

## Africa Climate Change Fund Demand Driven Window

<p><b>Background</b></p>	<p>The Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) was established in 2014 as a bilateral thematic trust fund with an initial contribution of €4.725 million from Government of Germany through its international development agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The Fund was created to provide small grants to African governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regional institutions to support African countries to transition towards climate-resilient, low-carbon development and to scale up access to climate finance. Over the years, other donors showed interest, and in early 2017, the ACCF was scaled up to a multi-donor trust fund, with new contributions of €4.7 million from the Government of Italy and €3 million from the Government of Flanders, Belgium. In March 2020, the Government of Quebec and Global Affairs Canada joined the Fund with additional contributions of CAD2 million and CAD7 million respectively. The ACCF will begin to fund projects focused on gender and climate resilience and to streamline the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) into National Development Plans.</p> <p>The ACCF plays a significant role in supporting African countries to scale up access to climate funds and supporting countries implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>Section B.3.1.2 of the Nov 2018 ACCF Operational Guidelines allows for the creation of strategic programmes outside of a call for proposals. Such investments will be reflected in the annual work programme and will follow the same appraisal and review process as projects approved through a call for proposals and will be subjected to the same criteria for technical and fiduciary soundness of the project and of the beneficiary.</p> <p>During 2020, ACCF Governance bodies (Technical and Oversight Committees) approved a new approach outside the call for proposals (CfP) referred to as the ‘demand driven window’.</p>
<p><b>Objective</b></p>	<p>The objective of the demand driven window is to facilitate applications for support from countries with low capacity and to support the implementation of activities which are not necessarily eligible under the scope of on-going calls for proposals. The budget for such activities will be approved by the OC and shall be drawn from contributions which are not committed through calls for proposals.</p>
<p><b>Intervention Areas</b></p>	<p>This new demand-driven window focuses on providing support to African/beneficiary countries to: (i) scale up their readiness as well as access to climate finance; (ii) conduct analytical related work; and (iii) pilot/demonstrate scalable activities. This window aims at developing high quality bankable projects, conducting feasibility studies, and constructing/establishing demonstration/pilot sites. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Electrification of health centers in rural areas using renewable energy and energy storage technologies;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Low carbon management of medical and sanitary waste including hazardous waste incineration;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Land restoration in collaboration with farmers especially in the Sahel; and</i></li> <li>4. <i>Support to the development and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>Grant amount and funding envelope</b></p>	<p>The funding envelope available for this year’s demand driven window is \$2.2 million in the form of grants. ACCF is seeking concept notes for projects and programmes based on the above intervention areas in the range of US \$250,000 – US \$500,000.</p>

<b>Eligible beneficiaries</b>	<p>This demand driven window is open to all eligible beneficiaries of the ACCF resources from Africa. These include African governments<sup>1</sup>, non-governmental organizations<sup>2</sup>, research institutions<sup>3</sup>, regional organizations as well as departments of the AfDB<sup>4</sup>. Proposals from consortia are allowed as long as all members of the consortium are eligible beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>Focus Countries: Particular attention will be given to beneficiary projects from Lusophone and Francophone Countries, which have not successfully accessed climate finance.</b></p>
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>Major activities that are eligible to be financed through this new demand-driven window may include: consultancy services, capacity building; trainings, workshops, consultations meetings, communications, outreach, advocacy, translation services, material costs, office equipment and transportation cost, and certain administrative costs.</p>
<b>Selection process and timeline</b>	<p>Expressions of Interest for this demand driven window will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until the available funding envelope is exhausted. Selection of proposals to receive the ACCF Grant will follow these steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCF Secretariat will receive and pre-screen the Concept Note against the selection criteria (see below);</li> <li>• If the ACCF Secretariat considers that the proposal fulfils the selection criteria, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal; (indicative timeline <math>\geq 3</math> weeks)</li> <li>• Bank’s technical and fiduciary experts (led by the ACCF Secretariat) will appraise the project through a desk review; (indicative timeline <math>\geq 2</math> weeks)</li> <li>• The ACCF secretariat will submit the proposal to the Technical Committee (TC) and if approved, to the Oversight Committee (OC) for final approval on a lapse of time basis; (indicative timeline <math>\geq 3</math> weeks)</li> <li>• The ACCF Secretariat will notify proposals that are rejected at the appraisal stage;</li> <li>• No guarantee of funding is implied by a proposal being moved forward to the project appraisal phase.</li> </ul>
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<p>The Concept Notes will be pre-screened based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completeness of Concept Note template</li> <li>• Alignment with the theme/focus of the demand driven window</li> <li>• Alignment with ACCF and AfDB priorities (i.e. High 5s and 10-year strategy)</li> <li>• Alignment with national policies – NDP, NDC and NAP</li> <li>• Focus on eligible countries</li> <li>• Quality (impact and credibility) of logical framework model</li> <li>• Transformational impact</li> <li>• Technical capacity of proponent</li> <li>• Financial/administrative capacity of proponent</li> <li>• Co-financing (at least 5% for external beneficiaries and 10% for Bank departments is strongly encouraged to demonstrate commitment and ownership by the project proponent)</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<p>Eligible beneficiaries are invited to submit a <b>concept note using this template</b> (<a href="#">Refer to pages 3-4</a>) to <a href="mailto:africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org">africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org</a>, with the subject <b>“ACCF concept note: short project title”</b>. Concept notes should be submitted as PDF documents and should not exceed five pages in length and 1MB in file size. All sections should be completed; incomplete concept notes will not be considered.</p>
<b>For more information</b>	<p>For more information, please contact the ACCF Secretariat at <a href="mailto:africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org">africaclimatechangefund@afdb.org</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> Including sub-national, local and municipal governments.

<sup>2</sup> Including civil society, community-based organisations, community and business associations, social enterprises.

<sup>3</sup> To be eligible for funding, NGOs and research institutions must have a registered office in Africa.

<sup>4</sup> Proposals from Bank departments must demonstrate value addition beyond the regular work of the Bank and may not be used to supplement department budgets.

## Africa Climate Change Fund Demand Driven Window Concept Note Template

*Please note that all sections of the below concept note template below must be filled in. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Proponents are required to limit the length of the completed template to a maximum of 5 pages and file size to 1MB.*

SECTION	INSTRUCTIONS
<b>Proposal title</b>	Provide a brief, but descriptive title of the proposed project.
<b>Proponent(s)</b>	Provide the name of the proponent organization(s) and website – if relevant. If the project is to be undertaken by a consortium <sup>5</sup> , list all members and state which will be the lead partner.
<b>Contact information</b>	Provide the name and contact details (e-mail, physical address and phone number) of at least two key contact persons involved in the proposal; the main contact and an alternate.
<b>Rationale and objectives</b>	Briefly summarize the climate change related problem that the proposal is designed to tackle, identify the key objectives of the proposal and explain the advantages of the chosen solution to this problem in supporting a transition to climate resilient, low carbon development and/or scaling-up access to climate finance in one or more African countries.
<b>Innovation, Transformation, impact</b>	Briefly describe how the project will be innovative, transformational, and/or impactful in achieving the desired objectives.
<b>Alignment with national priorities</b>	Indicate how the proposal aligns with the national priorities of the beneficiary country/countries, as set out in the National Development Plan, UNFCCC-submitted Nationally Determined Contribution, the National Adaptation Plan, and other relevant strategy documents; describe how ownership of national stakeholders will be assured; specify whether there are any other related national/ regional ongoing or planned initiatives; and if so, how coordination and complementarity of the proposed activities will be ensured.
<b>Alignment with Bank priorities and objectives of the ACCF</b>	Indicate how the proposal aligns with the Bank’s priorities, including the objectives of its 10-year strategy to achieve inclusive and green growth, and/or one or more of its High-Five priorities (light up and power Africa, feed Africa, Industrialize Africa, Integrate Africa, improve the quality of life for the people of Africa).
<b>Outputs/Activities</b>	Describe the activities to be undertaken and their key outputs. Include a short (¼-½ page) log frame table showing the objectives, outcomes and outputs. It is recommended to limit the number of outputs to ensure a robust strategic focus of the project.
	Overall development objective:
	Outcome (Immediate project objective):
	Output 1:
	Output 2:
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<sup>5</sup> In the case of consortia, confirm that all member entities are eligible beneficiaries of the ACCF



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	<p>....</p> <p>Specify the anticipated duration of the project.</p>
<b>Technical and fiduciary capacity of proponent</b>	<p>Describe the proponent organization(s)' technical expertise and fiduciary capacity to manage and implement the proposed project (including track record in implementing similar projects and projects funded by the Bank or similar international organizations; human and financial resources; and financial management, procurement and reporting procedures/standards).</p>
<b>Budget</b>	<p>Provide an approximate project budget by expense category showing the grant amount required from ACCF as well as counterpart funding<sup>6</sup> by the proponent(s) (and if applicable, any other co-financing).</p> <p>Categories may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultant/expert time</li> <li>- Workshops and seminars</li> <li>- Trainings</li> <li>- International/local travel (please specify)</li> <li>- Communications</li> <li>- Equipment and supplies (please specify)</li> <li>- Administrative costs (please specify)</li> <li>- Other (please specify)</li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> Counterpart financing of at least 5% for external beneficiaries and 10% for Bank departments is strongly encouraged to demonstrate commitment and ownership by the project proponent