

Programming Updates from the Adaptation Fund's 44th Meeting of the Board



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Overview

Key programming decision from AFB 44

- Country caps and project sizes
- LLA regional funding window
- AFCIA EoI
- Annual Funding Provisions

Review of PFG grants

Submissions calendar and instructions



Summary of AFB44 Programming Decisions



Country cap has increased to from 20 million to USD 40 million



Single-country project/programme size has increased from USD 10 million to USD 25 million



Regional project/programme size has increased from USD 14 million to USD 30 million (regular and LLA)



New regional project/programme window for locally-Led adaptation



New Expression of Interest to be issued for the AFCIA Partnership



Amendment to Country and Project size caps

- (a) Country Cap:** The US \$20 million cap was considered insufficient by many countries. It limited the scale of adaptation projects and discouraged countries from accrediting NIEs for direct access.
- (b) Project Size:** The previous US \$10 million maximum project size has significantly decreased in real value since its inception due to inflation, limiting the impact of AF projects. Adaptation needs have also grown substantially since 2011.



Utilization of resource caps within the Adaptation Fund (Decision B.44/4)

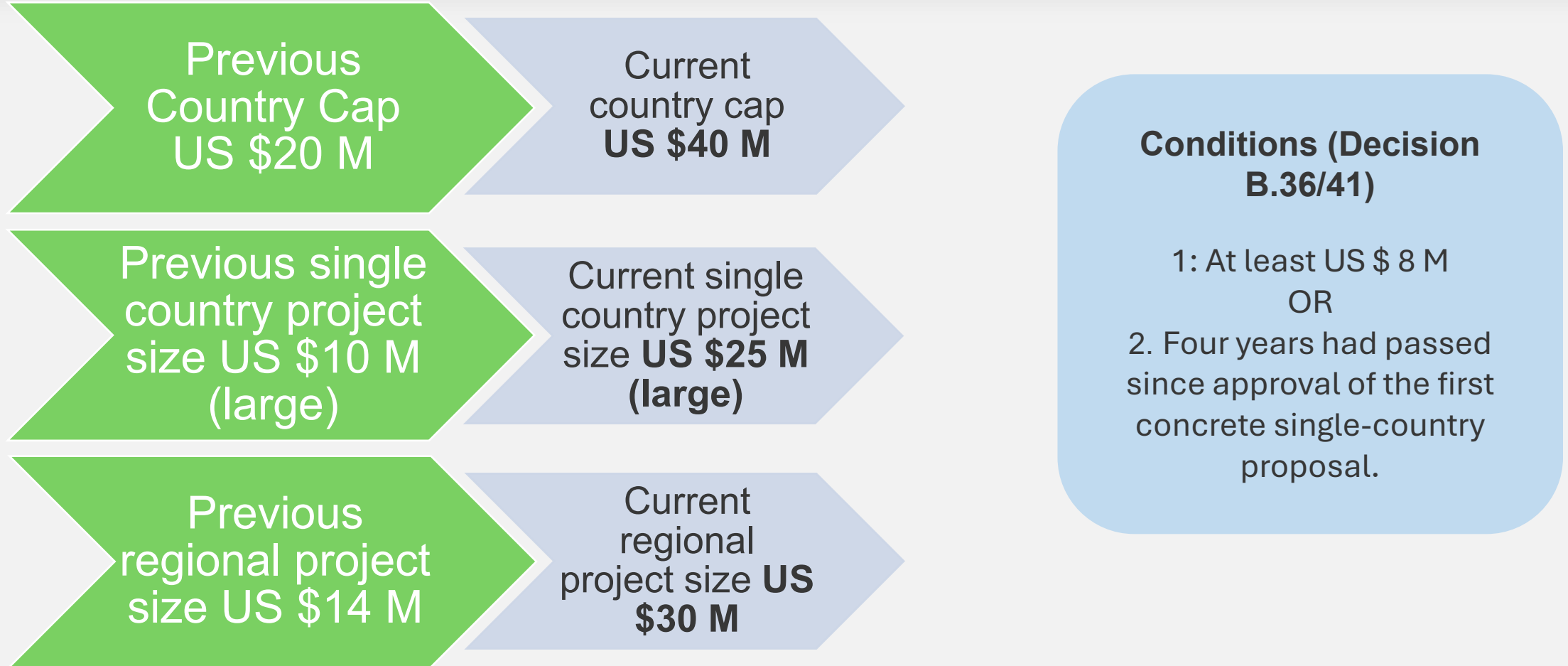
The Adaption Fund Board, having considered document AFB/B.44/9, refers to its decision B.43/33 requesting the Secretariat to undertake additional analysis and further elaborate options for caps and project and programme size, and decided:

- (a) To increase the country cap to US\$40 million;
- (b) To increase the single-country project/programme size to US\$25 million;
- (c) To increase the regional project/programme size to US\$30 million;
- (d) To request the Secretariat, at the start of the next Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) period to review the caps, with a view to supporting the mandate to triple the outflows as per the NCQG decision, paragraph 16.

(Decision B.44/4)



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Funding Windows



PILLAR	FUNDING WINDOW	ACCREDITED ENTITY TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT
ACTION	Single Country	NIE, RIE, MIE	Up to USD 25 Million <i>per Project/Programme (within USD 40 million cap)</i>
	Regional/LLA Regional	RIE, MIE	Up to USD 30 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	LLA Single Country Projects/Programmes	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 5 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	Project Scale Up	NIE	USD 100,000 <i>per Grant</i>
INNOVATION	Small (single country)	NIE	USD 250,000 <i>per Project USD 750,000 with learning</i>
	Large (single country or regional)	NIE, MIE, RIE	USD 5 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator	Non-accredited	Up to USD 250,000 <i>per Grantee/Innovator</i>
LEARNING & SHARING	Learning Grants	NIE	USD 500,000 <i>per Grant USD 750,000 with innovation</i>
READINESS	Readiness Support Package Grant	NIE	USD 150,000 <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy	NIE	USD 25,000 <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the Gender Policy	NIE	USD 10,000 <i>per NIE</i>





Medium-Term Strategy
2023-2027

Launch of Regional LLA Window (Decision

The Adaptation Fund's Medium-Term Strategy (MTS-II) for 2023–2027 places a strong emphasis on promoting Locally-Led Adaptation (LLA), including a dedicated cross-cutting theme across all strategic objectives.

Expanded Access through the Single-Country LLA Window:

- An expanded and enhanced window for single-country LLA projects/programmes, accessible via accredited NIEs, RIEs, and MIEs.

Extended Support to Non-Accredited Entities:

- The MTS-II implementation plan outlined the creation of a new LLA Aggregator programme to channel grants to non-accredited local entities.
- AFB approved aggregator proposals under development by accredited MIEs and RIEs, following a Call for Expressions of Interest

Launched a Regional LLA Window:

- At its 44th meeting, the Board approved a new funding window for regional LLA projects/programmes involving three or more countries.



Launch of Regional LLA Project/Programme Window



Grants up to US\$ 30 million per project/programme available to accredited MIEs and RIEs, outside country caps



Proposals may follow one-, two- or three-step submission processes. Proposals accepted on a rolling basis



LLA projects/programmes may involve 3 or more countries to support devolving decision-making inclusive project screening, selection, and implementation



Up to US\$ 265,000 in PFG support is available, increasing by US\$ 15,000 per additional country up to a maximum of US\$ 350,000; 20% of the total PFG may be requested at the pre-concept stage to enable local actors to co-design the project from the outset.



Link: <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/locally-led-adaptation/lla-regional-projects-programmes/>





New call for EOIs to join the AFCIA Partnership

Eligibility of IEs: Accredited Multilateral and Regional Implementing Entities (MIEs and RIEs)

Purpose: To serve as small grants accelerators under AFCIA partnership. AFB approved US\$ 60 million for Launch of Phase II (Decision B.44/4).

Call for EOIs to be issued: June 2025

Deadline to submit EOIs: August 2025 (for consideration at AFB45)

Key goals:

- Broaden access to adaptation finance for innovation (accredited NIEs and non-accredited actors)
- Support innovation & responsible risk-taking
- Build innovation readiness
- Share knowledge on innovative practices
- Run transparent, competitive selection processes
- Provide/facilitate technical support



AFCIA Partners

As of April 2025

PROGRAMME STATUS	IMPLEMENTING ENTITY	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Under Implementation	UNDP	\$5M	Tailored technical, business, incubation & acceleration support for competitively sourced innovations. 44 grantees (as of 2024), 2 calls
	UNEP-CTCN	\$5M	Phase I – Micro-grants for development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools, & technologies, 25 grantees (as of 2024), 3 calls
	UNEP-CTCN	\$10M	Phase II – Target: Non-Annex1 countries. The project includes 1) TA to 40 technologies, 2) Additional TA to scale up, and 3) Further assistance to strengthen NSIs
	WFP	\$10M	Support startups in developing countries with acceleration programs and grants
Proposal Approved	UNIDO	\$10M	Support SMEs in developing countries with incubation/acceleration programs and grants
	UNEP-CTCN	\$2.6M	AFCIA Coordination Proposal to develop synergies among partners
Invited to submit proposal	SPC	\$5M	Not yet submitted
	SPREP	\$5M	Proposal submitted



Funding Provisions FY26: Decision B.44/41

- (a) Regional project and programme proposals + project formulation grant requests : **US\$ 60 million**;
- (b) Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)- 2nd call: **US\$ 60 million**;
- (c) Single country locally led adaptation (LLA) + project formulation grant requests : **US\$ 26.5 million**;
- (d) New regional LLA aggregator programme + project formulation grant requests : **US\$ 30 million**;
- (e) Large innovation projects and programmes + project formulation grant requests : **US\$ 30 million**;
- (f) Small grants- learning, innovation and project scale up: **US\$ 4 million**.



Project Formulation Grants (Available to NIE, RIE, MIE)

	Less than USD 2M	USD 2M to 5M	USD 5M and above	Locally-led adaptation
Single country projects	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000 +\$100,000*
Regional projects and programmes			\$150,000 (2 countries min.) +\$15,000 per additional country Max \$250,000	\$165,000 (3 countries min.) +\$15,000 per additional country Max \$350,000* <small>*(+ \$100,000 on a case-by-case basis)</small>

Optional 3-step approach: All regional and single-country LLA only



Maximum at *Pre-concept* stage is
**20% of the maximum total PFG
applicable (only regional and LLA)**



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Proposals should be submitted as follows:

Email to: submissions@adaptation-fund.org Please copy email to the country's Designated Authority and ensure LOEs are included with every submission.

Working dates

Review Intermission starts – 28 July 2025

Finalizing projects documents for posting – 25 August 2025

Deadline for posting document and submitting to PPRC – 2 September 2025

PPRC Meeting- 23-24 September 2025

Board Meeting- 25- 26 September 2025

Intermission Over/ business standard Resumes – 10 October 2025





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TIMELINES

