Session: Opportunities for financing climate change adaptation in transboundary basins

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Pioneered Direct Access – finances concrete Adaptation projects/programs

A total of 56 IE (34 NIEs, 14 MIEs, 8 RIEs)

US$1 billion portfolio in grant funding including US$205 million for transboundary projects/34 countries
AF portfolio – Regional distribution to date

- **Asia Pacific**
  - 48 projects
  - $275.8 M

- **Latin America & Caribbean**
  - 32 projects
  - $271.1 M

- **Africa**
  - 51 projects
  - $401.5 M

- **Eastern Europe**
  - 6 projects
  - $29.8 M

- **Multi**
  - 2 projects
  - $10 M

**TOTAL PORTFOLIO**
- 139 projects
- $988.2 M
- 42 projects DA
- 5 projects EDA
Medium-Term Strategy (2023-2027)

• The new MTS was approved in 2022
• Further builds on the Fund’s strategic pillars of Action, Innovation and Learning &Sharing.
• Increased focus on strengthening synergies between pillars and adding other cross-cutting features
• Foster locally led adaptation and scaling up Fund’s actions and results
# AF funding opportunities (to be expanded with the new MTS 2023-2027)

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<td>Enhanced Direct Access (EDA): US$ 5 M per country (NIE)</td>
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AF Regional Window – ACCESS MODALITY

- Pilot programme introduced in 2015 with at cap of $30 million Up
to $14 million and $100k PPG for regional project (2+ countries)

- Implemented by MIE or RIE and endorsement by each DA of participating countries

- Concrete adaptation actions in multiple sectors including including Transboundary Water Management, Enabling Environment, water security, Nature-Based Solutions, EBA, etc.

- Total of US$151M under the regional window, or 20% total portfolio

- Funding on basis of the full cost of adaptation (No co-financing required, addressing adaptation needs and co-benefits if any, no BAU)

- Environmental, socio-economic benefits especially for the most vulnerable and gender considerations
Adapting to Climate Change in Lake Victoria Basin (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) - UN Environment Programme (US$ 5,000,000)

Case Study

**Project Components:**

- Improving regional management of a transboundary water catchment
- Climate information dissemination
- Regional approach to climate change adaptation in vulnerable communities
- Community-based approaches to climate change adaptation
- Knowledge management and learning

**Results:**

- Training provided on downscaling regional climate information to national, subnational and local levels and on delivery of climate information to local communities at selected project sites.
- 43 small-scale community-based projects that promote innovative approaches to climate change sites funded.
- 240 hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated through climate smart agriculture and agroforestry practices.
- 460 households in Burundi and Rwanda benefiting from climate smart water conservation practices.
- 1,644 households trained on climate change adaptation technologies.

**Lessons Learned:**

- Seek consensus between authorities and other key stakeholders across partner countries.
- Ensure project is based on high quality regional-level baseline information.
- Incorporate a sustainability and transfer of knowledge plan.
Thank You

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