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Session: Opportunities for financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

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Pioneered Direct Access – finances concrete Adaptation projects/programs



A total of 56 IE (34 NIEs, 14 MIEs, 8 RIEs)



US\$1 billion portfolio in grant funding including US\$205 million for transboundary projects/34 countries



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AF portfolio – Regional distribution to date

Multi
2 projects
\$ 10 M



Latin America & Caribbean
32 projects
\$ 271.1 M



Africa
51 projects
\$ 401.5 M



Eastern Europe
6 projects
\$ 29.8 M



Asia Pacific
48 projects
\$ 275.8 M

TOTAL PORTFOLIO
139 projects
\$988.2 M

42 projects DA

5 projects EDA




Medium-Term Strategy (2023-2027)

- The new MTS was approved in 2022
- Further builds on the Fund's strategic pillars of Action, Innovation and Learning & Sharing.
- Increased focus on strengthening synergies between pillars and adding other cross-cutting features
- Foster locally led adaptation and scaling up Fund's actions and results

Adaptation in action



AF funding opportunities (to be expanded with the new MTS 2023-2027)

 Action	 Innovation	 Learning & Sharing
Single country projects (\$ 20 M per country) (NIE, RIE, MIE) + PFG (NIE only)	Small grants (<US\$250 k) to foster innovation practices in CCA (NIE)	Learning grants (<US\$150 K) to share best practices and lessons learned (NIE)
Regional projects (2 + countries) \$ 14 M (RIE, MIE) + PFG	Small grants (<\$ 250k) in innovation for non accredited entities - AFCIA	
Enhanced Direct Access (EDA): US\$ 5 M per country (NIE)	Large grants (<US\$5 M) to roll out innovative adaptation practices in CCA. Single country (NIE, RIE, MIE) or regional (RIE, MIE)	
Project scale-up grants: < US\$ 100 k per project (NIE)		

AF Regional Window – ACCESS MODALITY

- Pilot programme introduced in 2015 with at cap of **\$30 million Up to \$14 million and \$100k PPG for regional project (2+ countries)**
- **Implemented by MIE or RIE** and endorsement by each DA of participating countries
- **Concrete adaptation actions** in multiple sectors including including Transboundary Water Management, Enabling Environment, water security, Nature-Based Solutions, EBA, etc.
- **Total of US\$151M under the regional window, or 20% total portfolio**
- Funding on basis of the **full cost of adaptation** (No co-financing required, addressing adaptation needs and co-benefits if any, no BAU)
- **Environmental, socio-economic benefits** especially for the most vulnerable and gender considerations

Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) - UN Environment Programme (US\$ 5,000,000)

Case Study

Project Components:

- Improving regional management of a transboundary water catchment
- Climate information dissemination
- Regional approach to climate change adaptation in vulnerable communities
- Community-based approaches to climate change adaptation
- Knowledge management and learning

Results:

- Training provided on downscaling regional climate information to national, subnational and local levels and on delivery of climate information to local communities at selected project sites.
- 43 small-scale community-based projects that promote innovative approaches to climate change sites funded.
- 240 hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated through climate smart agriculture and agroforestry practices.
- 460 households in Burundi and Rwanda benefiting from climate smart water conservation practices.
- 1,644 households trained on climate change adaptation technologies.

Lessons Learned:

- Seek consensus between authorities and other key stakeholders across partner countries.
- Ensure project is based on high quality regional-level baseline information.
- Incorporate a sustainability and transfer of knowledge plan



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Thank You



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