

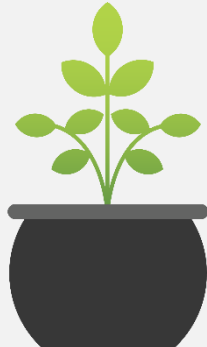


**ADAPTATION FUND**

# ADAPTATION FUND: UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TECHNOLOGY AND CTCN

26<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board Meeting of CTCN  
17 September 2025

# Adaptation Fund Growing and Maturing: Leader, Innovator and Catalyst for Adaptation Finance



**2001**

The Adaptation Fund is established under the UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol to finance concrete adaptation projects in developing countries

**2007**

The Fund is operationalised

**2010**

The first two projects are approved for USD 14 million

**2019**

The Fund starts officially serving the Paris Agreement (PA) and begins the transition to exclusively serve the PA

**2023**

Portfolio surpasses USD 1 billion

**2030**

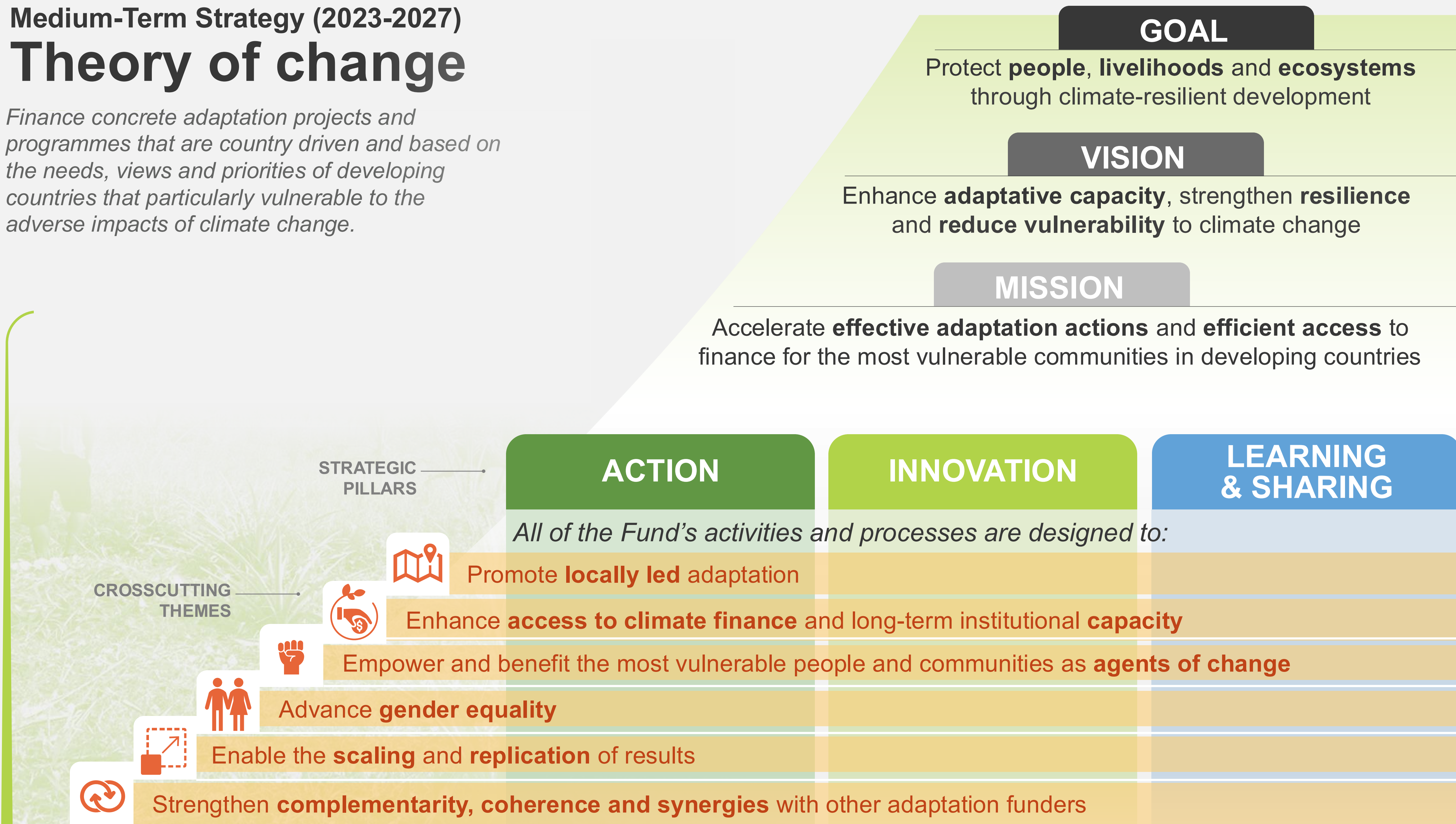
By 2030, will pursue efforts to at least triple annual outflows from the Adaptation Fund and other UNFCCC climate funds from 2022 levels



# Medium-Term Strategy (2023-2027)

## Theory of change

Finance concrete adaptation projects and programmes that are country driven and based on the needs, views and priorities of developing countries that particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.





# AF Portfolio: Regional distribution

TOTAL 199 projects | US\$1,390.16 M

## SUPPORT TO LDCs & SIDS

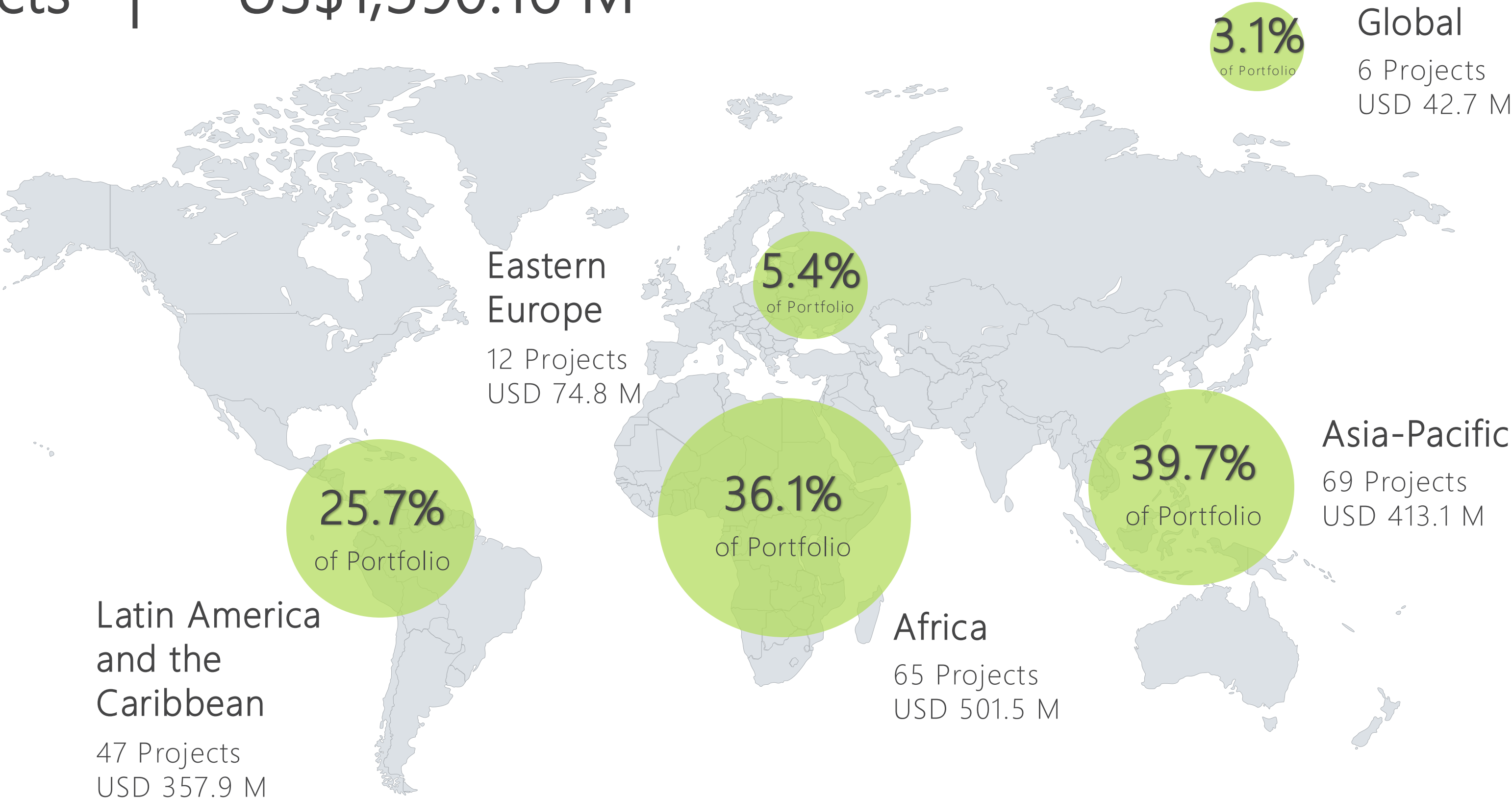
Almost half of AF portfolio in LDCs and SIDS

## LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

USD 459M  
33% of portfolio

## SMALL ISLANDS DEVELOPING STATES

USD 253M  
18% of portfolio

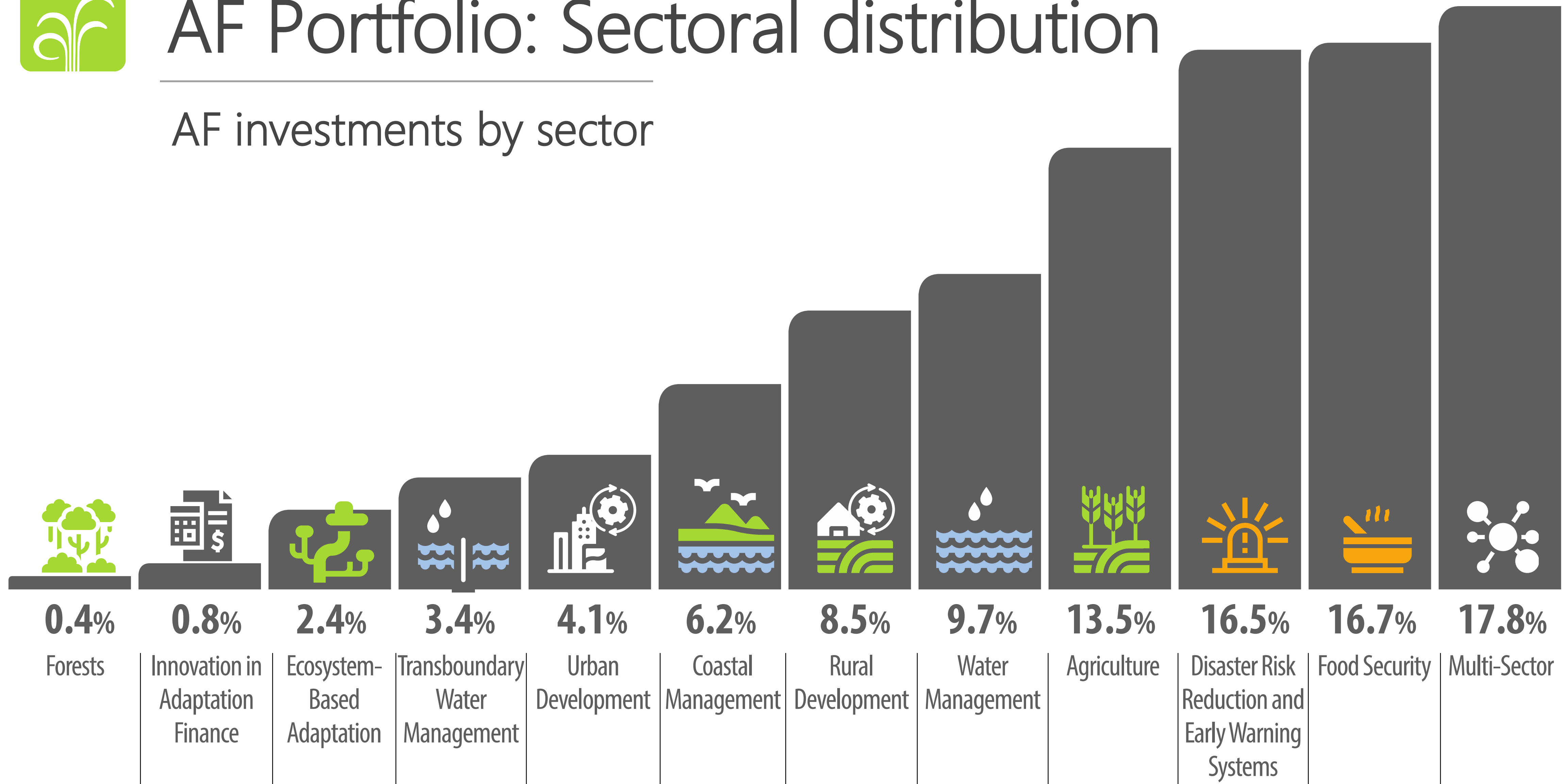


Growing demand for AF financing:  
**ALMOST US\$704M** of proposals in active pipeline



# AF Portfolio: Sectoral distribution

AF investments by sector





# Results from 45 Completed Projects

As of August 2025



**116**

Risks and vulnerability assessments conducted and/or updated,

**258**

EWS installed



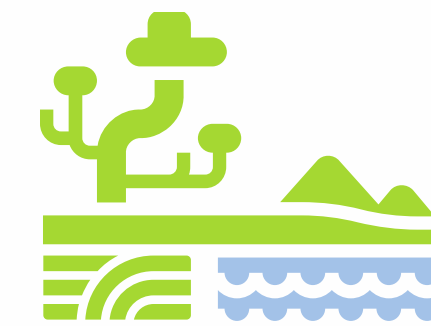
**34,960**

People trained in climate resilience measures



**1,040,828**

People strengthened their awareness of adverse impacts of climate change



**1,568,816**

Hectares of natural habitats protected and restored

**24,757**

Meters of coastlines created, maintained, or improved



**55**

Strategies and

**92**

Policies adjusted and/or introduced



# Updates from the 44th Meeting of the AF Board



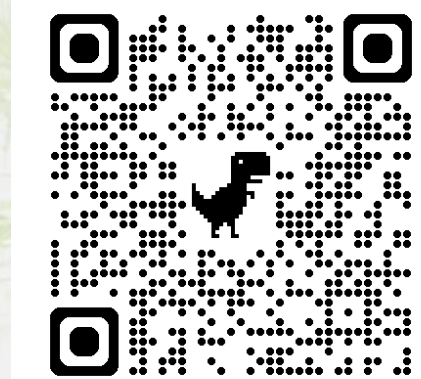
- Country cap has increased from 20 million to **USD 40 million**
- Single-country project/programme size has increased from USD 10 million to **USD 25 million**
- Regional project/programme size has increased from USD 14 million to **USD 30 million** (regular and LLA)
- New **regional project/programme funding window for Locally-Led Adaptation**
- The 2nd Call for EOI issued for the **AFCIA Partnership and EOI** under review for consideration at AFB45

44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Adaptation  
Fund Board, April 2025



# Adaptation Fund

# Funding Windows



PILLAR	FUNDING WINDOW	ACCREDITED ENTITY TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT
<b>ACTION</b>	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>
<b>INNOVATION</b>	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>
<b>LEARNING &amp; SHARING</b>	Learning Grants	NIE	USD 500,000 <i>per Grant   USD 750,000 with innovation</i>
<b>READINESS</b>	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>

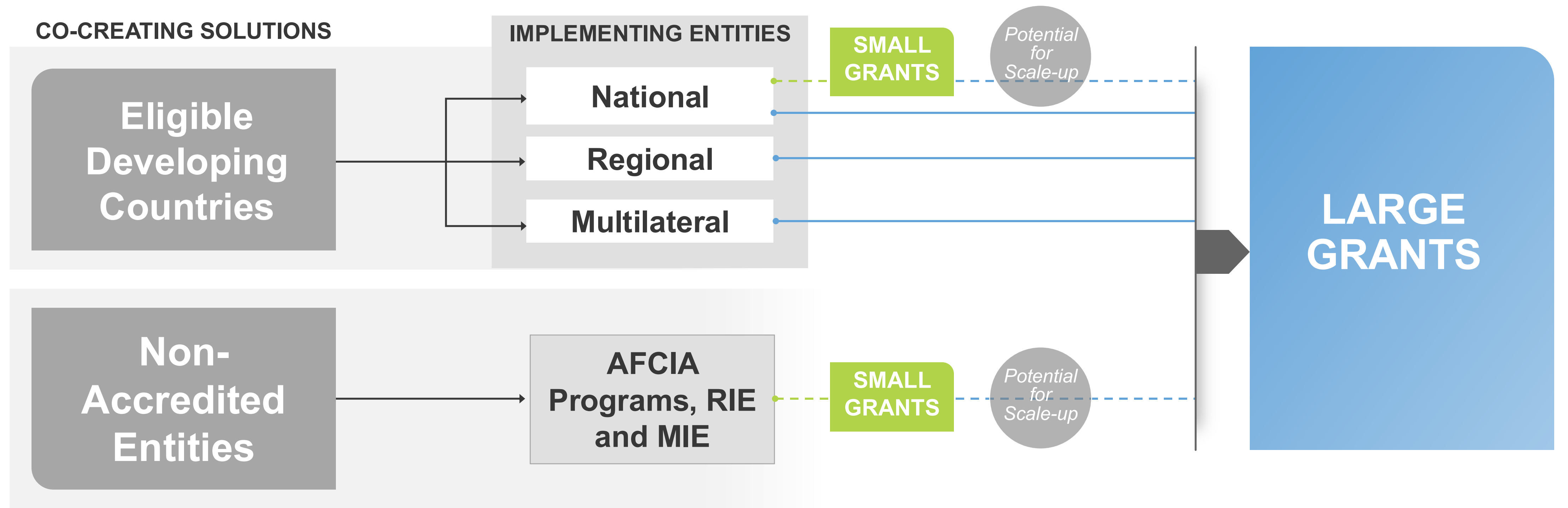


# INNOVATION Funding Windows

outside of  
country  
cap

## Types of Interventions

- Pilot
- Demonstrate
- Improve
- New
- Adapted technology solutions or practices



# AFCIA Partners

As of August 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	Proposal submitted
	SPREP	\$5M	Proposal submitted





# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for EOI AFCIA Phase II



## EOI

The AFCIA program seeks to:

- Enhance access to adaptation finance for a wide range of innovation actors.  
(This can include, but is not limited to, the NIEs of the Fund)
- Foster new opportunities and modalities that create space for innovation and risk-taking
- Support capacity-building and innovation readiness by enhancing awareness and capabilities among countries and innovation ecosystem stakeholders
- Facilitate knowledge generation and dissemination on innovative adaptation practices

## Timeline

Call for EOI Invited Multilateral and Regional Entities	June
Deadline for EOI Submission	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Review	June - August
AF Board Meeting	October





# Readiness for Innovation and Recent Collaboration on Technology and CTCN



- National and Regional IEs Seminar focusing on Innovation (November 2024)
  - UNEP-CTCN, UNDP, and AFCIA grantees participated
- WriteShop in Recife, Brazil (May 2025)
  - Capacity building on proposal writing for National and Regional IEs
- Participation in TEC and CTCN meetings (April 2025): Shared lessons from portfolio on AF's support to technology transfer and development.
- National Systems of Innovation: UNEP-CTCN Phase II is supporting financing of different stages of the technology cycle and support country readiness and capacity building processes
- UNEP-CTCN: AFCIA II (\$10 M) and Coordination Mechanism (\$2.6 M): supporting financing of different stages of the technology cycle and support country readiness and capacity building processes; partnership development, knowledge management and lessons-sharing
- Awareness raising: Innovation Spotlight at Adaptation Futures Conference (October 2025) and COP30
  - Some AFCIA grantees, AFCIA Partners, and CTCN have been invited to the AF25 forum to spotlight their work





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