



## ADAPTATION FUND

# Adaptation Fund: Key Achievements of 2021 and Entering 2022 with Promise

Despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Adaptation Fund (AF) **continued to deliver** its concrete adaptation projects on the ground to the most vulnerable while expanding its innovative programs and support for developing countries throughout 2021.

The Fund was rewarded near the end of the year with a **successful COP26** outcome that reflected wide recognition for its work and furthered its fundraising and policy goals in serving the Paris Agreement, bringing excitement into 2022 as it develops its next five-year strategy to continue to build on its pillars of Action, Innovation, and Learning and Sharing.

In concluding its productive year in **December** the Fund started the process of developing its next five-year Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2023-2027. Although very early in a process that will involve comprehensive stakeholder consultation, it will build on the successes of AF's first MTS (2018-2022) and take into account findings from a **mid-term review** by the Fund's independent **Technical Evaluation Reference Group**. The review concluded that the first MTS was a good fit-for-purpose strategy, ambitious, forward-looking and responsive to global processes and imperatives for adaptation, reflecting good practices and being fully responsive to the Paris Agreement while also enhancing quality and project compliance. Progress during the first half of the MTS was significant, with AF launching seven new funding windows that received significant responses and enabled it to go beyond past achievements.

AF also released its **Annual Performance Report** reflecting continued growth across its pillars.

This followed a highly successful resource mobilization effort at COP26 in Glasgow in **November**, during which AF received unprecedented support with a record US\$ 356 million in new pledges – triple what it raised in 2020 and nearly triple its US\$ 120 million fundraising goal for 2021. A record 16 contributors included first-time supporters U.S., Canada (national level) and Qatar as well as a record EUR 100 million pledge from the European Union. New multi-year pledges from Norway and Ireland followed a trend set by Sweden a couple years ago, and AF's largest historical contributor Germany and other consistent donors came through again. Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change also made several policy decisions expressing support for AF, including finalizing the Paris rulebook with a 5 % share of proceeds from issued emission reduction credits going to AF once the new mechanism becomes operational. With one of the conference's top goals being enhancing adaptation ambition, the results reflected broad support for AF's effective work on the ground for climate-vulnerable countries and innovative finance programs that build country ownership, as well as the high demand for its work.

*In October*, AF's Board approved or cleared more than US\$ 42 million in new projects including several new **learning** and small **innovation** grants for the Fund's national implementing entities (NIEs) under **Direct Access**. The first grant concepts through AF's explicit **Enhanced Direct Access** and Large **Innovation** Grant windows were also endorsed. "The importance of innovation and local ownership in adaptation is pivotal, and these windows foster both," said Board Chair Mattias Broman after the meeting. "These larger innovation projects will help scale up and accelerate proven innovative solutions that are needed to address the climate urgency, and the Enhanced Direct Access projects build further on the Adaptation Fund's pioneering **Direct Access** modality by directly empowering developing countries' own institutions to allocate funding for local adaptation projects."

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**AF NEWS**



**Adaptation Fund Raised Record US\$ 356 Million in New Pledges at COP26 for its Concrete Actions to Most Vulnerable**

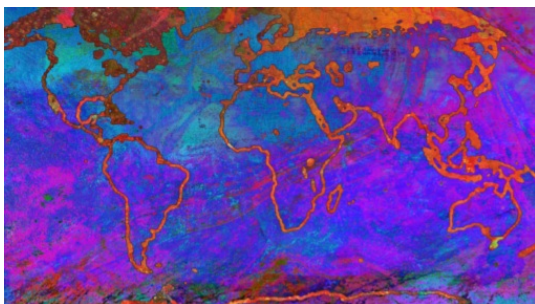
The AF received a record-shattering US\$ 356 million in new support from record 16 national and regional governments announced at UN COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow in November. The new amount far surpassed the Fund's 2021 resource mobilization goal of US\$ 120 million and more than tripled the US\$ 116 million it raised a year ago. [Read more >>](#)

**AF and Other Climate Funds Released Joint Statements**

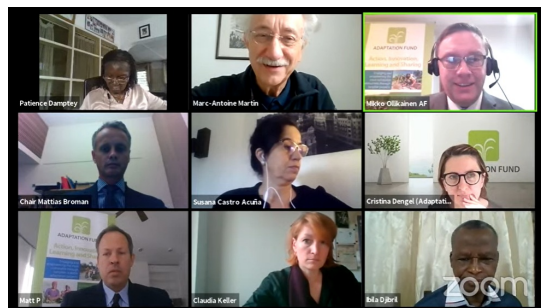
AF and other climate funds released joint statements to deepen partnership in pursuit of enhanced complementarity and synergies that will contribute to the operationalization of the Paris Agreement and support a climate-resilient recovery from the COVID-19.

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[Read more on recovery from COVID19 >>](#)



**Climate Change Widespread, Rapid,**



**Adaptation Fund Board Cleared Over**

## and Intensifying – IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the first part of its 6<sup>th</sup> assessment, which reported dire consequences of climate change if dramatic changes are not made soon. [Read more >>](#)



## Adaptation Fund Accredited Pacific Community, CASM, PKSF and ICIMOD to Accelerate Climate Action

The AF accredited Pacific Community in Pacific region, Mennonite Social Action Commission in Honduras, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation in Bangladesh, and International Center for Integrated Mountain Development in Himalayas as new Implementing Entities.

[Read more on Pacific Community>>](#)

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## Adaptation Fund Launched Call for Proposals for Projects Up to US\$ 5M to Support Innovation and Enhanced Direct Access

The AF launched innovation and enhanced direct access (EDA) grants which are additional funding windows beyond

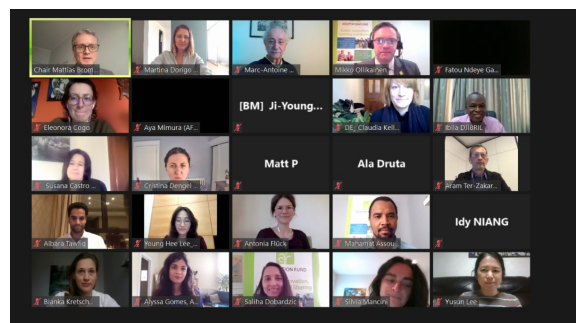
## US\$ 42 Million in New Programmes at 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The AF approved or cleared more than US\$ 42 million in new projects at the 37<sup>th</sup> AF Board meeting. It also approved new grants in additional funding windows in Action, Innovation and Learning. [Read more >>](#)



## Wake Up to the Looming Water Crisis, Report Warns

A report *The State of Climate Services 2021: Water* published by the AF and 20 organizations highlights the need for urgent action to improve cooperative water management, embrace integrated water and climate policies and scale up investment in this precious commodity which underpins all the international goals on sustainable development, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. [Read more >>](#)



## Adaptation Fund Doubled the Amount of Funding Countries Can Access and Number of NIEs in Each Country

The AF Board made a historic decision at its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting by doubling the amount of funding that countries can access from the Fund and enabling countries to accredit up

countries' regular project funding limits to provide climate-vulnerable developing countries further opportunities to access adaptation funding. [Read more >>](#)

to two national implementing entities (NIEs) per country. [Read more>>](#)

## PROJECT STORIES



### Locals Lead Adaptation Efforts in Drought-Stricken Cambodian Forests

Locally led adaptation is fighting rainfall variability and unsustainable practices across a number of community protected areas in Cambodia. [Read more >>](#)



### Adaptation Story in Uganda

AF project in Uganda implemented by Sahara and Sahel Observatory is increasing resilience of communities to the risk of floods and landslides in Awoja, Maziba and Aswa catchments by promoting integrated, equitable and sustainable management of water and related resources while empowering women by supporting them in manufacturing of clean stoves to reduce deforestation. [Read more >>](#)



### How Adaptive Technology is the Focus of an Extended Egyptian Climate Project

AF project in Egypt implemented by World Food Programme's Egypt Country Office is helping transform farming techniques and enhancing resilience to extreme weather through early warnings to support the livelihoods of smallholder farmers on the banks of the River Nile. [Read more>>](#)



### Adaptation Story in Dominican Republic

AF project in Dominican Republic implemented by the Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI) is increasing resilience capacity to flooding and drought impacts by directly empowering local beneficiaries through their own participation in targeted adaptation measures. [Read more >>](#)



## Andean and African Climate Projects Aim to Reap Benefits of Regional Collaboration

A project funded by the AF that spans almost 5,000 miles across three countries (Chile, Colombia and Peru) will use cross-border collaboration to increase the reach of vital climate-related information that will guide communities to best adapt to the impacts of climate change. [Read more>>](#)



## Armenian Project Aims to Digitally Engage Future Climate Leaders

Under the AF project led by the Environmental Project Implementation Unit (EPIU), Armenia's Ministry of Environment is aiming to create an innovative digital climate education platform for over 30,000 high school students, as part of a wider effort to increase future resilience. [Read more>>](#)



## Adaptation Story in Peru

Through an innovative project funded by the AF, small fishing communities on the northern and southern coasts in Peru are building resilience to climate threats by adopting sustainable fishing practices, diversifying livelihoods, enhancing food security and seafood quality while restoring the natural marine ecosystems that they depend on and raising their incomes in the process. [Read more>>](#)



## Adapting to Climate Change in Panama by Diversifying Farming Practices and Supporting Water Harvesting Systems

Under the AF project in Panama, water harvesting systems have been installed to producer partners to benefit the farmers in the long dry season and provide food security for their families.

IN THE NEWS



## [Climate Home News] Interview with Mikko Ollikainen at COP26

Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Head of Adaptation Fund discusses the urgency of climate change adaptation, the important role of the Adaptation Fund in delivering concrete, innovative and scalable projects for vulnerable communities.

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## [Cornell Chronicle] \$14M Grant to Adapt West African Rice Production to Climate

AF project in 13 West African countries is making rice more resilient to climate change and increasing production of the staple crop for smallholder rice farmers. [Read more>>](#)



## [UN Habitat] Enhancing the Climate and Disaster Resilience in Lao PDR

AF funded project implemented by UN-Habitat in Lao PDR is enhancing climate and disaster resilience across 189 of the most vulnerable human settlements by increasing sustainable access to basic infrastructure systems and services, as well as emphasizing resilience to storms, floods, droughts, landslides, and disease outbreaks.

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## [UNDP] El Salvador Accelerates Nature-Based Climate Actions Through UNDP-Supported Project Financed by the Adaptation Fund

AF financed project in El Salvador, a nature-based climate change adaptation project has been launched by the Government, with support from the UNDP. This project addresses catastrophic impacts of climate change by promoting improved land-use practices, while addressing poverty, hunger and migration.

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## [UNDP] Results of Activities on Developing Climate Resilience of Farming Communities in Karakalpakstan

Under the AF funded project in Karakalpakstan, about 41,200 people, among them 17,663 women, apply the practices of climate-resistant resource-saving agriculture, such as minimal tillage, mixed cultivation of crops, feed production, covering the soil with crop residues and a number of others.

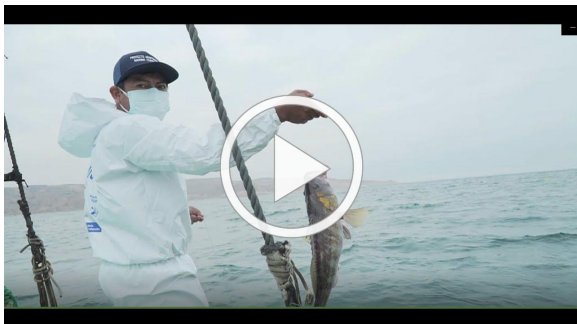
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## [The World Bank] Resilience and Conservation in a Changing Climate- The Case of Belize

The Government of Belize, supported by the World Bank, implemented the five-year Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation Project (MCCAP), financed by the AF to strengthen climate resilience of the Belize barrier reef by building sustainable and alternative livelihoods, increasing protections and restoration efforts and building public awareness about climate change. [Read more >>](#)

### MULTIMEDIA



## [Video] Adaptation Fund at COP26: an Innovator and a Pioneer in Climate Adaptation

The AF has been a top innovator and pioneer in adaptation over the years by continuing to adapt and offer even more opportunities to the vulnerable countries it supports today. National Implementing Entities of the Fund in different regions talk about how countries have benefited from the Fund over the years.



## [Video] Adaptation Fund Year in Review, FY 2021

The AF's climate response is growing, as it continued to help climate-vulnerable developing countries adapt to climate change over the last fiscal year, and build broader resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch how the Fund has responded to the climate urgency and to further serve the Paris Agreement.



The part of the program devoted to ancestral knowledge as a means of adapting to climate change

## [Video] Building Resilience to Climate Change Among Vulnerable Communities in Costa Rica

The AF together with Fundecooperación para el Desarrollo Sostenible is empowering small farmers in Costa Rica with climate-smart and resilient methods to adapt to floods and droughts.



very eager to engage with the project beneficiaries from Senegal, asking them questions about

## [Video] NIE Country Exchange: Senegal

The AF and Centre de Suivi Ecologique of Senegal convened National Implementing Entities virtually amid pandemic to share lessons learned about the Senegal project and to share data about adapting to sea-level rise and coastal zone management across NIE projects.



## [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience - Adaptation Fund Leaders Reflect on Glasgow

Mr. Mattias Broman, AF's Board Chair and Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Head of the AF discuss the Fund's continued support to vulnerable countries over last year, its success at COP26, and a look ahead to what the new year will bring.



## [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience - Micronesia/MCT

AF's national partner from the Federated States of Micronesia, which is a vulnerable Small Island Developing State, discusses the Fund's project to restore and protect natural assets and ecosystems against climate change, while strengthening community-based adaptation and knowledge.





### [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience - Peru/Profonanpe

AF's national partner in Peru, Profonanpe discusses the Fund's project which is building coastal resilience to climate change through sustainable fishing methods and tools, as well as providing sustainable livelihoods in the fisheries sector and expanded opportunities for women.



### [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience - South Africa - SANBI

AF's national partner from the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) discusses the importance of adaptation heading into COP26, and the key role the AF has played in helping to build adaptation capacity and resilience in South Africa through innovative pilot programmes.



### [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience Podcast: Knowledge and Sharing in Adaptation

Members of the AF discuss the importance of sharing lessons learned, experiences and successful models in adaptation to help further the impact of AF projects.



### [Podcast] Building Climate Resilience Podcast: Managing Results-Based Adaptation Projects

Members of the AF discuss AF's Results-Based Management Framework in the context of its diverse portfolio of projects and programmes, and how they are improving lives, livelihoods and ecosystems on the

ground that support them.

TWEETS OF THE YEAR



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[2ND UPDATE] NEWS RELEASE: [#AdaptationFund](#) raises record US\$ 356M in new pledges at [#COP26](#) for concrete actions to most vulnerable, incl 16 donors (3 for 1st time) as AF breaks prior fundraising records & triples amount raised last year [#AdaptationAction](#) [bit.ly/3kt0Fdp](https://bit.ly/3kt0Fdp)

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As announced at the [#COP26](#) plenary just now, the European Union will provide € 100 million to the [@adaptationfund](#), to support developing countries in their fight against the climate crisis: it's time to get cracking.

Read the press release below

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**NEWS RELEASE: In historic decision to respond to #climate crisis, #AdaptationFund Board Doubles Amount of Funding Countries Can Access from US\$10M to US\$ 20M, Enhancing Access to #ClimateFinance Among Most Vulnerable**  
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## About the Adaptation Fund

Since 2010, the Adaptation Fund has committed nearly US\$ 878 million for climate change adaptation and resilience projects and programmes, including 127 concrete, localized projects in the most vulnerable communities of developing countries around the world with 31.5 million total beneficiaries. It also pioneered Direct Access and Enhanced Direct Access, empowering countries to access funding and develop local projects directly through accredited national implementing entities.

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