



ADAPTATION FUND

# Leading Locally Led Climate Adaptation & Innovation

- *Finance for Catalyzing Access and Impact*

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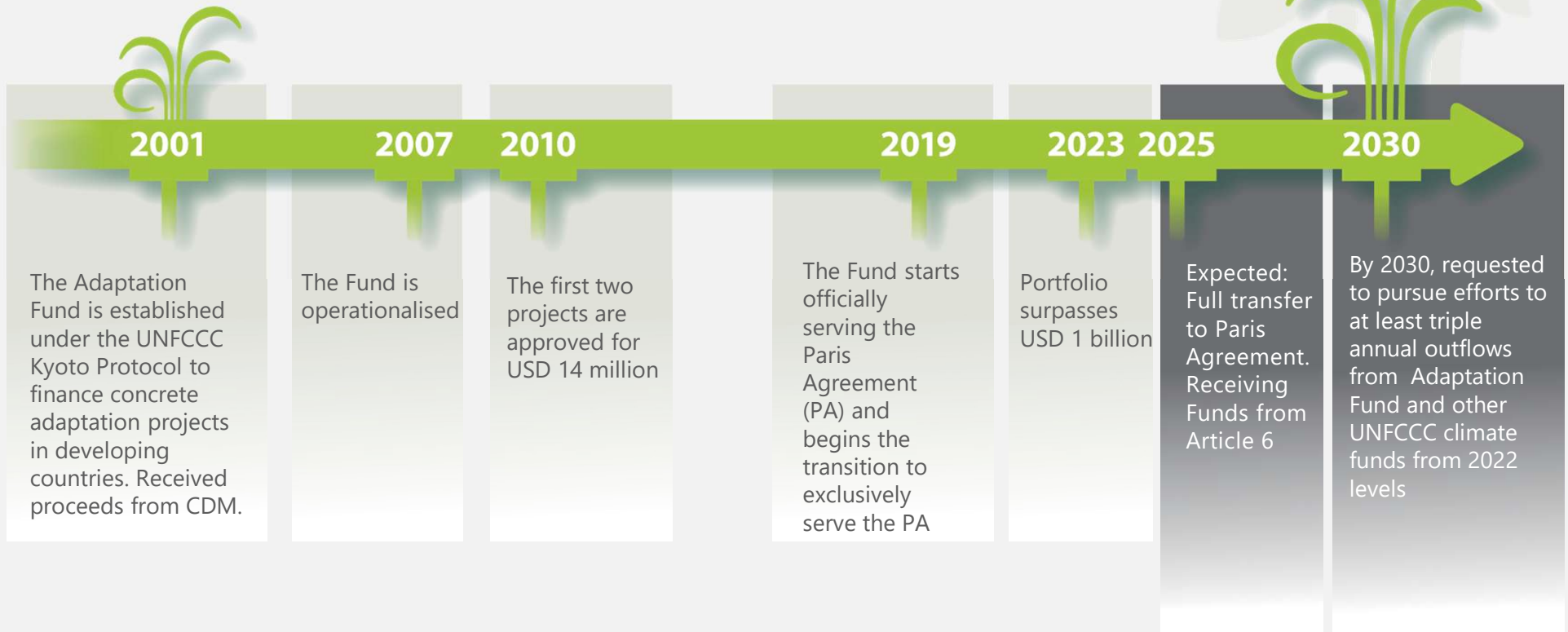
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# Adaptation Fund Growing and Maturing:

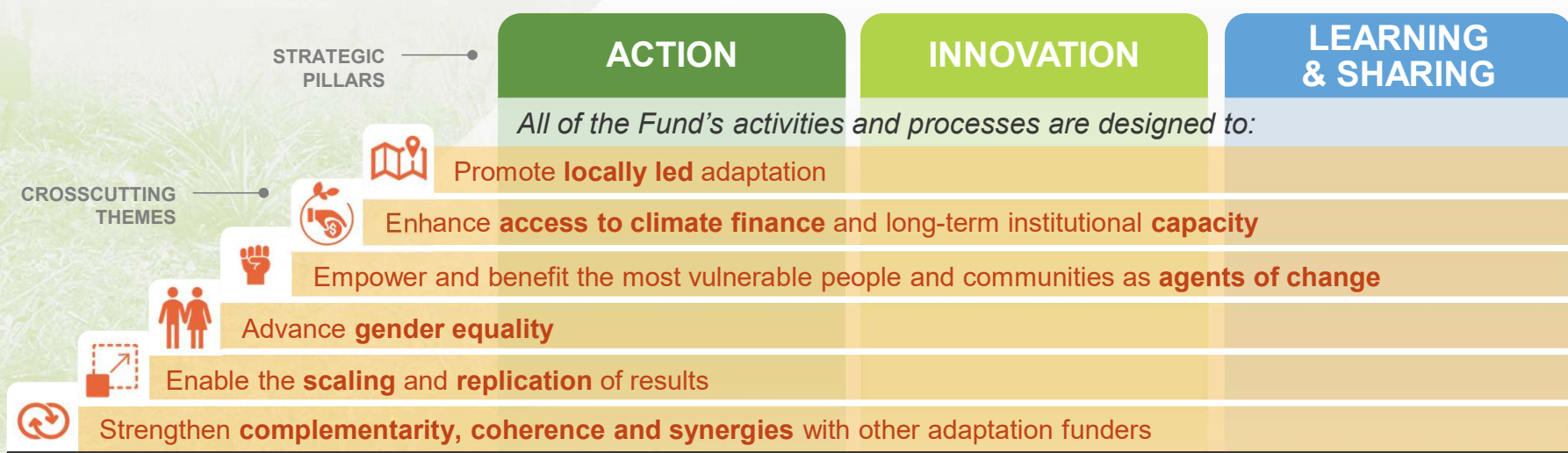
Leader, Innovator and Catalyst  
for Adaptation Finance



# Medium Term Strategy (2023 -2027)

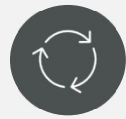
## Adaptation Fund Mandate

Finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes that are country driven and based on the needs, views and priorities of developing countries that particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.





## High Impact Features of the Adaptation Fund



STREAMLINED & SIMPLIFIED ACCESS PROCEDURES



ROBUST MONITORING, EVALUATION & LEARNING



DIRECT ACCESS & LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION



SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NAPs & NDCs

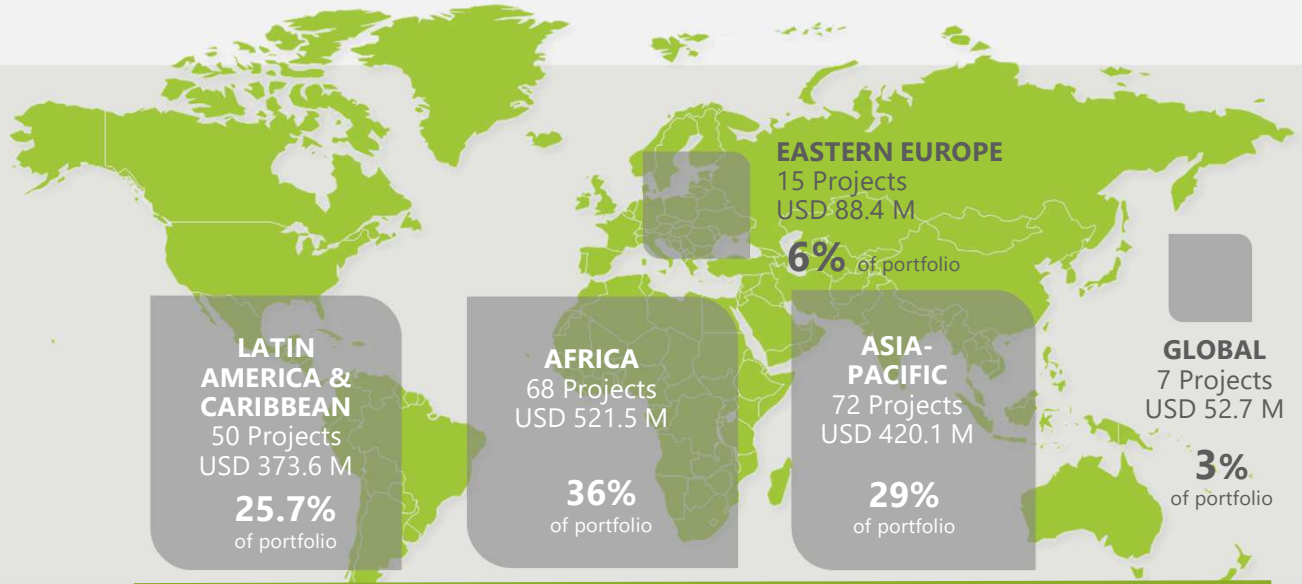


HIGH IMPACT & SCALABILITY OF INVESTMENTS



# AF Portfolio: Regional distribution

TOTAL: 212 projects | USD1,456.47 Million



## SUPPORT TO LDCs AND SIDS Around 50 % of AF Portfolio

**LDCs and SIDs** account for almost half of the AF portfolio

**LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**  
USD 470 M

**32%**  
of portfolio

**17%**  
of portfolio

**SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**  
USD 259 M

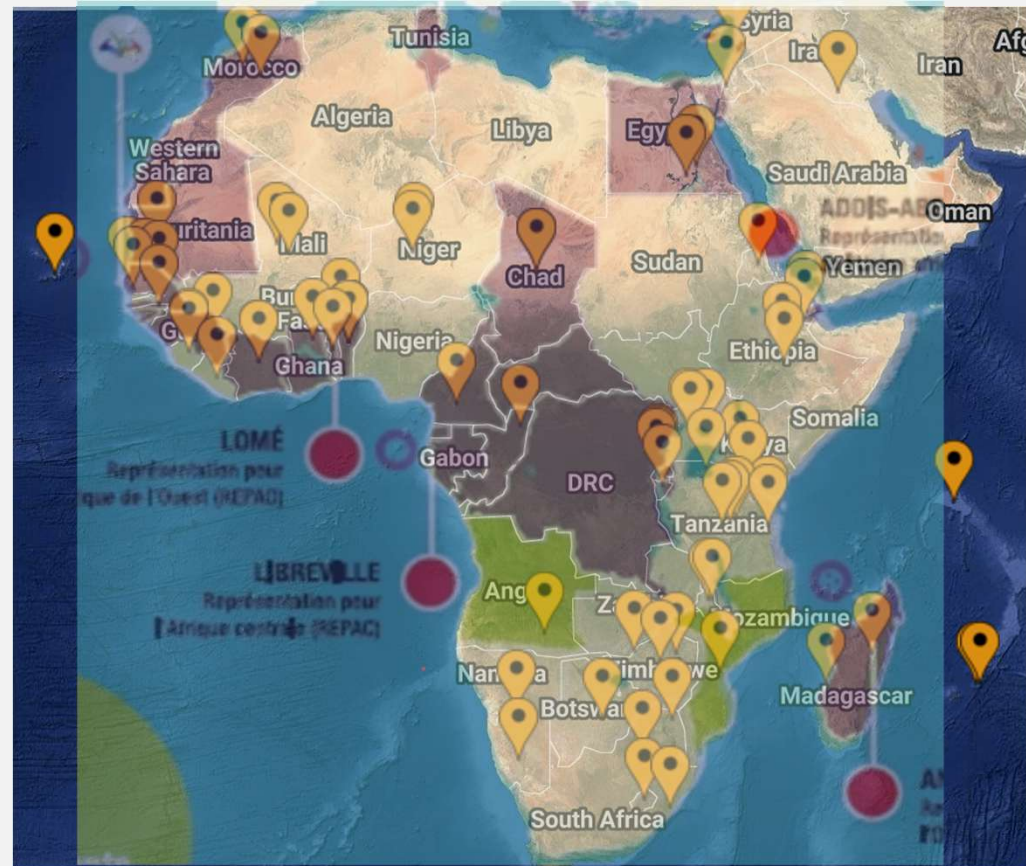


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# AF Portfolio: IFDD Africa Members

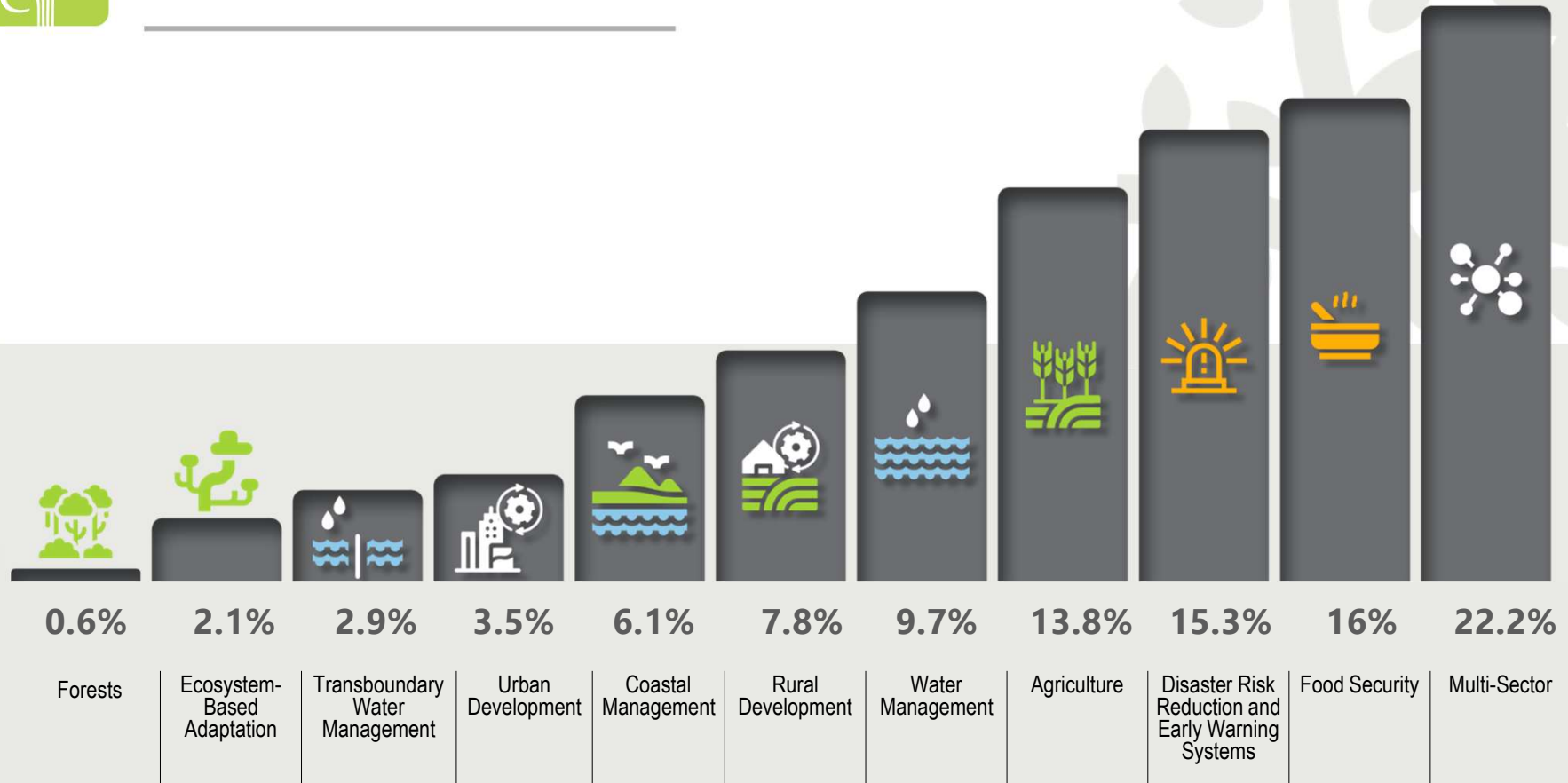
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TOTAL: 17 Single Country Projects | USD157.8 Million



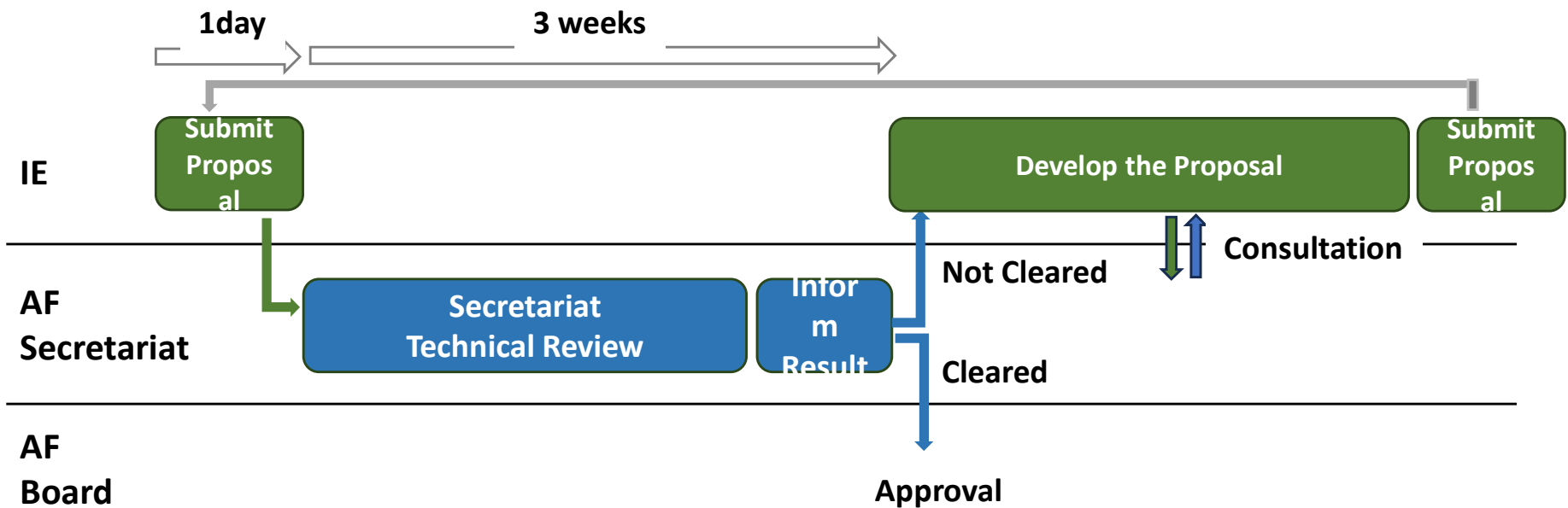


## AF Portfolio: sectoral distribution



# Rolling Basis: Submission Process

- IE will receive feedback within 3 weeks post-submission, except during review intermission
- Proposal can be submitted at any time



# Adaptation Fund

## Funding Windows



PILLAR	FUNDING WINDOW	ACCREDITED ENTITY TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT
ACTION	Single Country	NIE, RIE, MIE	<b>Up to USD 25 Million</b> <i>per Project/Programme (within USD 40 million cap)</i>
	Regional/LLA Regional	RIE, MIE	<b>Up to USD 30 Million</b> <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	LLA Single Country Projects/Programmes	NIE, RIE, MIE	<b>USD 5 Million</b> <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	Project Scale Up	NIE	<b>USD 100,000</b> <i>per Grant</i>
INNOVATION	Small (single country)	NIE	<b>USD 250,000</b> <i>per Project   USD 750,000 with learning</i>
	Large (single country or regional)	NIE, MIE, RIE	<b>USD 5 Million</b> <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator	Non-accredited	<b>Up to USD 250,000</b> <i>per Grantee/Innovator</i>
LEARNING & SHARING	Learning Grants	NIE	<b>USD 500,000</b> <i>per Grant   USD 750,000 with innovation</i>
READINESS	Readiness Support Package Grant	NIE	<b>USD 150,000</b> <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy	NIE	<b>USD 25,000</b> <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy	NIE	<b>USD 10,000</b> <i>per NIE</i>



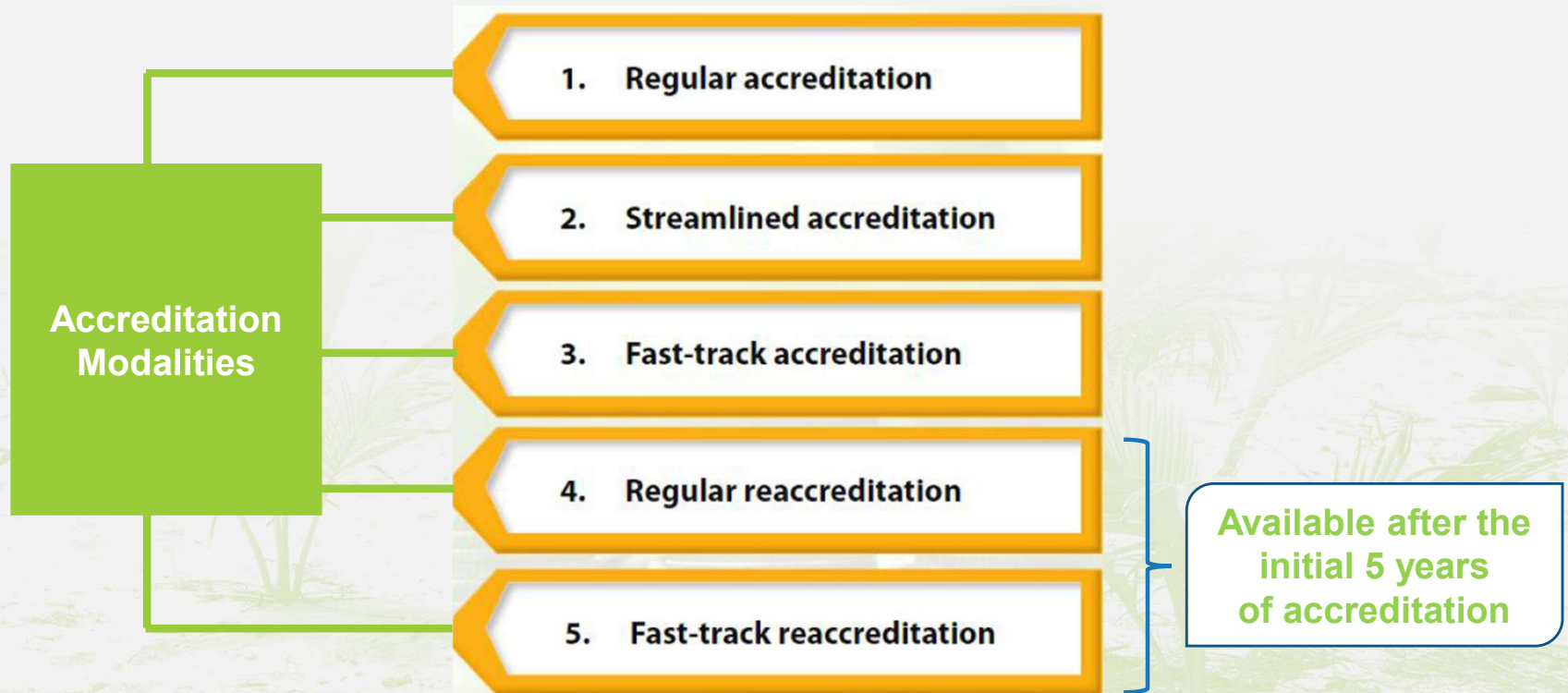
# Overall AF Accreditation Process



- ❑ **Nomination:** An entity that meets the accreditation standards is identified and nominated as a potential implementing entity (IE) by the Designated Authority (DA)
- ❑ **Application:** Submission of accreditation application to the Secretariat together with the supporting documentation demonstrating their commitment, capacity, and compliance
- ❑ **Screening:** AFS ensures all the necessary information is provided. AFS follows up with the potential IE to ensure that the application package is complete.
- ❑ **Review:** The Panel reviews the application, identifies any potential gaps and communicates directly with the applicant until it is ready to make a final assessment and recommendation.
- ❑ **AP Recommendation:** Based on the Panel's assessment and recommendation, the AFB approves recommendation for accreditation.



# AF Accreditation Modalities



- ❑ Accreditation status, whether granted through the Regular, Streamlined, or Fast Track accreditation process, is **valid for five years with a possibility of renewal (i.e. re-accreditation)**.





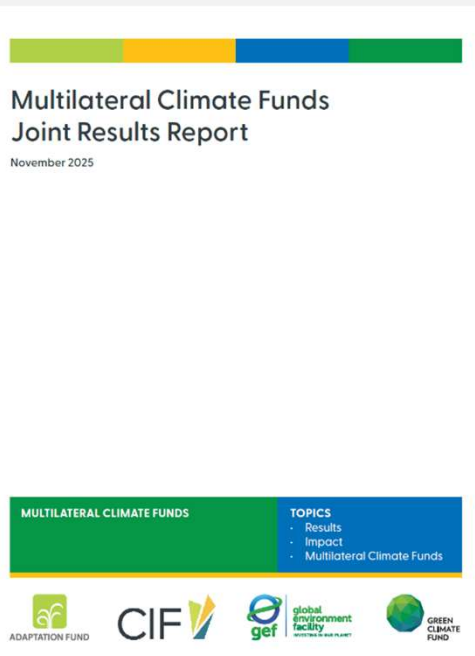
## Complementarity & Coherence with other Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs)

Increasing collaboration with other Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs) on **ENHANCING ACCESS AND INCREASING IMPACT:**

- [MCF Heads Joint Statement and Commitment at COP29](#)
- Joint programming and capacity-building, harmonizing results indicators and monitoring, knowledge and learning missions and reports, operational linkages on access and accreditation, joint communications and presence
- Joint Climate Funds COP Pavilion, events and knowledge products
- At COP30, MCFs published [first Joint Results Report](#)
- At COP30, MCFs published first joint knowledge publication and guidance note on [“Scaling Social Protection for Climate Action – Insights from and for Multilateral Climate Funds”](#)

### COLLABORATION WITH GCF ON STREAMLINED ACCESS

- Fast-track accreditation for GCF accredited entities
- AF-GCF Scaling up framework – over ten AF projects scaled up by GCF
- Joint Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities





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# Readiness Programme

ACCREDITATION AND PROJECT  
SUPPORT



# Activities under the Readiness Programme



## Implemented through 4 key components

- **Support to countries seeking accreditation**
- **Support to accredited IEs**
- **Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers**
- **Knowledge management**



# Approved Readiness Grants

**52 readiness grants approved as of March 26, 2026**

## Types of Grants

- S-S
- TA-ESGP
- Readiness Package
- TA-ESP
- TA-GP
- Project scale-up



### 35 grants in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

### 9 grants in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Mexico
- Panama
- Peru
- Uruguay

### 1 grant in Middle East and North Africa

- Morocco

### 1 grant in Europe and Central Asia

- Armenia

### 4 grants in South Asia

- Afghanistan
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives

### 2 grants in East Asia and Pacific

- Micronesia



# READINESS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ACCREDITATION

## The Readiness Package Grant (RPG)

Grant supports accreditation through South-South Cooperation (SSC) and peer to peer support through a suite of tools (workshops, guidance docs, experts, assessments)



### Grant Size

- Up to US\$ 150,000 per NIE

### Eligibility Requirement For Countries:

- All developing country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement under UNFCCC are eligible.

**In addition, all NIE applicants should meet the following criteria:**

- The NIE candidate must be located in a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement;
- The country of the NIE candidate must have a Designated Authority (DA) to the Adaptation Fund;



# The Readiness Package Grant



## Eligibility Requirement for intermediary:

➤ All developing country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement under UNFCCC are eligible.

## In addition, all applicants should meet the following criteria:

The country must be a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement;

The NIE candidate must be located in a developing country Party to the Kyoto Protocol or Paris Agreement that does not have an NIE accredited with the Fund;

The country of the NIE candidate must have a Designated Authority (DA) to the Adaptation Fund;



# Support for project development



**The AFB secretariat:** Helps clarify review criteria and process: [afbsec@adaptation-fund.org](mailto:afbsec@adaptation-fund.org) (the secretariat cannot pre-screen proposals before submission)



**Technical assistance and scale-up grants:** meant to provide support for project development



**Non-grant activities**



# Non-grant support available to NIEs



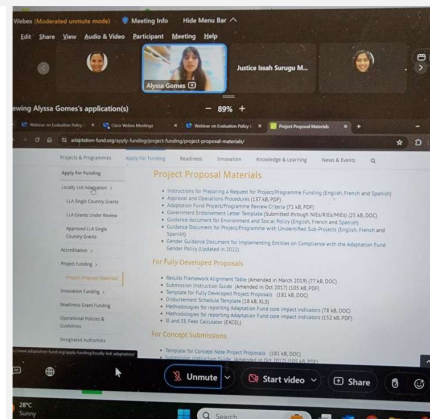
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Exchange  
Visits



Regional  
Workshops



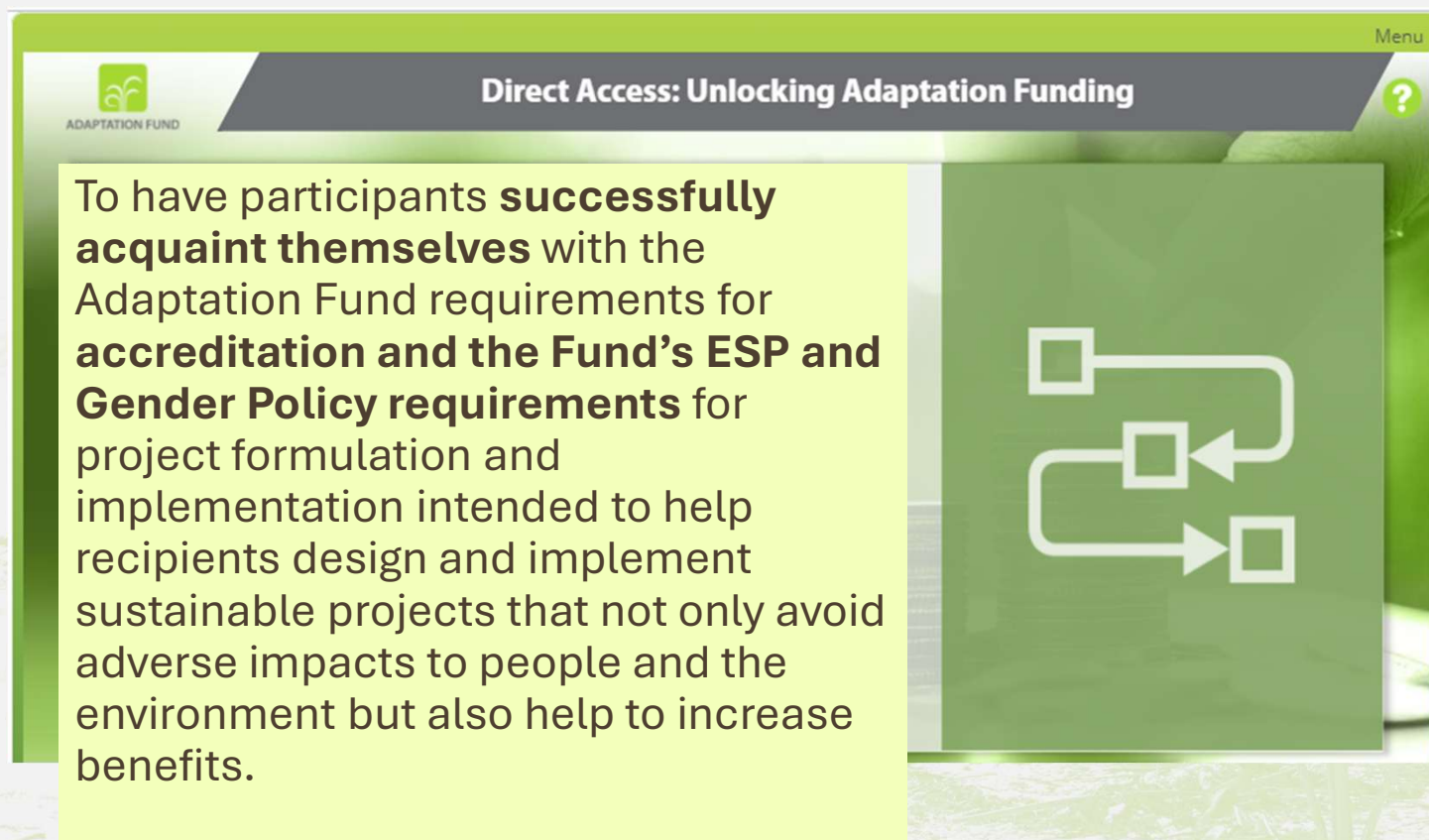
Annual NIE  
seminar for  
accredited NIEs



Readiness  
webinars

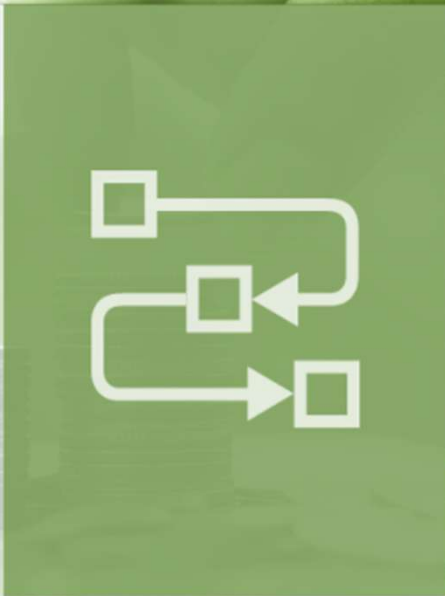


# AF e-Learning course on direct access



The screenshot shows a slide from an e-learning course. At the top left is the Adaptation Fund logo. The title 'Direct Access: Unlocking Adaptation Funding' is centered at the top. A 'Menu' button with a question mark is in the top right. The main content is a text box on the left and a diagram on the right.

To have participants **successfully acquaint themselves** with the Adaptation Fund requirements for **accreditation and the Fund's ESP and Gender Policy requirements** for project formulation and implementation intended to help recipients design and implement sustainable projects that not only avoid adverse impacts to people and the environment but also help to increase benefits.



The diagram on the right is a flowchart with three rectangular boxes. The top box has an arrow pointing down to the middle box. The middle box has an arrow pointing right to the bottom box. The bottom box has an arrow pointing up to the top box, forming a cycle.



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