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# **Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator**

*- Workshop in Innovation for  
Adaptation*

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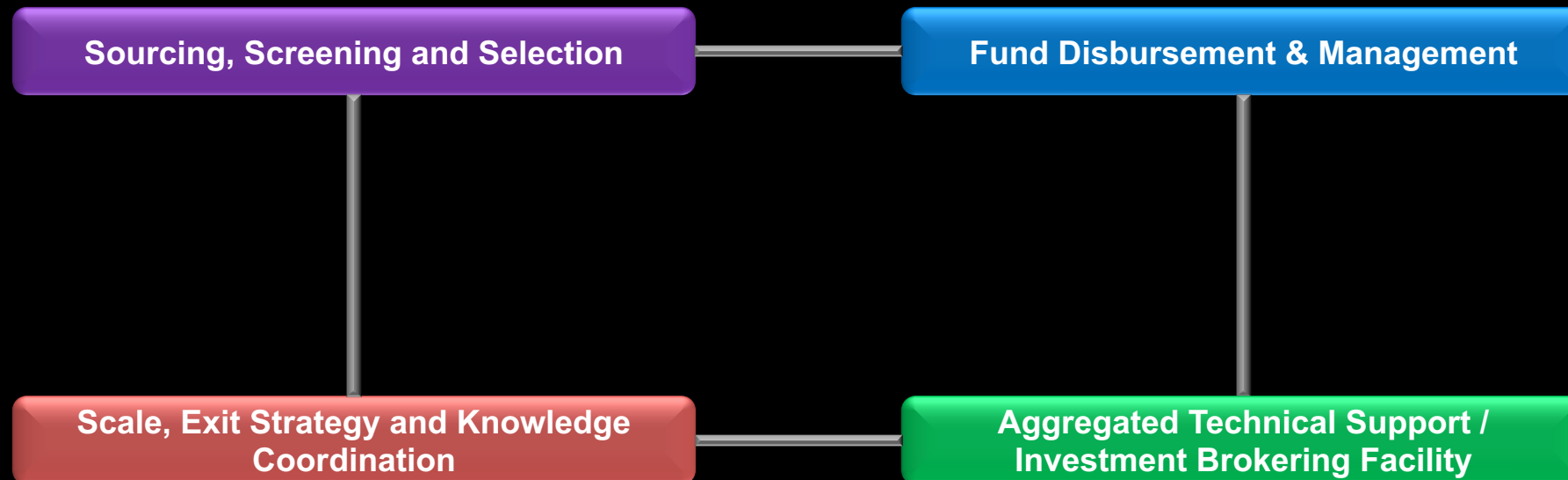
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Accelerate innovative technologies, practices and business models for transformative climate action



**The objective of the platform is to incubate and accelerate innovative technologies, practices and business models for climate change adaptation.**

## Four Pillar Structure

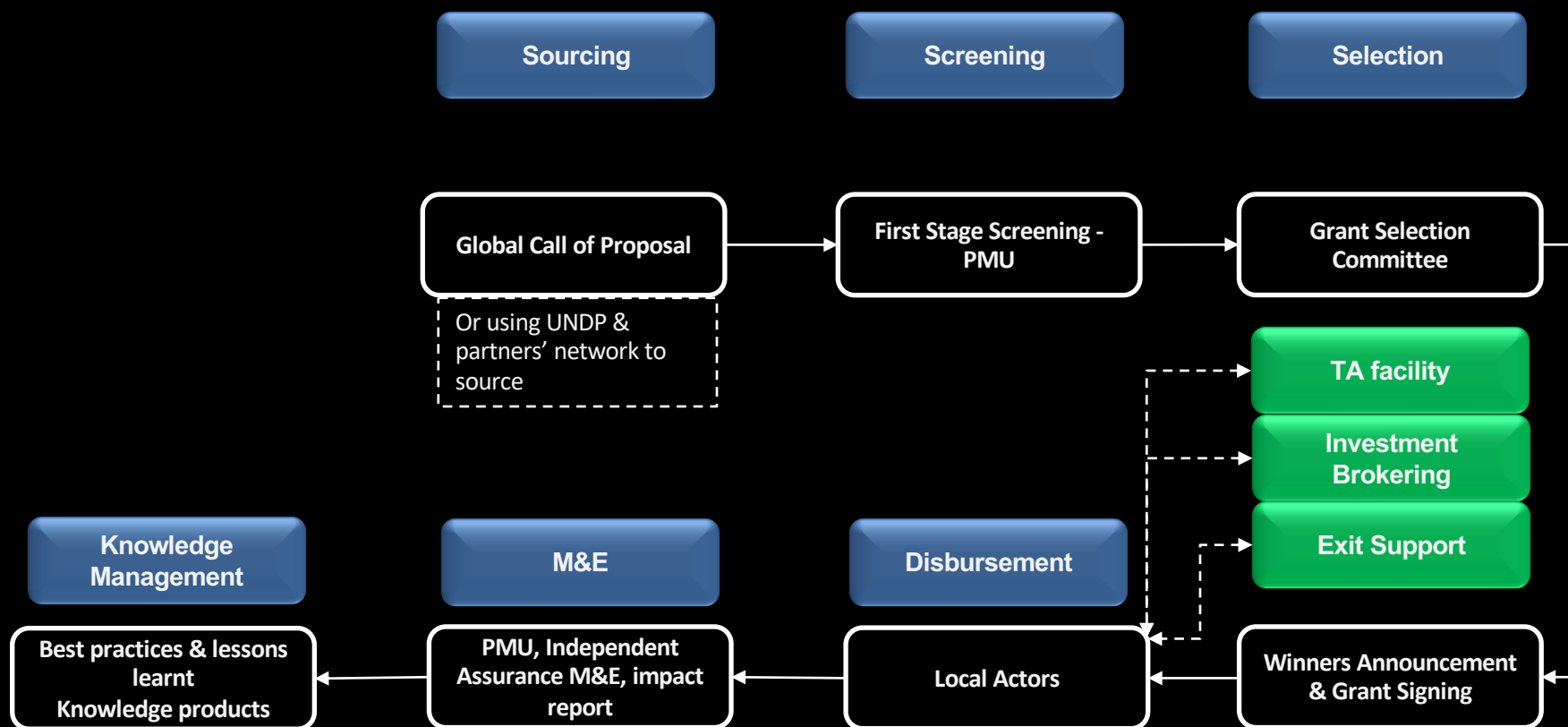


# AF-EU-UNDP AFCIA grant funding window

## Process Map



UNDP aims to provide 15-20 micro grants to promote new/piloting innovative adaptation solutions (\$60,000 for 1.5 years); 15-20 small grants to accelerate innovative adaptation solutions with scaling potential (\$125,000 for 1.5 years). Grantees could receive another round of funding for the second cycle if they reached the milestones proposed for the first cycle (therefore, total \$120,000 for micro grant and \$250,000 for small grant).



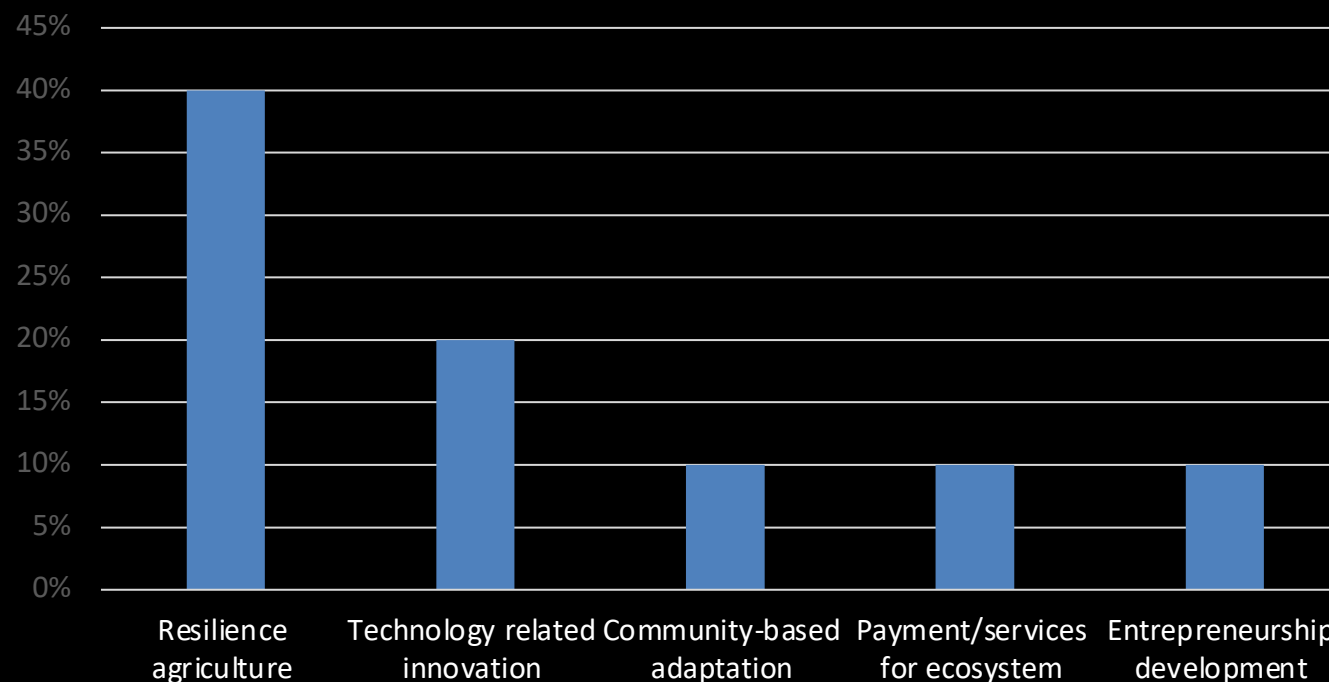
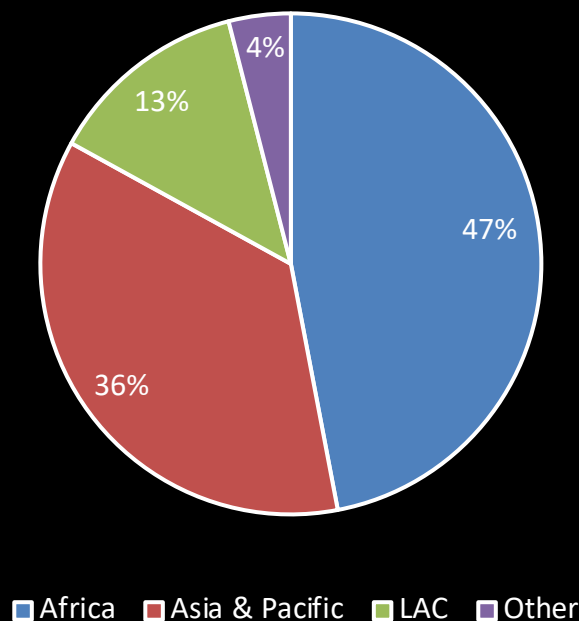
# First Round Funding Overview

## Summary



**Overall 384 applications received, 76 longlisted, 30 shortlisted and 22 finalists.**

### For the 76 longlisted applicants



**For the 22 finalists: 19 countries, 7 from Africa, 11 from Asia, 4 from LAC. 10 LDC or SIDS (45%).**

# Key Lessons Learnt from First Round Funding

Learnings from selection criteria & scoring



**Climate Rational is often unclear (although many understand climate change risks), adaptation is not well articulated. Committee members raise the point that innovation is hard to score.**

## Climate Change Adaptation – total score 15

Score (0 to 5)

Project objectives addressing Climate Change induced risks?

Strategies/Business solutions in alignment with CC risks?

Project informed & addressing the adaptive capacity/ resilience of the local businesses and individuals to Climate Change? {based on bottom up approach/participatory/extent of impact/potential for scale up or replication}

## INNOVATION – total score 15

Score (0 to 5)

Are the interventions/practices innovative as compared with existing practices/norms? If yes, rate the degree of innovation (as in imbibing modern day technologies and practices)

Would such an innovation be easily replicable & scalable (area/region/country wise)?

Would the proposed business model/practice or technology used, be financial sustainable?

## Impact – total score 15

Score (0 to 5)

Is gender mainstreaming a primary output of the project design?

Rate the environmental impact – immediate and long term.

Rate the social impact on the communities addressed (reduced poverty, improved food security, improved lifestyles)

Does the project outcomes cause distress to the financial vulnerability of the community? If NO, assumed that economic safeguards are addressed.

Yes/No

Does the project outcomes cause distress to the social vulnerability of the community – (in the context of minorities, indigenous people, women)? If NO, assumed that social safeguards are addressed

Yes/No

Does project outcomes cause distress with climate vulnerabilities – (displacements, more prone to CC impacts)

Yes/No

# Key Lessons Learnt from First Round Funding

Other key lessons learnt



## Support for proposal

Local organizations need extensive help around: 1. Forming the right budget and linkage to workplan; 2. Results measurement and verification, linking to donor required results; 3. Safeguard and risk management

## Flexibility

Many applicants really like the flexibility we provided to them. We design the proposals with them to work with their development agenda, disbursement and milestones are all flexibly designed to suit the grantees' need.

## Support for scale-up

Nearly all applicants indicated that they will appreciate UNDP's support over the programme duration on: 1. Technical support on innovation, 2. Linkage to additional capital, 3. Share learnings with other organizations in the same field, 4. International communication support

# Thank you



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