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Mandate & Scope

Mandate

As per decision 15/CP.26, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) is mandated to share information on relevant sources of finance for adaptation, including sources other than the UNFCCC Financial Mechanism, as part of its outreach activities.

Scope:

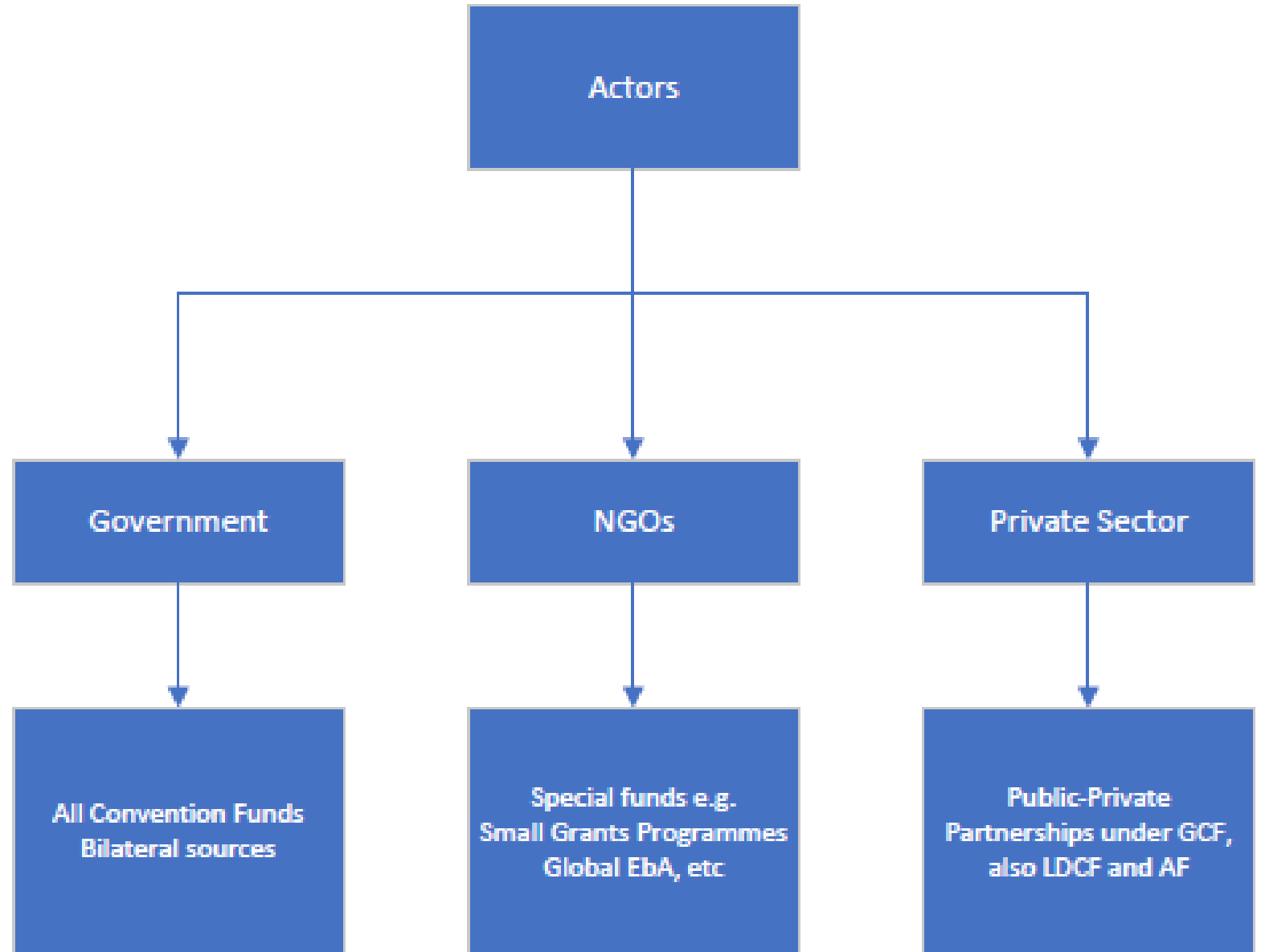
The information is arranged according to main needs around:

- **Concrete adaptation actions**
- **Enabling activities, such as capacity building, training or outreach**
- **Support to maintain the process to formulate and implement NAPs or other adaptation plans.**

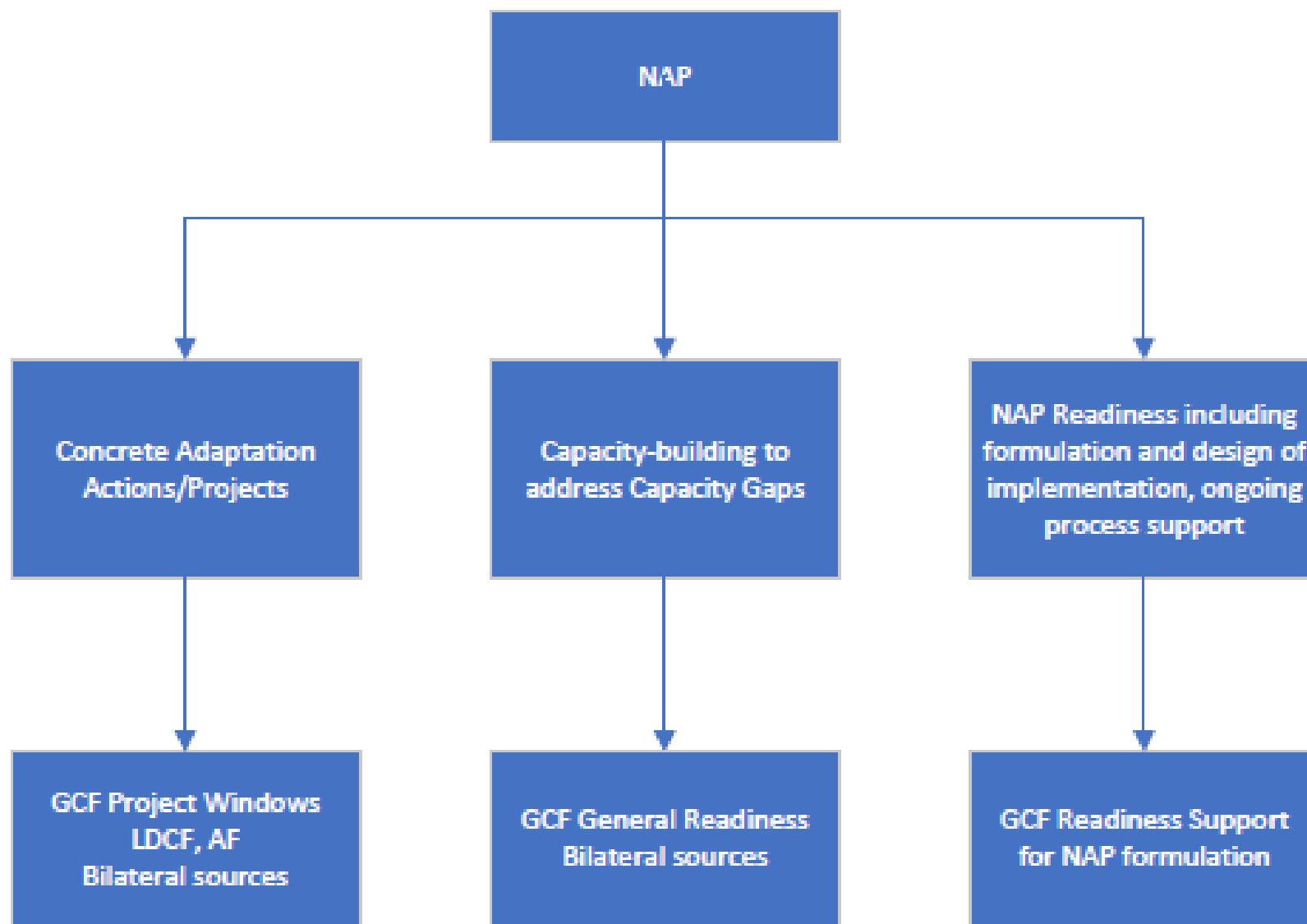
The landscape of funding for adaptation includes:

- **International and multilateral funding mechanisms**
- **Bilateral funding**
- **Private sector investment**

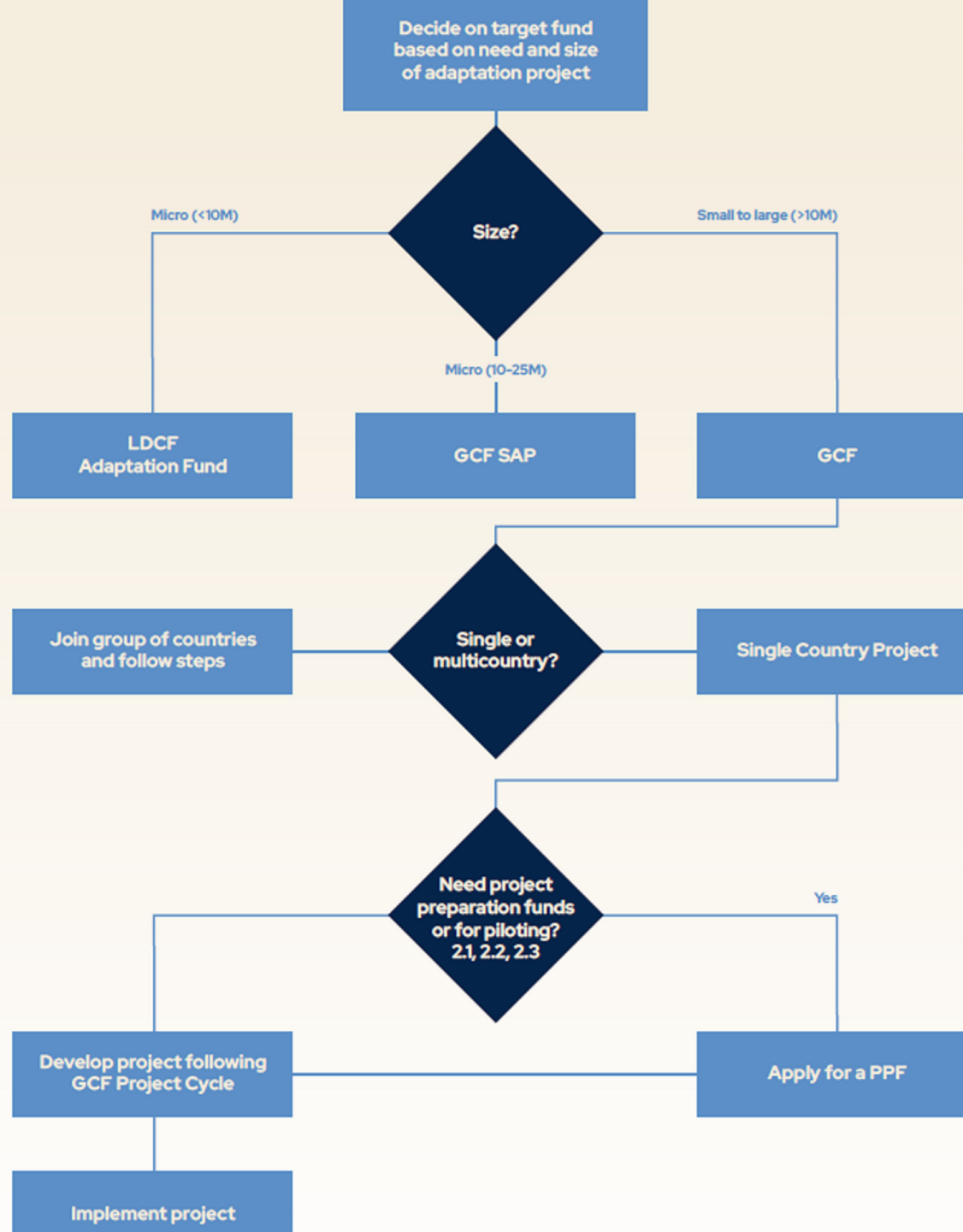
Navigation to the sources of finance for different actors



Navigation for different major types of need in NAPS



Navigation of sources of finance based on size of project





1. Support for concrete adaptation actions through full-size projects

The following funding opportunities facilitate the implementation of concrete adaptation actions through full-size projects.

1.1 Green Climate Fund projects window

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) accepts adaptation³ project and programme concept notes⁴ from countries through subnational, national, regional, or international accredited entities for climate change adaptation projects and programmes for the implementation of adaptation actions identified in the NAP and/or other adaptation planning processes.⁵ Prioritized result areas are: ecosystem(s)/ services; health, food, and water security; resilient infrastructure; livelihoods of vulnerable communities.⁶

Project sizes can range from micro (<10 million USD), small (10-50 million USD), medium (50-250 million USD) to large (>250 million USD).

For proposals up to USD 25 million, with no or only minimal environmental and social risks, a submission through the Simplified Approval Process is possible (see section 1.2 below).

Type of finance

Grants, concessional loans, equity, and guarantees

How the finance is provided

Countries submit proposals via accredited entities, and following the GCF project cycle (accessible at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/project-cycle>)

Size

Micro (<USD 10 million)
Small (USD 10-50 million)
Medium (USD 50 – 250 million)
Large (>USD 250 million)

Applicable context

Broad category of need

- Concrete adaptation actions (implementation)
- Project proposal development
- Policy development or policy revision
- Integration of climate change adaptation into plans/programmes
- Adaptation planning: assessments, stakeholder engagement
- Research and systematic observation
- Access to and use of adaptation practices, tools, and technologies
- Capacity building

Specific need for financing

- Funding for implementation of adaptation projects
- Supporting the process of formulating and implementing the NAP
- Compiling and producing the NAP
- Building readiness for the GCF (Types I to III)
- Building readiness for the Adaptation Fund
- Technical assistance for proposal development
- Technical assistance to access specific technologies
- Piloting or feasibility studies

Triggers for financing

- Country submits unsolicited proposal
- Country responds to a request for proposals
- Country responds to special topics or special programmes
- Specific agency engagement for supported countries (e.g. a country assistance strategy for a given period)
- Country allocation for a specific period
- Other

Eligibility

- LDCs
- All developing country Parties
- Members of a region/continent
- Other groups of countries as specified

1.16 Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP)

The Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) and the Enhanced Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP+)³⁰ are managed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)³¹. The main target groups are smallholder farmers in developing countries. Focus areas are disaster risk reduction, agriculture, natural resource management, sustainable land management and water.

The ASAP is IFAD's flagship programme, launched in 2012, for channelling climate and environmental finance to small-scale farmers, to improve their access to information tools and technologies and to strengthen their resilience to climate change. The programme is being implemented in three phases:

- **ASAP₁ (2012-2025): addresses the challenges posed by climate change by providing climate-resilient agricultural practices, technologies and financing to small-scale farmers.**
- **ASAP₂ (2017-2025): provides technical assistance on policy and operational issues.**
- **ASAP+ (from 2021): builds on the previous phases to address climate driven food insecurity and empowers the most vulnerable small-scale producers and communities.**

Type of finance

Grants

How the finance is provided

ASAP follows the IFAD project design cycle³²

Size

n/a

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Additional information

- Living document that will be updated as and when funds get updated or new funds become available.
- Additional information that LEG receives on different programmes of funding will also be updated
- Available soon on NAP Central



Thank you

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Important links

- LEG – <http://unfccc.int/LEG>
- NAP Central – <https://napcentral.org>

