

# Access Modalities for AF Innovation Small & Large projects



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Innovation Facility



# Outline



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- Background
- Definition of innovation



## **Funding windows**

- Small grants for innovation
- AFCIA programme
- Large innovation projects



## **How to apply**

- Application process
- Key materials



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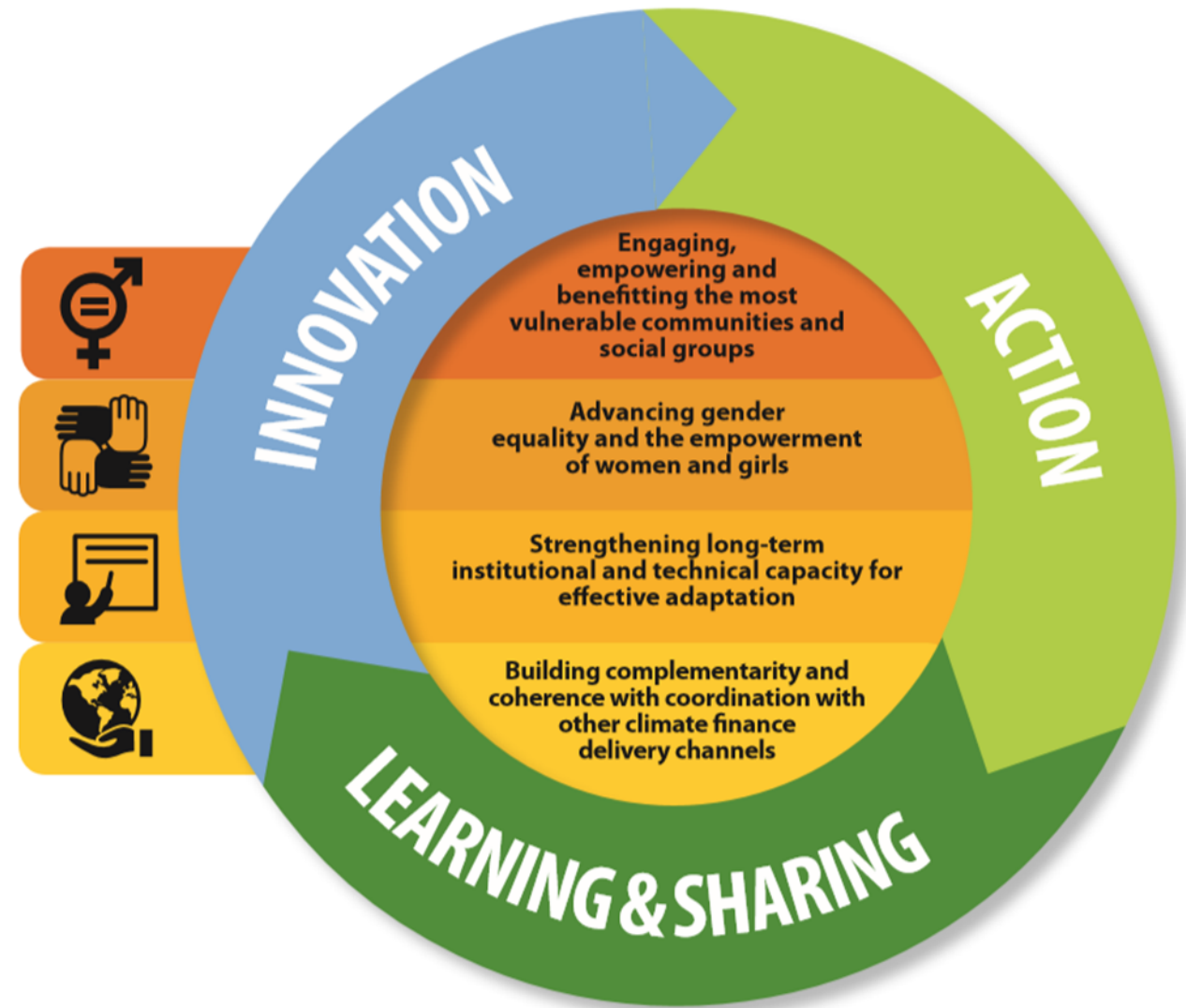


# Innovation as a Strategic Focus for Adaptation

The Adaptation Fund's Medium-Term Strategy established the Innovation Facility

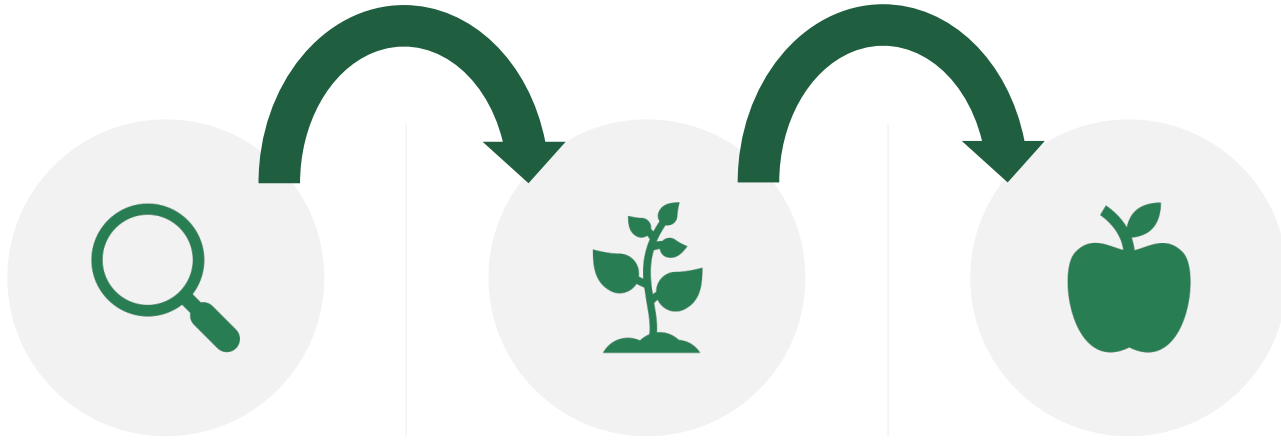
An **Innovation Facility** dedicated to:

- a) Roll out successful innovations;
- b) Scale up viable innovations;
- c) Encourage and accelerate innovations; and
- d) Generate evidence of effective and efficient innovation in adaptation.



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# What is Innovation?



**Understood as the creating, testing, deployment or diffusion of new, adapted or improved adaptation solutions**

**Developed contextually and with the inclusion of the communities most vulnerable to climate change**

**Emphasis on iterative deployment where change, learning, and new information are embraced**

## What does not qualify?

- Patents and business generation in isolation
- Basic technology transfers, i.e. projects that include no or insignificant innovative techniques and/or practices or their adaptation to new circumstances
- Measures well demonstrated elsewhere over a significant period of time, with no innovative element in their application in the new context
- Very high-risk ideas with no evidence base



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# Adaptation Fund's Innovation Funding Opportunities



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# Thematic areas



- Disaster Risk Reduction



- Nature-based solutions



- Coastal management



- Agriculture



- Water resources Management



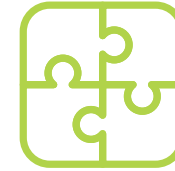
- Forests and Land Use



- Rural development



- Food Security



- Social innovation



- Urban adaptation



- Advancement of gender equality



- Enhancement of cultural heritage



- Focus on communities



- Inclusion of youth



- Innovative adaptation financing

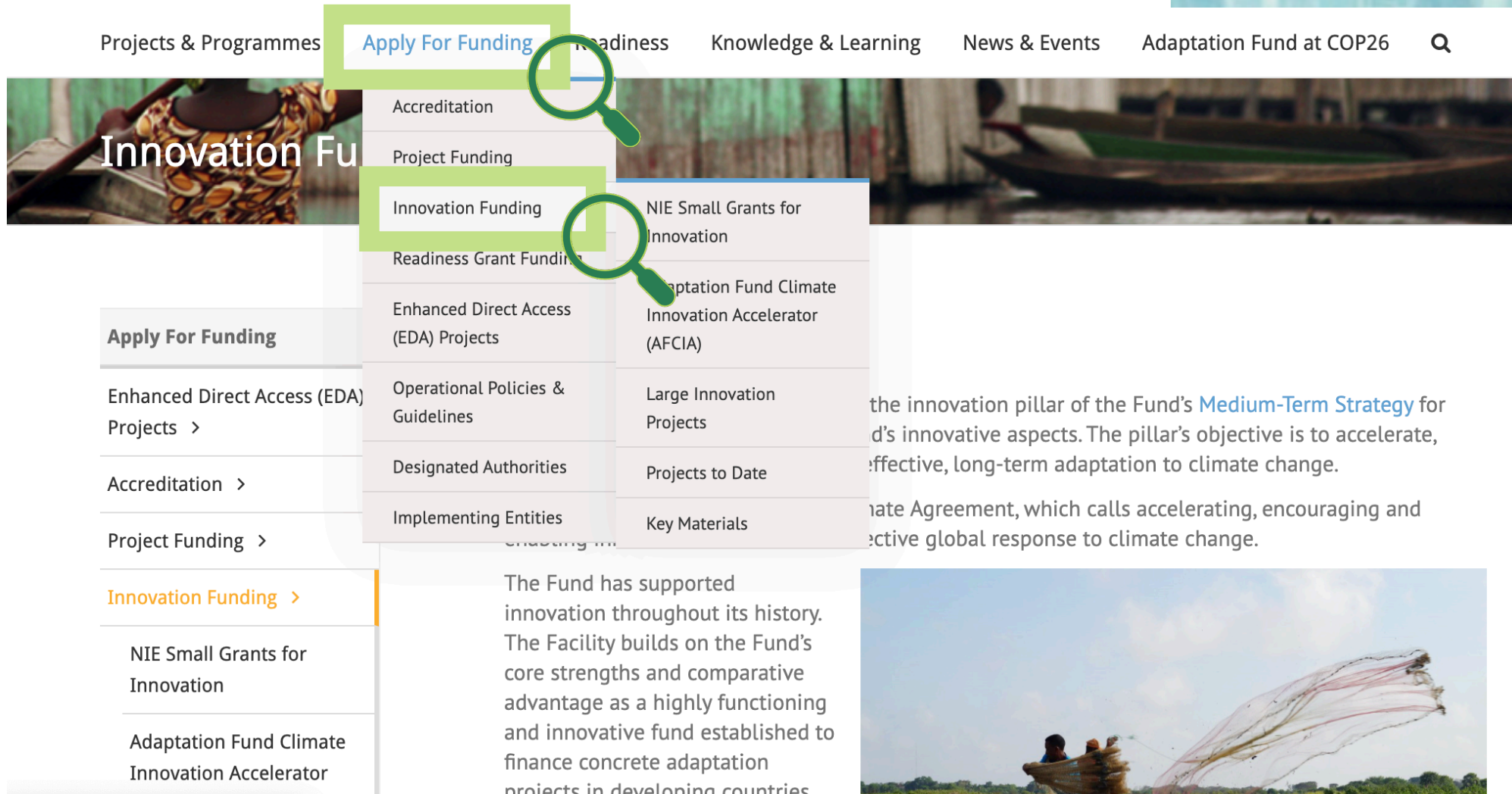


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# How to apply

<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/>



The screenshot shows the Adaptation Fund website's navigation menu. The 'Apply For Funding' link is highlighted with a green box and a magnifying glass. Below it, the 'Innovation Funding' sub-menu is also highlighted with a green box and a magnifying glass. The sub-menu includes links to 'NIE Small Grants for Innovation', 'Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)', 'Large Innovation Projects', 'Projects to Date', and 'Key Materials'. The main menu also includes 'Projects & Programmes', 'Readiness', 'Knowledge & Learning', 'News & Events', and 'Adaptation Fund at COP26'. The background of the website features a collage of images, including a person in a boat, a young girl in a school uniform, and a person fishing with a net.

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**Apply For Funding**

- Enhanced Direct Access (EDA) Projects >
- Accreditation >
- Project Funding >
- Innovation Funding >**
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  - Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)
  - Large Innovation Projects
  - Projects to Date
  - Key Materials

The Fund has supported innovation throughout its history. The Facility builds on the Fund's core strengths and comparative advantage as a highly functioning and innovative fund established to finance concrete adaptation projects in developing countries

the innovation pillar of the Fund's [Medium-Term Strategy](#) for d's innovative aspects. The pillar's objective is to accelerate, effective, long-term adaptation to climate change.

ate Agreement, which calls accelerating, encouraging and active global response to climate change.



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# How to apply



**Download and complete the provided application form**



**Attach a signed letter of endorsement by the Designated Authority**



**Send completed application to the Adaptation Fund**

The call for innovation grants opens **twice a year** for consideration at the bi-annual board meetings and follows the project cycle submission process. After review by the secretariat comments can be addressed by the IE and the proposal resubmitted.





# Key documents



Options for further Defining Innovation in Adaptation Projects and Programmes  
[AFB/PPRC.26.b/17](#)



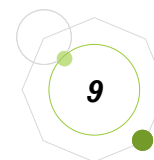
Further Clarification of Vision and Definition of Innovation under the Adaptation Fund: Analysis of Relevant Elements and Guidance on Review Criteria [AFB/B.36/8](#)



Specific Objectives and Indicators for the Innovation Aspects of Projects and Programmes [AFB/B.37/6](#)



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# Key materials



Free on-line training on the understanding of innovation



Free online training on the Innovation Small Grant application



Application sample for Innovation Small Grants



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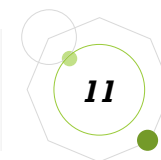
# Upcoming opportunities

Under the Innovation Facility

- Small Innovation Grants and Large Innovation Projects are open to receive proposals for the AFB38 Board meeting. Deadline is January 10, 2022 at 18:00 (Washington DC time). Proposals may be submitted as early as January 3, 2022.



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# Thank You



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