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**REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT ON INITIAL  
SCREENING/TECHNICAL REVIEW  
OF GLOBAL LOCALLY-LED AGGREGATOR  
PROGRAMME PROPOSALS**

## Background

1. This document presents to the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) of the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) an overview of the Locally-led adaptation (LLA) aggregator programme proposals submitted by Implementing Entities (IEs) to the current meeting, and the process of screening and technical review undertaken by the secretariat.

### Locally-led adaptation (LLA) aggregator programme

2. The Board through Decision B.39/61, approved the Fund's new Medium-Term Strategy (MTS-II) for the 2023 – 2027 period. The strategy introduced a special emphasis on promoting locally led adaptation (LLA) in the Fund's work and included a new cross-cutting theme to "Promote locally based and locally led adaptation action including by devolving access and decision-making on adaptation finance to national, subnational, and local levels."

3. The Board also requested the secretariat to "prepare, for each proposed type of new or adjusted grant and funding window, a specific document containing objectives, review criteria, expected grant sizes, implementation modalities, review process and other relevant features, and present them for consideration by the Board, in accordance with the tentative timeline contained in the Annex I to document AFB/B.40/5/Rev.1." (Decision B.40/72, para (b) (iii)).

4. The implementation plan identified the following actions for the implementation of the cross-cutting theme "Promote locally-based or locally-led adaptation actions":

Under the action pillar

- (a) The Fund will continue to support concrete adaptation projects and programmes that meaningfully involve and deliver benefits to local actors and the Board will be invited to consider enhanced project review criteria, proposal templates and guidelines, as well as revised project reporting requirements.
- (b) To expand support to modalities that promote locally led action, and expand the reach of the Fund, it is proposed to enhance measures, including the existing Enhanced Direct Access window, a new Global MIE Aggregator programme for channeling grants for LLA to non-accredited entities, and opening the option for EDA-type national programmes for MIEs and RIEs.
- (c) The proposed new aggregator programme would resemble the model of the AF Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) but would be focused on LLA. Accredited MIEs could be invited to express interest for administering such a programme, especially those MIEs that are active in LLA relevant themes, sectors and target groups.
- (d) Such a vehicle for LLA grants through global MIE aggregators would also be an opportunity, among others, for the Board to identify, on a pilot basis, sectors, themes or target groups with high impact potential or relevance for adaptation and/or that are currently being underrepresented in adaptation, such as related to health, biodiversity and nature-based solutions, fragile and conflict-affected settings, Indigenous Peoples etc.

5. As mandated by the Board's request in paragraph b (iii) of Decision B.40/72, the document AFB/PPRC.33/39 'Additional delivery modalities for expanding support to locally led adaptation' was developed, leading to Decision B.42/36.

6. Subsequently, as mandate by Decision B.42/36, the secretariat circulated a Call for Regional and Multilateral Implementing Entities to express their interest in applying for funding to support to serve as LLA Aggregators on June 24, 2024. IEs were invited to submit expressions of interest to the AFB Secretariat in line with the provisional criteria presented in document AFB/PPRC.34/8 for consideration at the forty-third meeting of the Board. The secretariat had received six submissions, which were presented in document AFB/PPRC.34/8.

7. Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decided:

- (a) *To invite the Caribbean Development Bank to develop a programme of up to US\$ 8 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;*
- (b) *To invite the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean to develop a programme of up to US\$ 12 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;*
- (c) *To invite the United Nations Development Programme to develop a programme of up to US\$ 10 million, noting the possibility to submit a proposal under the regional locally led adaptation modality, once available;*
- (d) *To invite the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to develop a programme of up to US\$ 15 million;*
- (e) *To encourage the implementing entities that have submitted expressions of interest to consider future opportunities to support locally led adaptation;*
- (f) *To request the selected implementing entity or entities to indicate their acceptance by letter to the Chair of the Board no later than two weeks from the date of the official invitation notification;*

**(Decision B.43/19)**

### **LLA Aggregator small grants programme proposals**

8. One Regional Implementing Entity, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) submitted one eligible LLA aggregator programme proposal to the secretariat, with the total requested funding amount of US\$ 12,000,000. The proposal includes US\$800,000 (7.14%) in IE management fees and US\$ 1,000,000 (8.93%) in execution costs.

9. Secretariat completed one technical review the fully-developed proposal, submitted by the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF).

10. The proposal is not technically recommended. In line with the guidance in Document AFB/PPRC.31/60, proposals that are not yet technically recommended are not presented to the

PPRC. Details of the proposals are contained in information documents under the PPRC meeting documents, as follows:

(a) Proposal for LLA Aggregator: AFB/PPRC.35/36.inf

### **Review process**

11. The eligible submissions were posted online for public review, inviting to provide comments within a specified time period. No CSO comments were received.

### **Issues Identified**

12. No issues of note have been identified.

**Table 1:** Programme proposal for LLA Aggregator(reference to information document)

Region	IE	Technical Reviews conducted	PPRC Document number	Grant Size, USD	IE Fee, USD	IE Fee %	Execution Cost, USD	EC %
LAC	CAF	1	AFB/PPRC.35/36.inf	12,000,000	800,000	7.14%	1,000,000	8.93%