



ADAPTATION FUND

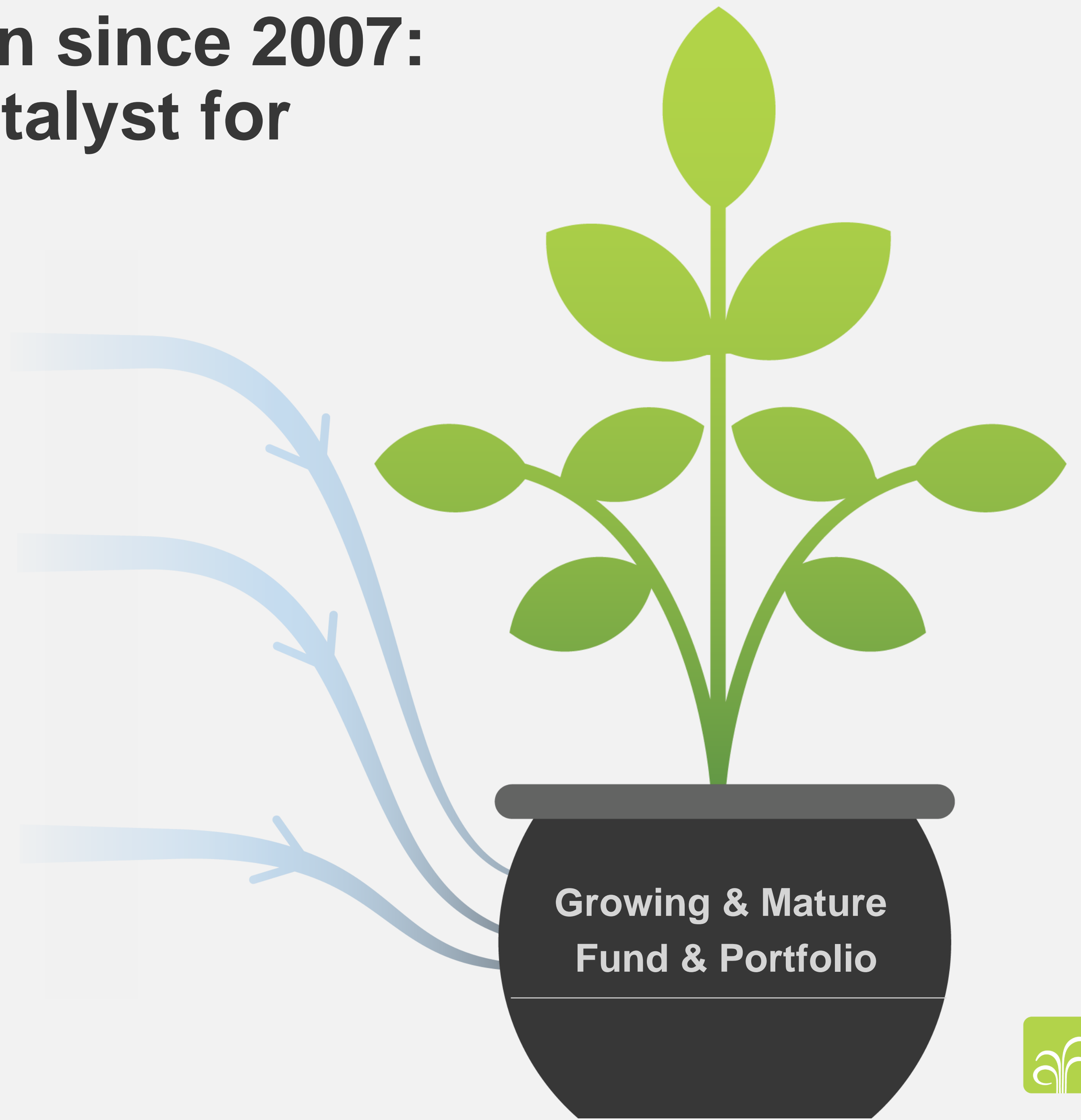
LEADING ADAPTATION FINANCE, CATALYZING IMPACT

Adaptation Fund in Action since 2007: Leader, Innovator and Catalyst for Adaptation Finance

Established in 2001 under the UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol to finance concrete adaptation projects in developing countries & operationalized in 2007

Since 2019 officially serving the Paris Agreement & currently transitioning to exclusively serving the PA

Pursue efforts to at least triple annual outflows from AF & other UNFCCC climate funds by 2030 from 2022 levels





IMPACT AREA 1

Reduced vulnerability and increased adaptive capacity of communities

As of June 2024

BENEFICIARIES



EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS



This includes local, national
and regional systems



IMPACT AREA 2

Strengthened policies integrating climate resilience strategies

As of June 2024

TOTAL POLICIES



These include policies that mainstream climate considerations at different levels of governance, strengthen disaster risk and adaptation processes and systems, help integrate climate consideration into local and national plans.



LOCAL



NATIONAL



REGIONAL



IMPACT AREA 3

Increased ecosystem resilience

As of June 2024

NATURAL HABITATS

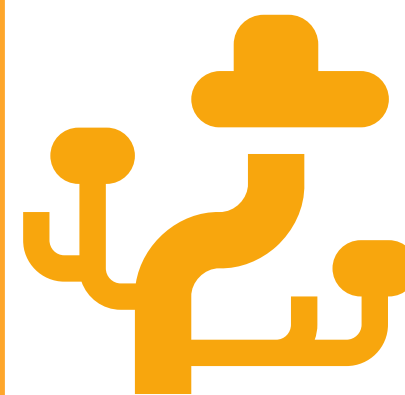
biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management

Area Protected or Restored

728,250

Hectares

Forests | Wetlands | Drylands



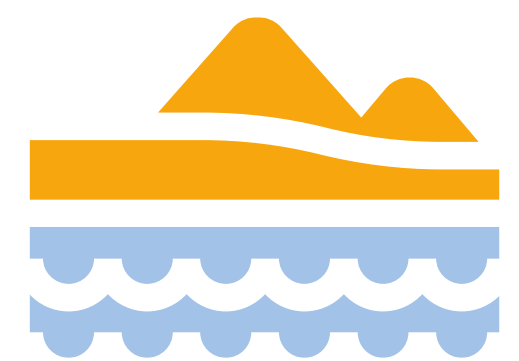
COASTLINE PROTECTION

Length of Coastline Protected

181,000

meters

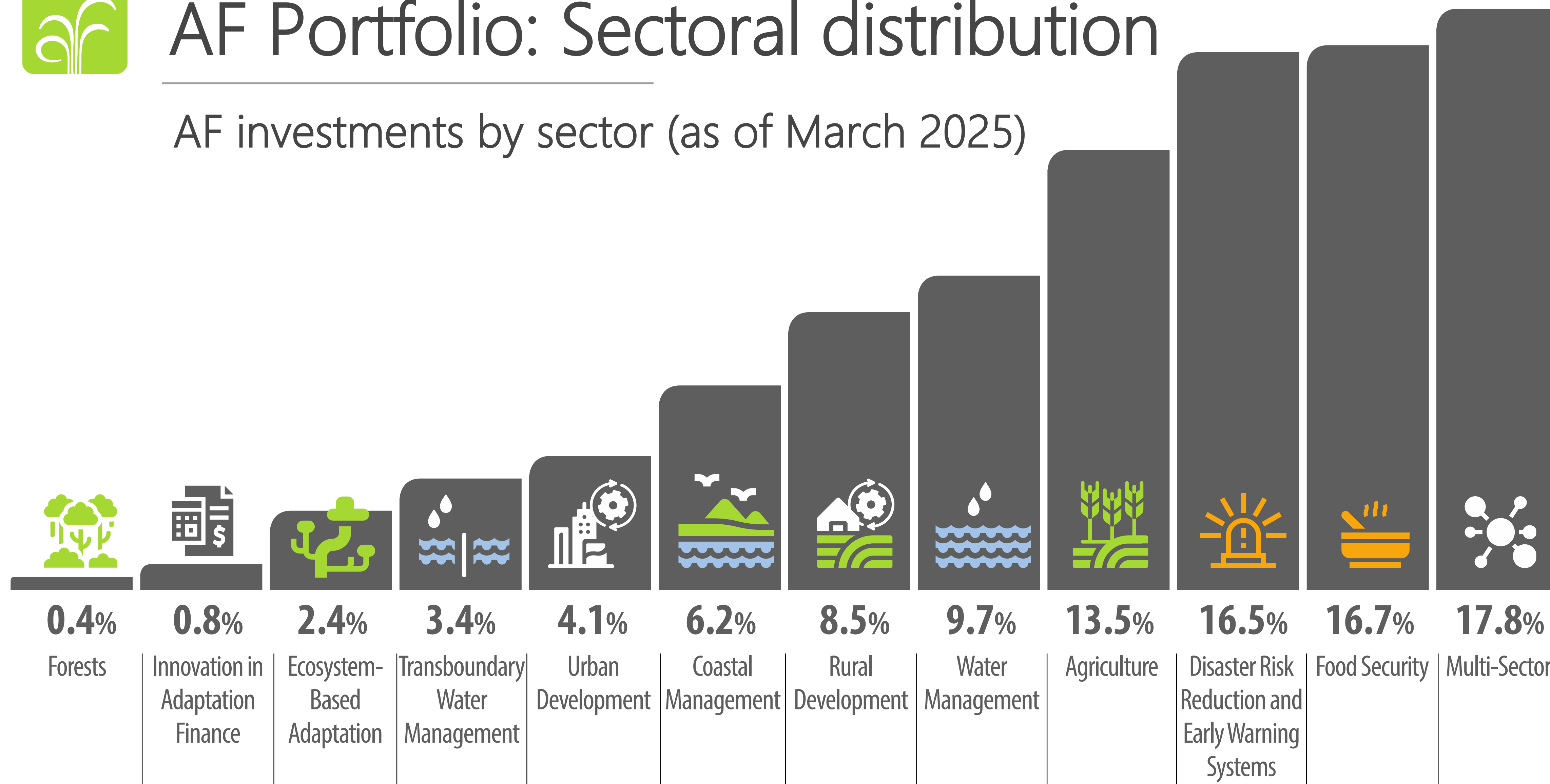
Equivalent to 181 kilometers
or 112 miles of shoreline





AF Portfolio: Sectoral distribution

AF investments by sector (as of March 2025)



Adaptation Fund Funding Windows

Offer various grants for different themes and aspects of adaptation (between 250,000 to 25M - incl. grants outside of the 40M country cap)

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





AF Value Added & Comparative Advantage: Catalyst for Adaptation Finance



- **DEDICATED TO CONCRETE ADAPTATION FOR MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRIES & COMMUNITIES:** Only multilateral climate fund dedicated to concrete climate adaptation for the most vulnerable countries and communities.
- **DIRECT ACCESS & LOCALLY-LED ADAPTATION:** First climate fund to offer direct access and dedicated funding for locally led adaptation
- **STREAMLINED & SIMPLIFIED ACCESS PROCEDURES**
- **ROBUST SAFEGUARDS & POLICIES:** Strong environmental and social safeguards and leader in gender-responsive climate finance
- **GRANT FUNDING FOR SMALLER-SCALE PROJECTS** with high impact at local levels covering the full cost of adaptation
- **EFFECTIVE ADAPTATION ACTION** measured through results-based financing
- **COST-EFFECTIVE AND STRONG DEMAND:** Low transaction costs and trusted partner for developing countries
- **EFFICIENCY** in turning financial inflows into outflows
- **HIGH IMPACT** of relatively smaller amounts of funding
- **NIMBLE GOVERNANCE** structure with well-functioning and equitable Board



AF Value Added & Comparative Advantage: Catalyst for Adaptation Finance



- **INNOVATION IN CLIMATE FINANCE:** Through programs such as Innovation Facility, AF proactively develops new, more effective ways to adapt, including pilot projects, proof-of-concept initiatives, and de-risking mechanisms that attract further investment.
- **SUPPORT FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING & CLIMATE FINANCE READINESS** to enhance developing countries' institutional capacity
- **FOCUS ON LEARNING AND SHARING** to capture and disseminate knowledge on effective adaptation with climate finance landscape
- **SCALABILITY OF INVESTMENTS:** AF's funding model often serves as a catalyst for larger-scale investments, particularly by supporting small-scale project interventions in early stages. These pilot projects demonstrate impact and feasibility, making them strong candidates for later expansion using investment from other partners, such as MDBs and the private sector.
- **SUPPORT FOR NAPs & NDCs IMPLEMENTATION** and related adaptation investment planning to support countries in transitioning from adaptation planning to implementation
- **CATALYZE IMPACT** beyond AF funded interventions



Adaptation Fund Support for LDCs and SIDS



LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

BANGLADESH:

Adaptation Initiative for Climate Vulnerable Offshore Small Islands and Riverine Charland (UNDP, USD 10M) – Disaster Risk Reduction

RWANDA

Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change in North West Rwanda through Community Based Adaptation (Direct Access, USD10M) – Rural development



SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

SEYCHELLES: Ecosystem-based adaptation (USD 6.5M, UNDP) & Marine ecosystem and coral restoration (USD 10M, UNDP)

MICRONESIA: Community-based & Ecosystem Based Adaptation (USD 1M, MCT) & Coastal management (USD 9M, SPREP)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Integrated Water Resources Management for rural communities (Direct Access IDDI, USD 10M)

To support particularly vulnerable developing countries in accessing adaptation finance, the AF offers:

- Simplified and streamlined access processes: for submission process & simplified templates
- **Direct Access:** Accreditation of up to two National Implementing Entities per country
- **Streamlined accreditation process** available for smaller entities & **fast-track accreditation** available for GCF entities
- **Readiness grants & capacity-building support:** for accreditation, project formulation, and technical assistance
- **Various grants** for adaptation action, innovation, and learning and sharing
- **Support for NAPs & NDC implementation** and adaptation investment planning
- **Support for scaling up AF projects** by GCF and other funds



Complementarity & Coherence with other Climate Funds

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

- Joint declaration of the heads of the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Investment Funds, the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund (COP28)
 - Collaboration on results tracking
 - Joint COP Pavilion, events and knowledge products

COLLABORATION WITH GCF ON STREAMLINED ACCESS PROCEDURES:

- Fast-track accreditation for GCF accredited entities
- AF-GCF Scaling up framework – 17 AF projects scaled up by GCF
- Joint Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities



Scalability of AF funded projects

DEDICATED SUPPORT THROUGH PROJECT SCALE UP GRANTS

- Under the readiness programme

KNOWLEDGE PUBLICATION: “SCALING UP ADAPTATION FINANCE: EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE AF PORTFOLIO”

- Seven project case studies demonstrate that AF enables scaling-up of adaptation projects by delivering i) strong proof of concept to disseminate successful adaptation practices and innovations; ii) operational sustainability through building lasting capacities ; iii) the ability to generate strong demand and engagement from local stakeholders; and iv) on the applicability of activities to a wider coverage.

HIGH POTENTIAL FOR SCALING UP BY OTHER CLIMATE FUNDS & PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT BANKS

- Collaborating with MCFs, MDBs, national climate funds etc.





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THANK YOU