



**NEEDS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION
AND COLLABORATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UAE FRAMEWORK FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

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Adaptation Fund at a glance

Established in 2001 and operationalized in 2007 under the Kyoto Protocol & since 2019 serving the Paris Agreement

Over US\$ 1 billion allocated to 155 concrete, localized adaptation projects

Pioneered Direct Access modality with majority of Implementing Entities being NIEs

All developing countries that are Parties to the KP or PA are eligible to access funding

Country-driven and simplified access processes



Medium-Term Strategy from 2023 to 2027: Mandate – Mission – Strategic Priorities

MANDATE

Finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes that are country driven and based on the needs, views and priorities of developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting the cost of adaptation

MISSION

The Adaptation Fund serves the Paris Agreement by **accelerating effective adaptation action and efficient access to finance, including through direct access**, to respond to the urgent needs and priorities of developing countries. The Fund does so by supporting country-driven adaptation projects and programmes, innovation, and learning with concrete results at the local level that can be scaled up.



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AF as UN4NAPs Partner Organization

- UN4NAPs is a UN-wide rapid technical backstopping initiative for National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), launched in 2021 by the UNFCCC secretariat
- AF joined in 2021 as one of 45 partner organizations & responds to requests from countries for technical assistance



According to UN4NAPs, a common request from the countries has been to provide technical assistance to their **efforts of accessing climate finance** in terms of speed to gain approval on projects

Background: Guidance from CMP & CMA on AF support for NAPs implementation in line with AF mandate

Decision 4/CMP.17: Report of the Adaptation Fund Board for 2022

Paragraph 11

Requests the AFB to consider, in line with its existing mandate and decision 1/CMP.3, providing support for country-driven adaptation projects and programmes in developing countries **with a view to contributing to enhancing implementation of their national adaptation plans and other voluntary adaptation planning processes**;

Decision 18/CMA.4: Matters relating to the Adaptation Fund

Paragraph 12

Requests the AFB, in line with its existing mandate and decisions 1/CMP.3 and 1/CMP.4, to consider and provide an update on its activities and scope of support in relation to assisting developing country Parties to the Paris Agreement, including information on:

(a) Actions in relation to needs and priorities identified in **adaptation planning processes, including national adaptation plans**, nationally determined contributions, adaptation communications and other voluntary adaptation reports, taking into consideration gaps and challenges faced by countries;

Support for NAPs & NDC Implementation

Jumpstarting NAPs implementation through simplified access to grant funding for concrete, localized, and effective adaptation that can be scaled up

The Fund pays particular attention to NAPs & NDCs in its programming processes

According to Fund's [Operational Policies and Guidelines \(OPGs\)](#):

- Projects should be developed in way to take into account NAPs & NDCs, if they exist
- Board shall give particular attention to consistency with NAPs etc. in assessing proposals
- All proposals are screened for consistency with NAPs & NDCs, if they exist

Countries can choose their priority sectors/themes in line with their NAPs & NDCs can accredit relevant NIEs

- Countries are encouraged to make use of the direct access modality, where possible, and accredit NIEs that have capacities to implement projects in priority sectors
- Countries can make strategic choices about the use of AF resources for their priority sectors

Support for learning, innovation and scaling up

- Identify and prioritize effective adaptation solutions for inclusion in NAPs & NDCs and wider implementation
- Encourage the testing of new and emerging adaptation solutions for inclusion in NAPs & NDCs
- Scaling up of successful adaptation projects with other funders



Types of AF Support & Engagement with UN4NAPs

Response to countries' requests to AF

- Response to questions on available AF grants and support for NAPs implementation
- Delivery of specific knowledge products and examples from AF project portfolio of innovative adaptation practices, technologies and tools in various sectors
- Review of draft NAPs or draft NAPs resource mobilization strategy with correct references to AF
- Bilateral meetings to discuss accreditation and project proposal pathways

Engagement with UN4NAPs initiative

- Presentations during relevant UN4NAPs events and workshops, e.g. at SB58 side event, NAP Expo, Regional Climate Weeks
- Input to UN4NAPs materials on available support for NAPs implementations

What are the needs and challenges in implementation of National Adaptation Plans and Strategies?

Finance

- Access to climate finance is limited (especially in SIDS; LDCs; FCS)
- Vulnerable communities are the most impacted, yet they get less than 10% of global climate finance

Research & Development

- Low access to technology and innovations
- Limited access to climate data

Institutions

- Institutional coordination (DA; NDA)
- Capacity building should be strengthened (Readiness for DAs; South-South Cooperation)



What are the key opportunities for action in order to reduce the social and economic impacts of climate change?


- NAPs to strategically make use of different climate funds and other agencies
- The AF encourages countries to make use of the Direct Access Modality

- Invest in learning and knowledge sharing
- Promote gender responsive interventions with fair and equitable distribution of adaptation benefits

- Encouraging innovation in the adaptation sector, promoting development of approaches that can be included in NAPs
- Identifying and testing effective adaptation solutions

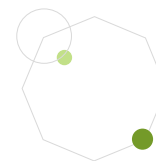


How can cooperation across international organizations and programmes support adaptation implementation??

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- Simplified access to climate finance (e.g. climate fund collaboration platform; fast-track accreditation; streamlined accreditation)

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- Support for learning, innovation and scale-up of feasible projects (e.g. AF-GCF scale-up framework)

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- Avoid overlapping and making use of institutions' comparative advantages



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
- Adaptation Fund Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Grants Training

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Thank you!

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