Defining EDA under the Adaptation Fund

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Adaptation Fund at a Glance

Mandate to fund concrete adaptation projects with tangible results on the ground, in most climate-vulnerable developing countries & communities

Pioneered the innovative ‘Direct Access’ modality
(32 National Implementing Entities out of 55 accredited IEs)

As urgency of climate change has risen, it has grown rapidly to almost $1B funding today
Accessing Adaptation Fund resources

- Funding decision (AFB)
- Funds transfer (Trustee)
- Proposal submission
- Project supervision
- Financial responsibility
- Project execution: work on the ground
- Report to the IE

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6 RIEs
11 MIEs
32 NIEs
Direct Access

- **Direct Access** is whereby a country can access funds directly from the AF to manage adaptation projects. Requires a National Implementing Entity (NIE) meeting the Fund’s fiduciary standards, environmental and social safeguards and gender policy.
What is your understanding of EDA?
Enhanced Direct Access is when decision-making on the programming of internationally allocated funds is devolved to the national and sub-national levels.
Purpose of EDA under the AF

- To empower the developing country recipients of international climate finance beyond what can be achieved through the Direct Access modality alone

  - Concrete adaptation activities in the most vulnerable communities: visible and tangible impacts at the local level that can be scaled up
  
  - No prescribed sectors or approaches: country-driven process that accommodates countries’ priorities and adaptation reasoning
  
  - USD 5 million available per country
  
  - Finance the full cost of adaptation: No co-financing requirements
Benefits of EDA

- Increased country ownership over project activities which strengthens locally led climate action
- Greater in-country decision-making over fund allocation – increases effectiveness because national level better equipped to ensure performance
- Raised profile of the NIE organization internationally and in-country.
- Can help strengthen and “fine-tune” an organization’s policies, procedures, and standards, and align with international standards
- Can help strengthen institutional and individual capacities at the sub-national and local level and enable the use and strengthening of domestic channels of directing resources to those levels
- Can strengthen alignment of funded projects with domestic priorities
- Can stimulate innovation through the establishment of national or local mechanisms
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Activities under the Readiness Programme

Implemented through 4 key components

- Support to countries seeking accreditation
- Support to accredited IEs
- Cooperation/Partnership with climate finance readiness providers
- Knowledge management