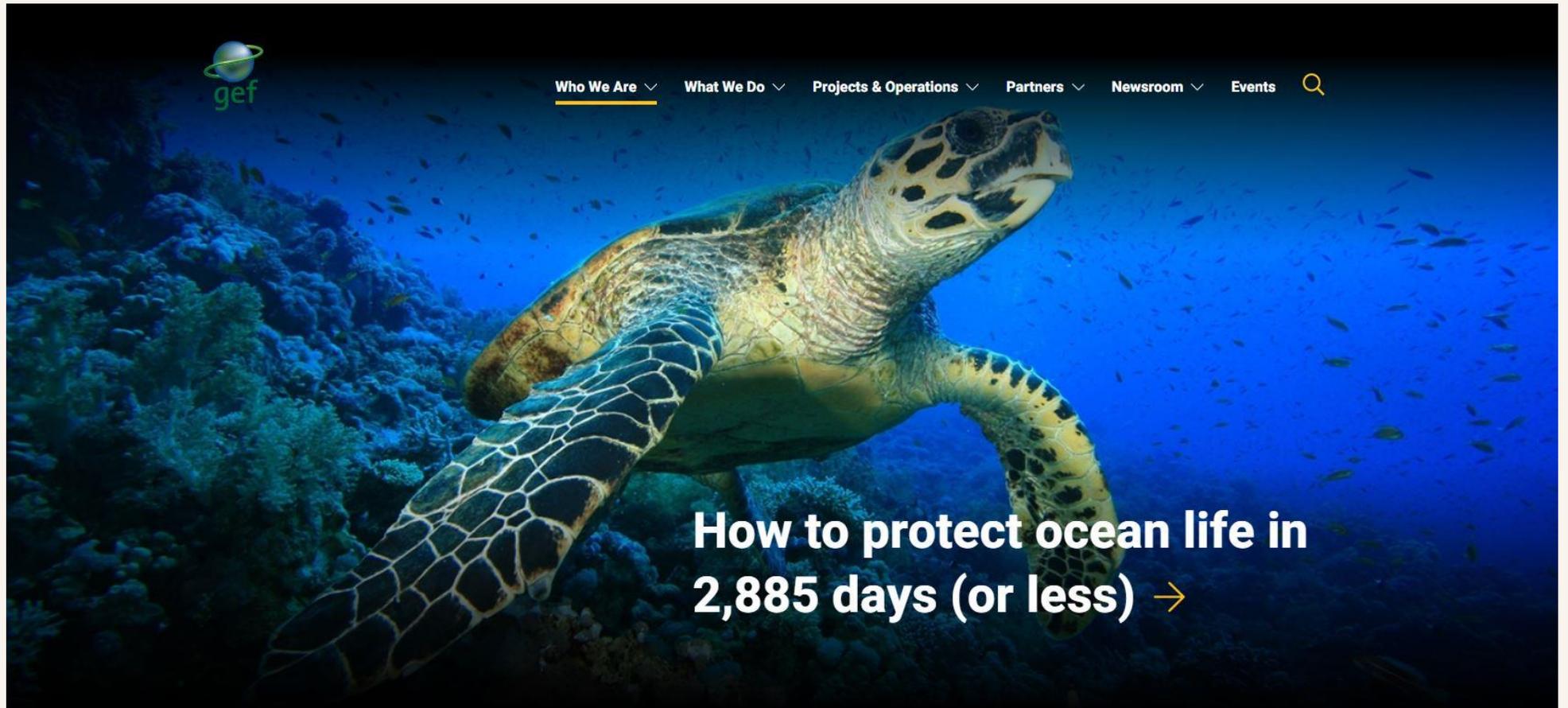
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March 2nd 2023

# GEF Communications

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FEATURE STORY

The first year of the Inclusive Conservation Initiative

FEATURE STORY

Sampling the fruits of success and innovation in the Maldives

EVENT

The GEF at CBD COP15

# Storytelling



## 'Youth, women, and elders are the ones who don't give up'

NEWS / November 23, 2022



Photo courtesy of Mirna Inés Fernández Pradel

**Mirna Inés Fernández Pradel** is a member of the *Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)*, an international network of young people focused on preventing biodiversity loss and protecting nature. In an interview, she shared lessons from her work to elevate youth voices internationally and expressed her hopes for the *UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15* summit in Montreal.

### Why is youth engagement around biodiversity important to you?

I believe that the full and effective engagement of young people in decision-making processes about biodiversity is key to delivering policies that protect the diversity of species, ecosystems, and genetic resources that we have, and ensuring the well-being of the communities who depend on these.

Youth all over the world are not only extremely worried about the socio-ecological crisis that we are facing but taking bold actions to halt it. They are taking to the streets and raising their voices to demand social-ecological justice. They also lead projects for biodiversity conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and awareness. All of this happens most of the time with very little or zero funding or institutional support.



## Reviving wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean: efforts and progress

FEATURE STORY / February 8, 2023



Photo credit: RMFerreira/Shutterstock

Wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean region are not just a pretty sight, they are vital ecosystems that support a diverse array of life. They include salt marshes, seagrass beds, and mangrove forests. These unique habitats are homes, breeding and feeding grounds for species such as fish, turtles, sea cucumbers, molluscs, corals, mangroves, and seagrasses. Additionally, wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean region also have significant economic and cultural value. However, these wetlands are under threat from human activities such as pollution through the release of untreated wastewater from cities and settlements, upstream activities like agriculture, deforestation, and natural disasters such as cyclones.

But there's hope! Efforts to safeguard and maintain these invaluable wetlands are in full swing. From Chake Chake, Pemba, where drainage capacity is being boosted, to Seychelles, where locals are being educated on wetland

# Media Relations



## Gabon, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka unite to fight hazardous skin lightening products

NEWS / February 14, 2023



An array of skin lightening products. Photo credit: Jasmine Halki/Flickr

The governments of Gabon, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka have joined forces to fight back against damaging beauty practices, launching a joint \$14-million project to eliminate the use of mercury in skin lightening products.

Using cosmetics to inhibit the body's production of melanin, leading the skin to appear lighter, is a centuries-old practice in many parts of the world that continues to take a toxic toll today.

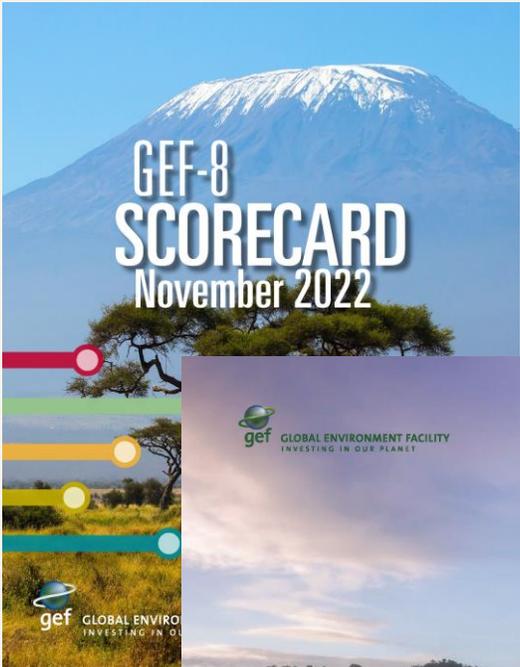
Both men and women use skin lightening products, not only to lighten their skin but to fade freckles, blemishes, age spots, and treat acne. However, consumers are often unaware that many of these products contain harmful chemicals including mercury, a toxic substance which poses risks to human health and contaminates the environment.

Skin lightening products can cause skin rashes and discoloration; scarring; nervous, digestive, and immune system damage, as well as anxiety and depression. The Minamata Convention on Mercury has set a limit of 1mg/1kg (1ppm) for mercury in skin lightening products. However, a 2018 Zero Mercury Working Group and Biodiversity

# Events and Pavilions



# Publications



GOOD PRACTICE BRIEFS—2022/3

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UNEP

## Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Mainstream Migratory Soaring Birds Safeguards:

Strong Partnership with Private Sector and CSOs in Middle East and Africa

PROJECT FULL NAME	COUNTRY & REGION	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY
Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley / Red Sea Flyway	Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, and Sudan)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

IMPACT AREAS

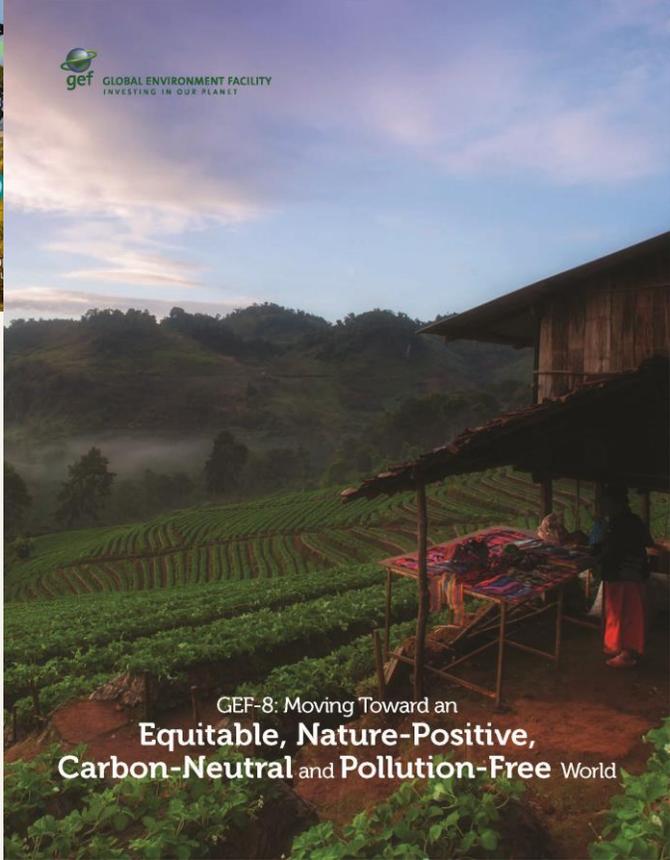
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Sustainable Forest
- Poverty Reduction
- Food Security
- Socio-economic Benefits
- Education

gef PROJECT ID: 9491

PARTNERS

Total: 1,885

Red Sea Flyway is the second most used flyway in the world. Each year over 100 million birds of at least 39 species, including 17 threatened species, use this common air breeding corridor in Europe and Asia and wintering areas in Africa. The project focuses on the establishment of a Regional Flyway Facility (RFF). Under the project, the RFF will mainstream HDBs into the productive sectors along the flyway that pose the greatest risk to the safe passage of these birds. The project focuses on 11 flyway countries: Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, and Sudan.



...management strategies to respond to the drivers of biodiversity loss within large landscape and seascape mosaics. This strategic shift reflects

...will include

...priorities to address the key underlying drivers of biodiversity loss in comprehensive and integrated ways.

...countries with additional drivers of biodiversity loss in comprehensive and integrated ways.

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# Social Media

The image shows the Facebook profile page for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). At the top is a large landscape photo of a bay with green hills. Below it is the GEF logo and the name "Global Environment Facility" with 64K likes and 110K followers. There are buttons for "Sign Up", "Liked", and "Search". A navigation bar includes "Posts", "About", "Mentions", "Reviews", "Followers", "Photos", and "More". The "Intro" section identifies it as the official Facebook page of the GEF, a nonprofit organization with a rating of 4.9 from 86 reviews. The "Posts" section shows a post from February 17 at 10:33 AM about wetlands in the Western Indian Ocean region.



The image shows the Instagram profile page for "gef\_global\_environment". It features the GEF logo, 243 posts, 6,017 followers, and 53 following. The bio states "Global Environment Facility Nonprofit organization" and "Tackling our planet's most pressing environmental problems". Below the bio are several posts: a gorilla, a group of people, a "The Blue Nature Alliance" infographic, a whale, and a meeting announcement for February 6, 2023.



The image shows the Twitter profile page for the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It features the GEF logo and a landscape photo. The bio states "Global Environment Facility (GEF) @theGEF Follows you". The description reads: "The GEF is the largest multilateral trust fund dedicated to addressing inter-related environmental threats including climate change. Follow CEO @cmrodriguez." It also lists "Non-Governmental & Nonprofit Organization" and "Washington DC, USA", with a link to thegef.org and a note that it was joined in May 2009. It shows 1,200 following and 114K followers, and lists "Followed by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, UNDP Climate, and 12 others you follow".

The image shows the LinkedIn profile page for the Global Environment Facility. It features the GEF logo and a landscape photo. The bio states "Global Environment Facility Tackling our planet's most pressing environmental problems. Environmental Services - Washington, DC - 80,760 followers". It lists "Sarah & 40 other connections work here · 189 employees". Below the bio are buttons for "Following", "Invite", and "More". The page includes a "Be a team player" section with an "Invite connections" button and a "Trending coworker content" section with two posts.

Social Media



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# Newsletter

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## Sampling the fruits of success and innovation in the Maldives

Sometimes the fruits of success taste particularly sweet, as GEF CEO Carlos Manuel Rodríguez discovered on a visit to the Maldivian island of Meedhoo, where he witnessed an effort led by local women to revive a dying culinary art. “This GEF Small Grants Programme project is not only investing in preserving the rich tradition of Bondi-making in the Maldives but, more importantly, in its future generations,” said Rodríguez, who later visited two waste-related projects elsewhere in the Addu Atoll. [Read more >>](#)



## How to protect ocean life in 2,885 days (or less)

Countries have committed to protecting at least 30 percent of the world’s land and sea habitats by 2030. But how? At an event co-hosted by the GEF, World Resources Institute, and High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People during IMPAC5 in Vancouver, people leading, planning, and funding marine protected areas around the world shared ideas about how to make this happen with less than seven years on the clock. [Read more >>](#)



## Countries unite to fight hazardous skin lightening products

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# Visual Identity

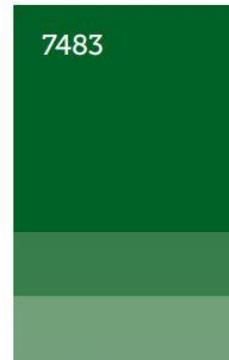
[www.thegef.org/gef-logo](http://www.thegef.org/gef-logo)

## Color | Primary

The GEF Primary Color has been selected to present the GEF as a leader in global environmental issues.

Never use the GEF Signature in any other color than the versions provided in these guidelines.

### Primary Brand Color



CMYK: 83 / 16 / 83 / 54  
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## Color | Focal Area

There are five Focal Areas.

- International Waters
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Land Degradation
- Chemicals & Waste

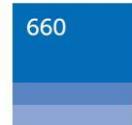
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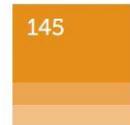
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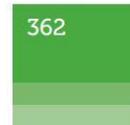
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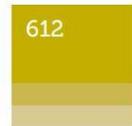
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### Chemicals & Waste



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### Land Degradation



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# COMMUNICATION



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# **GEF Climate Change Adaptation Program Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) & Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)**

**GEF Introduction Seminar  
March 2023**



Bolivia

# Overview: GEF's Climate Adaptation Support

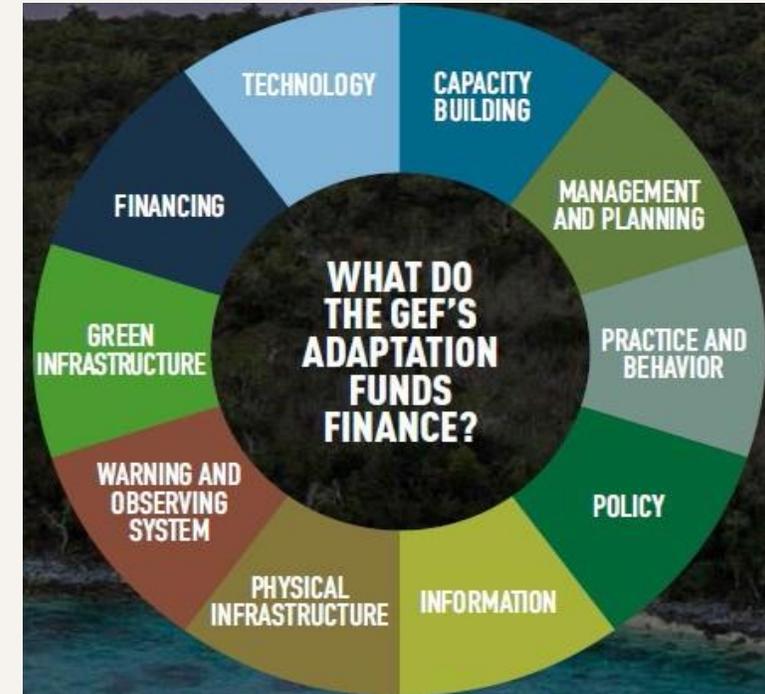
## Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)

Dedicated adaptation fund for LDCs to address their special adaptation needs established under the UNFCCC.

## Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

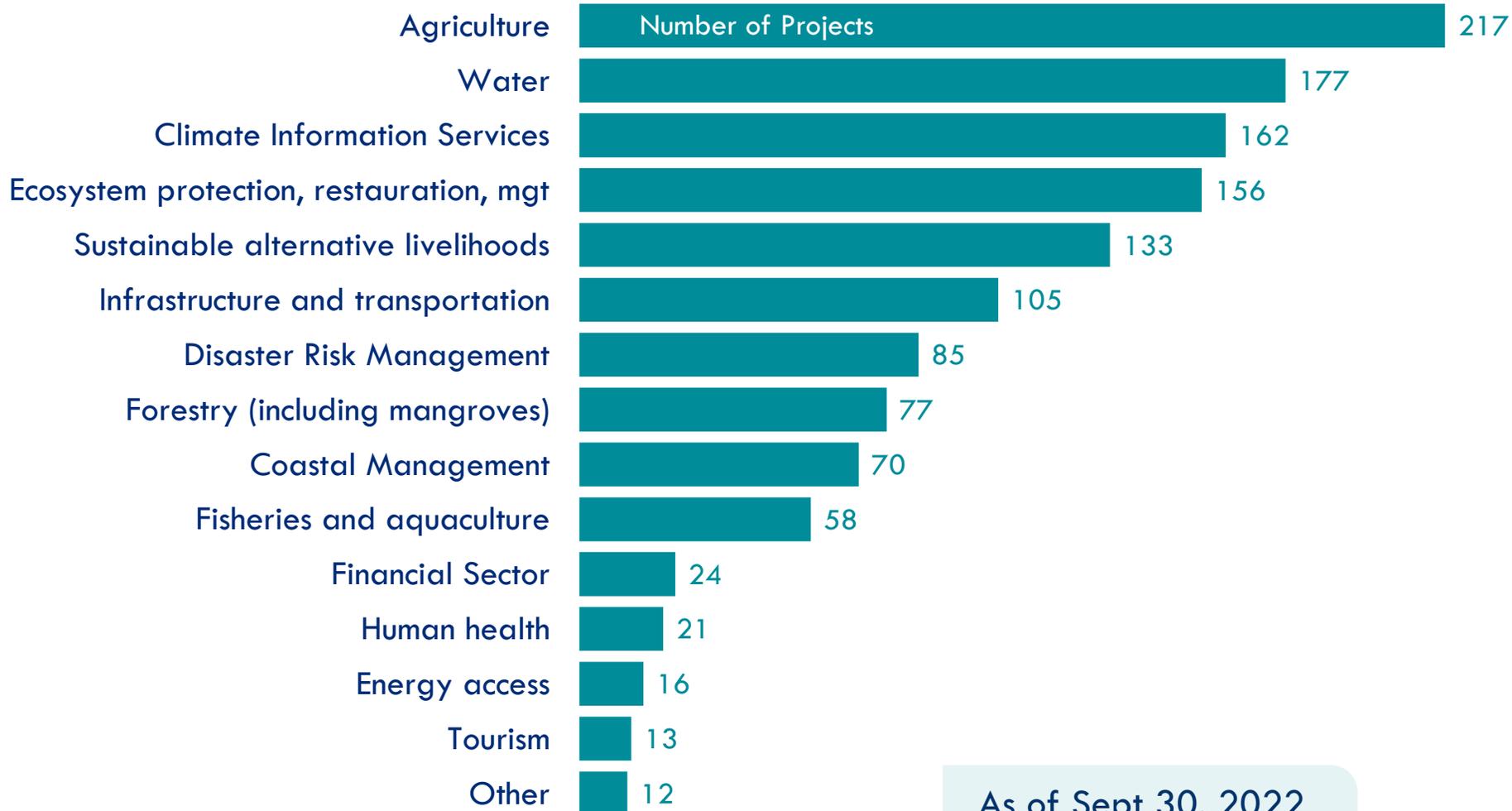
Supports adaptation and technology transfer in all developing country parties to the UNFCCC

- Established in 2001 under the UNFCCC to serve the Paris Agreement.
- Voluntary Contributions from donors.
- Over \$ 2.2 billion in grants for close to 480 projects in 98 countries (Dec'22).
- National, Regional and Global projects.
- Multi-trust fund projects combining LDCF, SCCF and GEF Trust Fund.



# LDCF SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION

*Since inception*

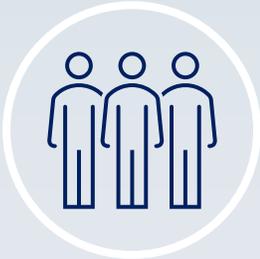


As of Sept 30, 2022



# LDCF EXPECTED RESULTS

As of Sept 30, 2022



**60.08 million** direct beneficiaries | GEF-6 & GEF-7: **45% female**



**9.6 million** hectares of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change



**1.91 million** people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures | GEF-6 & GEF-7: **48% female**

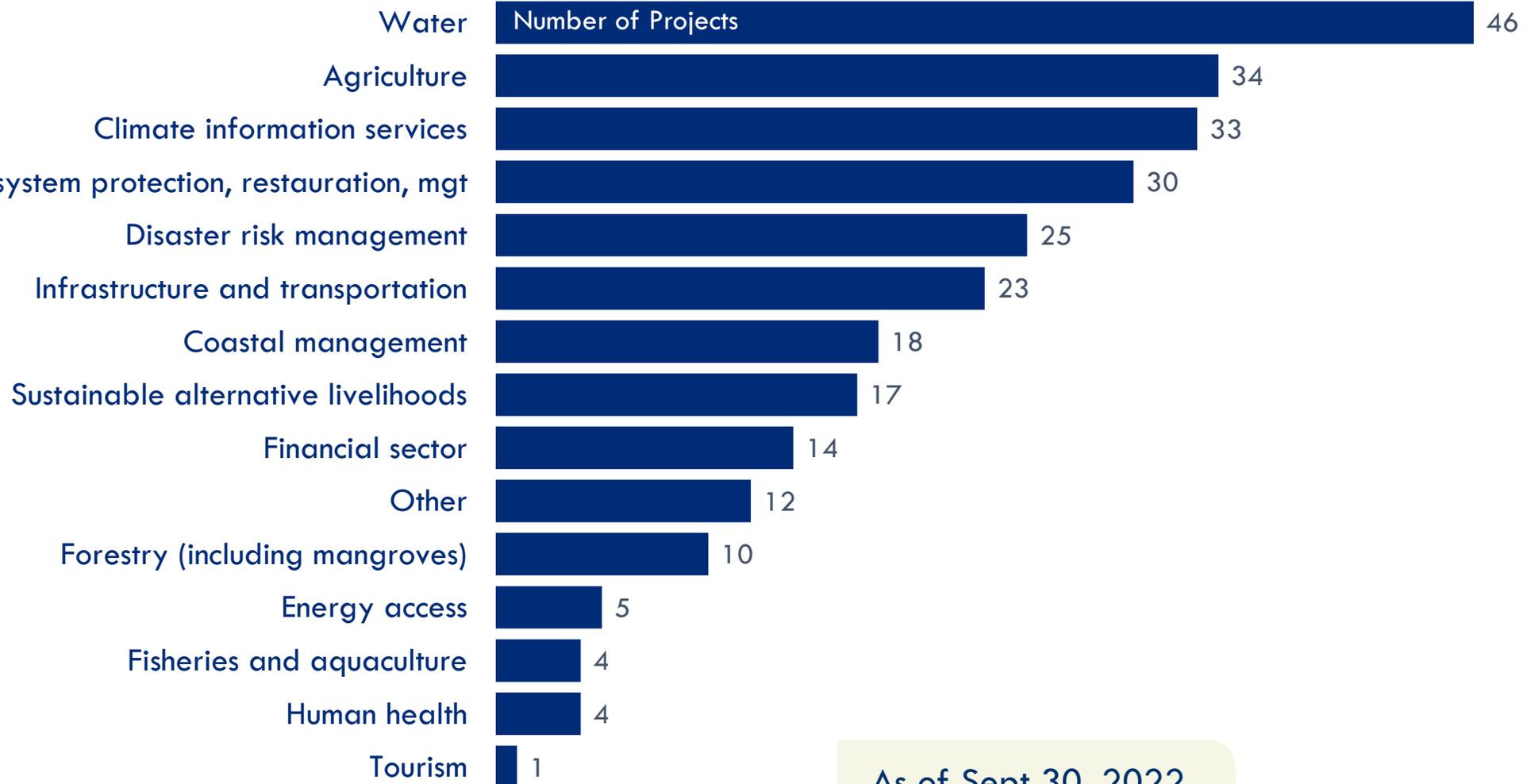
**3,161** policies, plans, and processes developed or strengthened to identify, prioritize, and integrate adaptation strategies and measures

**918** risk and vulnerability assessments, and other relevant scientific and technical assessments carried out and updated

**Cumulative funding approvals: \$1,751.2M**

# SCCF SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

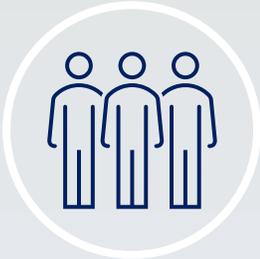
Since inception



As of Sept 30, 2022

# SCCF EXPECTED RESULTS

As of Sept 30, 2022



**8.91 million** direct beneficiaries | GEF-6 & GEF-7: **47% female**



**5.16 million** hectares of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change

**218,765** people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures | GEF-6 & GEF-7: **46% female**

**486** policies, plans, and processes developed or strengthened to identify, prioritize, and integrate adaptation strategies and measures



**191** risk and vulnerability assessments, and other relevant scientific and technical assessments carried out and updated

**Cumulative funding approvals: \$365.6M**



# GEF- 8 : LDCF and SCCF Climate Change Adaptation Programming Strategy





## GOAL

**To facilitate transformational adaptation in developing countries, towards achieving the Paris Agreement's global goal on adaptation**



***Build on strengths and value to address gaps, be innovative, inclusive, and agile***



***Positioned to generate and track multiple benefits and mobilize finance at scale, with GEF Trust Fund, GCF, and others***



***Major upgrading opportunity to catalyze transformational adaptation and contribute to Paris Agreement Global Goal on Adaptation***



***Informed by science and priorities, contributing to action and ambition in response to IPCC call for urgency***

# LDCF/SCCF Priority themes for 2022-2026



## **Agriculture, food security and health**

*Heightened focus on community wellbeing*

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## **Water**

*Continued support to capture, store, conserve and enable easier and more reliable access to water*

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2



## **Early warning and climate information systems**

*Expand access and strive for greater user uptake*

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3



## **Nature-based solutions**

*High potential to deliver adaptation*

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**Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**

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# **Programming strategy**

**2022-2026**

# LDCF priority areas for 2022-2026

## PRIORITY AREA 1

### Scaling up finance

- *Policy coherence*
- *Institutional capacity*
- *Innovative financing mechanisms*
- *Tools and metrics*



## PRIORITY AREA 2

### Strengthening innovation and private sector engagement

- *Technology transfer and innovation*
- *MSME incubation and acceleration*
- *Inclusive microfinance*
- *Risk sharing to catalyze private investment*
- *Enabling private sector action*



## PRIORITY AREA 3

### Fostering partnership for inclusion & whole-of-society approach

- *Institutional strengthening and capacity building at all levels*
- *Partnerships with local organizations and systems to address social equity*
- *Innovative financing opportunities to support whole-of society approach*
- *Thought leadership through global partnerships and fostering enabling environment*



# LDCF Financing Scenarios

**FLOOR**

**SCENARIO A**

Total: \$1 billion

**SCENARIO B**

Total: \$1.3 billion

**Initial LDCF Cap per Country - \$20 million**

46 LDCs

**\$920M**



*Reserve to go beyond initial cap for national projects*

**\$193M**

*Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation*

**\$30M**

**\$40M**

*Regional and global projects and initiatives*

**\$33M**

**\$130M**

*Dedicated programs*      **\$8M**



*Administrative expenses*      **\$9M**





**Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)**

**Programming strategy**

**2022-2026**

# SCCF priority areas for 2022-2026

## PRIORITY AREA 1

### Supporting the adaptation needs of SIDS

- *Projects in the priority themes*
- *Joint programming with GCF*
- *Complementarity to GEF Trust Fund Impact Programs (Blue and Green Islands and Clean and Health Oceans Integrated Programs)*
- *Regional/global learning and cooperation, strengthening regional organizations*

## PRIORITY AREA 2

### Strengthening innovation, technology transfer and private sector engagement

- *Technology transfer, deployment and innovation*
- *Climate resilient financial product innovation*
- *Finance and insurance sector innovation*
- *Blending concessional with commercial finance to catalyze private investment*
- *Regional and global projects for learning and collaborative action*



# SCCF Financing Scenario (2022-2026)

**SCENARIO A: \$200M**

**SCENARIO B: \$400M**

**Window A**

**Window B**

**Adaptation support for SIDS**

**Innovation, tech transfer, private sector**

**FLOOR**

**FLOOR**

**SCENARIO A**

**SCENARIO B**

**SCENARIO A**

**SCENARIO B**

*Initial cap*

(\$3 million  
X 30 SIDS)

(\$6.5 million  
X 30 SIDS)

**\$90M**

**\$195M**

*National projects  
(all developing  
countries)*

**\$53.5M**

**\$118.5M**

*Challenge Program  
for Adaptation  
Innovation*

**\$30M**

**\$40M**

*Regional and  
global projects  
and initiatives*

**\$20M**

**\$40M**

**Windows A and B (shared expenses)**

*Dedicated programs* ■ **\$2M**

*Administrative expenses* ■ **\$4.5M**

# Operational improvements

## OLD

- Rolling approval of projects
- First-come, first-served
- No prioritization
- Limited multi-trust fund programming
- Pipeline with long wait (2+ years)

## GEF-7

- Work Programs
- Strategic prioritization
- Multi-trust fund programming enabled
- No more pipeline
- Significantly reduced wait time
- More balanced agency share
- \$10 million initial cap by LDC
- 10% for global/regional initiatives from LDCF

## GEF-8

- GEF-7 improvements
- Rio Markers for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Desertification
- Country resource cap modality for LDCF (\$20 million) and for SCCF
- Major initiatives and regional/global efforts from agreed 10% cap for LDCF
- Further synergy with GEF TF
- Aspirational MDB targets and ceiling to address agency concentration

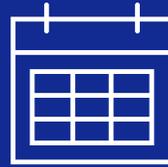
# Dedicated programs



## Communications and Visibility Enhancement

4-year plan with a dedicated communication strategy & financial/human resources

**\$2 million from LDCF**  
**\$0.5 million for SCCF**



## Outreach and Capacity Support for LDC and SIDS Planning and Programming

Enhanced support to LDCs/SIDS on project upstream workshops, investment planning, etc.

**\$4 million from LDCF**  
**\$1 million from SCCF**



## Organizational Learning and Coordination

Dedicated program on learning and coordination at the fund and portfolio levels.

**\$2 million from LDCF**  
**\$0.5 million from SCCF**

# Collaboration with other funds



## PROGRAMMING STRATEGY

Close alignment with projects and programs of the GCF, Adaptation Fund, GEF Trust Fund and LDCF to mobilize finance at scale



## AGREEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

LDCF & SCCF develop major initiatives and supports joint national investment planning with GCF

LDCF & SCCF catalyze innovation and private sector action to enable broader investment by other funds



## CLIMATE FUNDS COLLABORATION PLATFORM

A foundation for exchanging ideas and cross-learning on results, indicators and methodologies.

Adaptation Fund, CIF, GCF, NAMA Facility, GEF, LDCF, and SCCF engaged



**LDCF/  
SCCF  
Team**



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# Questions?



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ADAPTATION FUND

# ADAPTATION FUND MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY FOR 2023 TO 2027

## Accelerating Effective Adaptation & Enhancing Access to Climate Finance

GEF INTRODUCTION SEMINAR, 2 MARCH 2023

Bianka Kretschmer and Ishak Mohammed – AF Country and Partnerships Unit

# Adaptation Fund at a Glance



Mandate to fund **concrete adaptation projects with tangible results on the ground**, in most climate-vulnerable developing countries & communities



Pioneer & leader on innovative 'Direct Access' & 'Enhanced Direct Access' modalities

(34 National Implementing Entities out of 57 accredited IEs)



As urgency of climate change has risen, it has grown rapidly to almost **\$1B funding today**

# Tangible results

## IMPACT 1:

Reduction in vulnerability of communities and increased adaptive capacity of communities to respond to the impacts of climate change



10.65 million

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

21.17 million

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Number of direct beneficiaries is a conservative estimate, as it is not consistently reported (i.e. some projects report as no. of households)



516

EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

Includes projects targeting several small scale EWS at the local level as well as those targeting one large regional system

## IMPACT 2:

Strengthened policies that integrate climate resilience strategies into local and national plans



99

POLICIES INTRODUCED OR ADJUSTED TO ADDRESS

CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS

Includes any policy whether at the local, regional or national level

## IMPACT 3:

Increased ecosystem resilience in response to climate change induced stresses



575,699 ha

HA OF NATURAL HABITATS  
CREATED, PROTECTED OR  
REHABILITATED RESTORED



162,275 m

M OF COASTLINE PROTECTED

# Thematic areas



- Disaster Risk Reduction



- Nature-based solutions



- Coastal management



- Agriculture



- Water resources Management



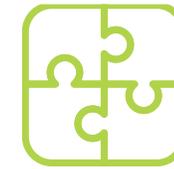
- Forests and Land Use



- Rural development



- Food Security



- Social innovation



- Urban adaptation



- Advancement of gender equality



- Enhancement of cultural heritage



- Focus on communities



- Inclusion of youth



- Innovative adaptation financing



# Medium Term Strategy 2023 to 2027



- 3 Strategic Pillars
- 6 Crosscutting Themes



# Theory of Change of the Medium-Term Strategy (2023 – 2027)



## OUTCOMES: STRATEGIC PILLARS

Linkages and synergies between support for adaptation action, innovation and learning and sharing are enhanced

### CROSSCUTTING THEMES

All of the Fund's activities and processes are designed to:

-  Promote locally based or locally led adaptation
-  Enhance access to climate finance and long-term institutional capacity
-  Empower and benefit the most vulnerable people and communities as agents of change
-  Advance gender equality
-  Enable the scaling and replication of results
-  Strengthen complementarity, coherence and synergies with other adaptation funders and actors

### ACTION

Developing countries are supported in undertaking and accelerating high-quality, local-level and scalable adaptation projects and programmes that are aligned with their national adaptation strategies and processes

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Vulnerability reduced, resilience strengthened, and adaptive capacity enhanced
2. Access to finance and institutional capacities enhanced
3. Evidence for effective action generated and results scaled up

### INNOVATION

Modalities for funding the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies are expanded and risk-taking is encouraged

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

1. New innovations and risk-taking encouraged and accelerated
2. Successful innovations replicated and scaled up
3. Access and capacities enhanced for designing and implementing innovation
4. Evidence base generated and shared

### LEARNING & SHARING

Knowledge and evidence on effective and innovative adaptation action and finance, including local and indigenous knowledge, is generated and disseminated with various stakeholders for application

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Knowledge generation and dissemination of learning on effective, innovative and local adaptation increased and expanded
2. Capacity to capture and disseminate learning strengthened
3. Knowledge partnerships expanded and outreach increased

# AF Funding Opportunities under Strategic Pillars

ACTION	INNOVATION	LEARNING & SHARING
<p>Single country projects (&lt;\$10M) within cap of \$20M per country <i>NIEs, RIEs, MIEs</i> <b>&amp; Project Formulation Grants:</b> (&lt;\$50,000) <i>for NIE only</i></p>	<p>Small grants (&lt;US\$250 k) to foster innovation practices in climate change adaptation <i>(NIEs)</i></p>	<p>Learning grants (&lt;US\$150 K) to share best practices and lessons learned <i>(NIEs)</i></p>
<p>Regional projects (multi-country): &lt;up to \$14M (<i>RIEs, MIEs</i>) &amp; <b>Project Formulation Grants</b></p>	<p>Small grants (&lt;\$ 250k) in innovation for non-accredited entities <i>(AF Climate Innovation Accelerator through MIEs)</i></p>	
<p>Enhanced Direct Access (EDA): &lt;US\$ 5 M per country (<i>NIE</i>)</p>	<p>Large grants (&lt;US\$5 M) to roll out innovative adaptation practices and tools <i>Single country (NIE, RIE, MIE) or regional (RIE, MIE)</i></p>	
<p>Project scale-up grants &lt; US\$100 k per project (<i>NIE</i>)</p>		 <b>ADAPTATION FUND</b>

# What to keep in mind- General



**Concrete adaptation activities in the most vulnerable communities:**

visible and tangible impacts at the local level that can be scaled up



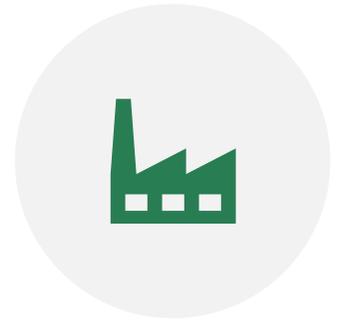
**No prescribed sectors or approaches:** country-driven process that accommodates countries' priorities and adaptation reasoning



**Finance the full cost of adaptation:** No co-financing requirements



**50% of portfolio for Direct Access:** Total allocation for projects/ programmes submitted by MIEs cannot exceed 50% of cumulative resources



**USD 20 million available per country under raised country cap**

For single country projects, other grants available outside of country cap



# New strategic emphasis on promoting locally led action

- AF was part of process for developing the **Principles for Locally Led Adaptation Action** & Board endorsed Principles for LLA in 2021
- Refers to modalities for **devolving decision making** to the lowest appropriate level:
  - “Giving local institutions and communities more direct access to finance and decision-making power over how adaptation actions are defined, prioritized, designed, implemented; how progress is monitored; and how success is evaluated.”  
(Source: *Global Commission on Adaptation, 2021*)
- AF Board will consider **funding modalities & other support** for LLA at upcoming AFB.40 Board meeting in March 2023



# Enhanced Complementarity & Coherence with Other Climate Funds

## Strategic engagement at Funds' secretariat and Board levels

- Joint Climate Funds Annual Dialogues & Roadmap (between AF/GCF/GEF/CIF)
- Continuous engagement among the Funds on operational matters including project portfolio, collaboration platform on results management and reporting frameworks, support for resilient COVID-19 recovery, KM & communications, and scaling up projects

## AF/GEF secretariat collaboration on portfolio development matters

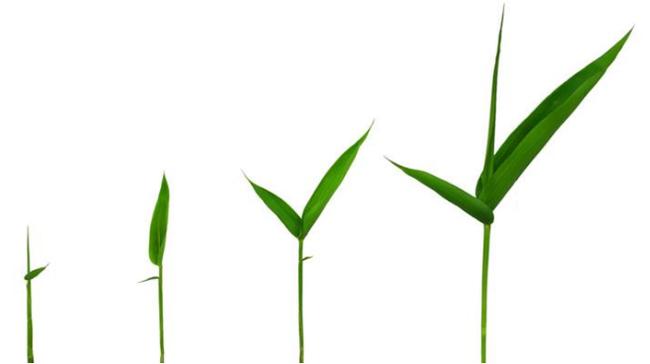
- GEF staff cross-support for AF portfolio quality at entry - GEF staff co-review of AF projects
- Synergies in implementing complementary projects (Honduras, Samoa, Tanzania) & projects that build on earlier GEF experiences (Antigua and Barbuda, Turkmenistan)
- Joint activities and events at COPs to share knowledge on best practices

## AF/GCF collaboration to enhance climate finance access

- **Accreditation:** AF and GCF fast-track accreditation and Re-accreditation
- **Direct Access:** Joint support to Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities (CPDAE)
- **Project scale up:** Pilot of Scaling-Up Approach between the AF and the GCF (nearly 10 projects so far)

# New emphasis on scaling up of results & strategic partnerships with other adaptation funders

- More support, guidance and partnerships for incentivizing **scalability and replicability** of results as part of project design and implementation
- **Leverage partnerships and synergies** with other adaptation actors and funders for more structured approaches to scaling up
- **Expand range of stakeholders & partnerships across operations** to maximize support to developing countries (incl. projects, readiness, innovation, knowledge management etc.)



# For further information



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Helping developing countries build resilience and adapt to climate change



Medium-Term Strategy  
2023-2027

Medium Term Strategy available on AF website: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/medium-term-strategy-2023-2027/>

## Overview of available funding opportunities & relevant links on AF website



### Adaptation Fund Funding Windows

	FUNDING TYPE	Accredited Entity Type	Maximum Funding Amount per Project/Program	How to Apply	Learning Resources
ACTION <small>Action grants support eligible countries to develop and implement adaptation projects/programmes consistent with their priority needs, goals and strategies.</small>	<b>Single Country:</b> For addressing climate change impacts in one country through tangible outcomes	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 10 Million per Project/Programme*	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a> or <a href="#">technical assistance</a>	<a href="#">Ecourse</a> , <a href="#">Direct Access</a> , <a href="#">Unlocking Adaptation Funding &amp; Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities</a>
	<b>Regional:</b> For addressing climate change impacts in 2+ countries in the same United Nations region, or adjacent regions, through tangible outcomes	RIE, MIE	USD 14 Million per Project/Programme (excluding the PFG)**	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a> or <a href="#">technical assistance</a>	<a href="#">Ecourse</a> , <a href="#">Direct Access</a> , <a href="#">Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>
	<b>Enhanced Direct Access:</b> Supports bottom-up approaches through local knowledge and locally led action. Project selection occurs at national/sub-national levels.	NIE	USD 5 Million per Project/Programme (including the PFG)	Apply here for <a href="#">grant funding</a> or <a href="#">technical assistance</a>	<a href="#">EDA guidance document</a>
	<b>Project Scale Ups:</b> Supports planning, design and overall capacity to develop scale-up pathways for AF funded projects nearing completion or already completed	NIE	USD 100,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Etraining</a> , <a href="#">Scale-Up Grants</a>
INNOVATION <small>Innovation grants support countries to develop, test and diffuse innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies.</small>	<b>Small (single country):</b> To accelerate development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up	NIE	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Etraining</a> , <a href="#">Innovation Small Grants</a>
	<b>Large (single country or regional):</b> To roll out or scale-up successful innovative practices, tools and technologies to a new country or at regional scale, involving 2+ countries/regions	NIE, MIE, RIE***	USD 5 Million per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	Innovation large grants guidance documents available <a href="#">here</a>
	<b>Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator:</b> Administered by UNDP & UNEP/CTCN to accelerate the development of innovative practices, tools and technologies and demonstrate best practices for scale-up	Non-accredited****	USD 250,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a> for <a href="#">grant funding</a>	<a href="#">UNDP</a> , <a href="#">UNEP/CTCN</a>
LEARNING & SHARING <small>Learning Grants support the generation and dissemination of practical knowledge about effective adaptation activities and financing modalities to actors around the world</small>	<b>Learning Grants:</b> support the generation and dissemination of practical knowledge about effective adaptation activities and financing modalities to actors around the world	NIE	USD 150,000 per Project/Programme	Apply <a href="#">here</a> for grant funding	<a href="#">Etraining</a> , <a href="#">Learning Grants</a>
READINESS <small>Readiness grants enable NIEs to seek accreditation with the fund and build capacity for undertaking various climate finance readiness activities.</small>	<b>Readiness Support Package Grant:</b> Facilitate the delivery of more enhanced, targeted and tailored readiness support for accreditation to developing countries	NIE	USD 150,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Readiness</a>
	<b>Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy:</b> For NIEs to strengthen capacity to address environmental and social risks as well as gender related issues in their projects and programs	NIE	USD 25,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Ecourse</a> , <a href="#">Direct Access</a> , <a href="#">Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>
	<b>Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy:</b> For NIEs with robust environmental and social policies to enhance measures to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate adverse gender impacts	NIE	USD 10,000 per NIE	Apply <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Ecourse</a> , <a href="#">Direct Access</a> , <a href="#">Unlocking Adaptation Funding</a>

Notes:  
\*NIEs applying for single country projects through 2-step submission process (concept note, fully-developed proposal) with concept note can request a [Project Formulation Grant \(PFG\)](#) up to USD 50,000 in addition to the USD 10 million grant.  
\*\*RIEs and MIEs applying for regional projects (2+ countries) through the 3-step submission process (pre-concept note, concept note, fully-developed proposal) can request a PFG up to USD 20,000 with a pre-concept note and with a concept note a PFG up to USD 80,000. Those using the 2-step submission process (concept note, fully-developed proposal) can ask for PFG up to USD 100,000 with the concept note.  
\*\*\*For NIEs submitting proposals for large innovation grants, there is an opportunity to request a PFG of up to USD 50,000 per project. For a project for which PFG funding is sought, the total amount of funding inclusive of PFG cannot exceed USD 5 million. RIEs and MIEs submitting concept notes for large innovation grants for regional projects can request a PFG of up to USD 20,000. All PFGs can apply to single country innovation large grants and MIEs and RIEs only can apply to regional innovation large grants.  
\*\*\*\*Open to wide range of applicants, including local governments, NSGAs, young entrepreneurs, the private sector and others.



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# E-Learning Courses on Accessing Adaptation Finance

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/knowledge-learning/knowledge-products/af-produced-knowledge-products/?type=e-courses>

- Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding
- Adaptation Fund Innovation Small Grants Training
- Adaptation Scale up Grants Training
- Adaptation Fund Learning Grants Training

All E-Learning courses are available in English, Spanish and French!



# Lessons learned publications from AF portfolio in key adaptation topics

- Strengthening Long-Term Resilience through Food Security
- Scaling up adaptation finance
- Youth Engagement in Climate Change Adaptation
- Transboundary Approaches to Climate Adaptation
- Local Leadership in Adaptation Finance (on Locally Led Adaptation)
- Integrating Gender in Adaptation Fund Projects and Programmes & Intersectional Approaches to Gender Mainstreaming in Adaptation
- Accreditation:
  - Bridging the Gaps in Accreditation
  - Capacity strengthening of implementing entities through the re-accreditation process
  - Streamlined Accreditation Process
  - Readiness and Capacity-Building for Direct Access

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