



South African
National Implementing Entity
of the Adaptation Fund

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People will have to find ways to adapt to life in a world where weather patterns are less predictable, and more turbulent. For poorer and vulnerable communities, this kind of 'adaptation' will often call for locally-appropriate development projects, and funding support to allow them to happen.

The Adaptation Fund is a United Nations initiative. It is geared towards financing projects that have concrete, on-the-ground benefits that will help communities deal with the fallout of climate change.

Each country that receives money from the Adaptation Fund must have an accredited 'Implementing Entity' to design and roll out these projects. In South Africa, this job has been given to the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). Appointing a national institution like SANBI to take on this role is important, because it encourages country ownership and ensures that projects are aligned with national development priorities.

The Adaptation Fund has made a total budget of about R 109 million (US\$ 10 million) available to South Africa for the following two projects, over the next five years:

- 'Building resilience in the Greater uMngeni Catchment, South Africa', which will be implemented in the uMgungundlovu District Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal.
- 'Taking adaptation to the ground: a small grants facility for enabling local level responses to climate change in South Africa', which will be implemented in the Mopani and Namakwa Districts in Limpopo and Northern Cape Provinces.

These pilot projects will produce tangible benefits for communities, and the lessons learned here will help with rolling out other adaptation projects in the future, across the region or even internationally.

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