



# Moving from Planning to Implementation

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*Scaling up NAP Implementation to  
ensure transformational adaptation*

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# Approach for scaling up adaptation

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Strengthen **upstream engagement** with countries and private sector on adaptation.

2

Enhance **midstream activities** to embed adaptation into country processes.

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Scale-up financing for **investments that enable adaptation** (sovereign and non-sovereign).





# Upstream Example: Adaptation Strategy for Atoll Nations

## AAS4A: ADB Adaptation Strategy for Atolls

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### The Problem

- **Low-lying topography**, in average two meters above sea level
- **Fragile ecosystems**
- **Isolation**
- On the frontline of the fight against **climate change**, including sea-level rise, increased frequency of extreme weather events, ocean acidification and associated impacts resulting from flooding, coastal erosion, salinization of groundwater resources, such as economic damages, ecosystem losses, food security, health
- High rates of rural-to-urban **migration** across islands
- Extremely vulnerability to **shocks** such as extreme events and pandemics



### Solution: A New Approach to Building Long-Term Resilience

- ❖ Need for a **holistic** and **long-term climate adaptation strategy** tailored specifically to atoll nations
- ❖ **Innovative, transformative, and long-term solutions** to promote sustainable adaptation that goes beyond short-term fixes, including a combination of options such as: improved land use and settlement planning, land reclamation, resilient infrastructure systems, governance, policy integration, disaster preparedness, nature-based solutions
- ❖ Recognizing limits for different forms of adaptation and differentiated approaches for urban and outer islands
- ❖ Investment needs for transformational long-term strategies **orders of magnitude greater than traditional measures**
- ❖ **Longer development and implementation lead times**, requiring long-term commitment and programmatic approaches for financing



### Proposed ADB Response

- ✓ A targeted program to help **strengthen the capacity** of its four developing member countries (DMCs) that are Atoll Island Countries
- ✓ **Based on targeted and rigorous research** and analytical tools
- ✓ **Implemented under the leadership of the four DMCs**
- ✓ **Defining principles** that ADB would adopt for supporting investments in Atoll Nations for resilient development
- ✓ Strengthening **coordination and cooperation** with other bilateral donors, global climate funds, multilateral development banks and the private sector
- ✓ Fostering opportunities for **cross-sharing of experiences** and opportunities for cooperation
- ✓ Cooperating closely with the Coalition of Atoll Nations on Climate Change (CANCC) and other regional organizations
- ✓ Identifying a portfolio of transformational adaptation investments for each country
- ✓ Estimated amount required: US\$3million to undertake this program in an initial phase of 2024-2027

2024

2030

2050

2070

2100

2150



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# Downstream Example: Community Resilience Partnership Program

