



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund's Innovation Portfolio

- Collaboration with UNEP-CTCN -

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Mobile technology utilization to improve
climate information in Malawi (UNEP-CTCN
AFCIA)



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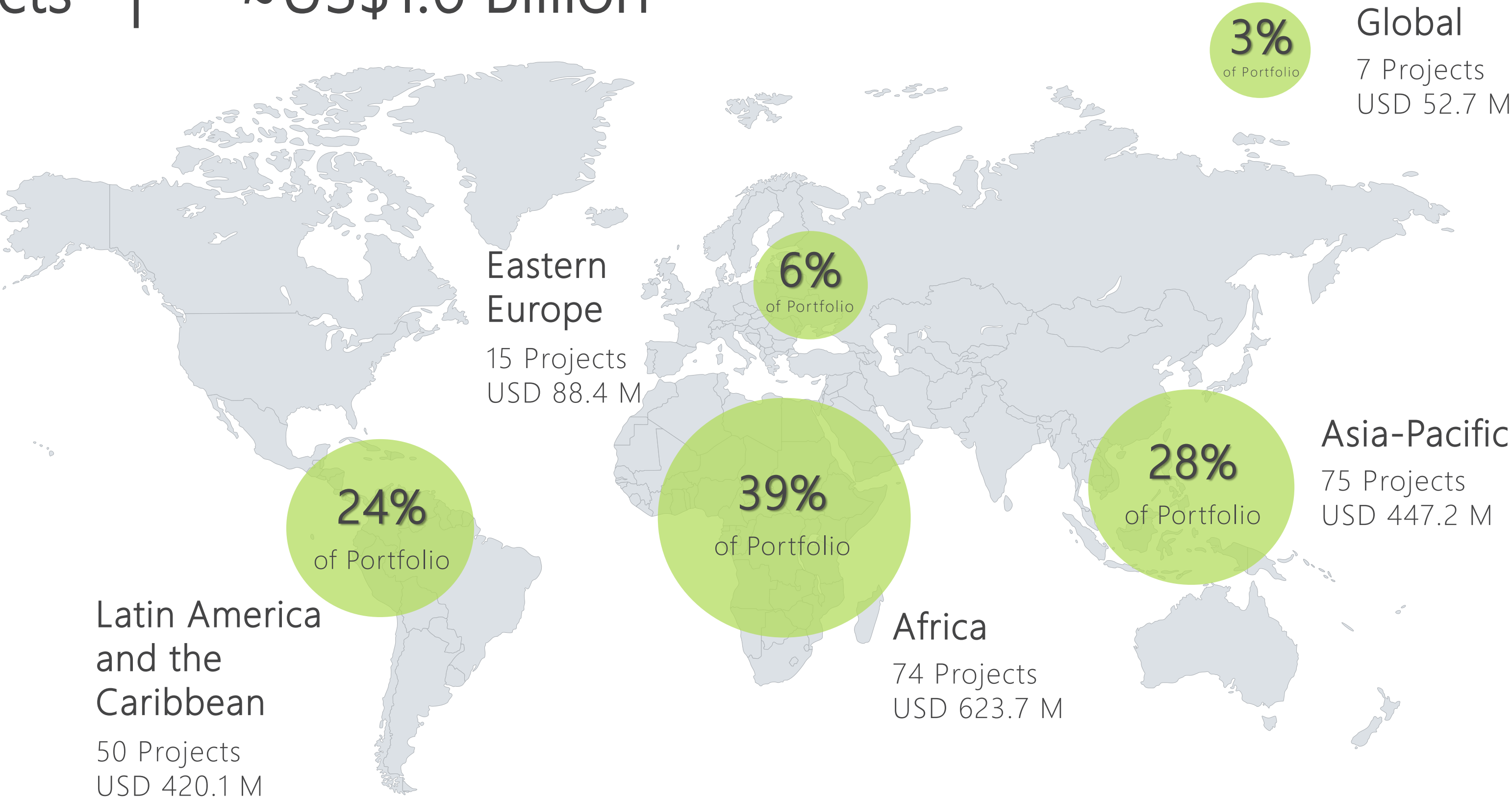


AF Portfolio: Regional distribution

TOTAL 221 projects | ≈US\$1.6 Billion

PROJECT & PROGRAMME DISTRIBUTION

Single Country:	158
Regional:	29
LLA Single-Country:	7
LLA Regional	1
LLA Aggregator:	1
Small Innovation:	9
Large Innovation:	8
AFCIA:	7
Bundled Innovation/Learning:	1



Growing demand for AF financing:
US\$1.7B of proposals in active pipeline



Adaptation Fund 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	NIE, RIE, MIE	USD 5 Million <i>per Project/Programme</i>
	LLA Aggregator	Non-accredited	Up to USD 500,000 <i>per Grantee</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 (AFCIA)	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 ES & GP	NIE	USD 25,000 <i>per NIE</i>
	Technical Assistance Grant for the GP	NIE	USD 10,000 <i>per NIE</i>



Innovation at the Adaptation Fund

- Innovation is becoming increasingly important to meet the global adaptation challenge, given the **urgency of climate action** and **scarcity of public resources** for adaptation.
- Innovation projects are an opportunity to leverage the Fund's comparative advantage to **test and trial new practices, technologies, institutional models**, and contribute to an **evidence-base** of successful innovation in climate adaptation.
- While these projects inherently carry **higher risk** than projects under regular funding windows, they also hold the potential for **greater impact**.

INNOVATION

Modalities for funding the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies are expanded and risk-taking is encouraged

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. New innovations and risk-taking encouraged and accelerated

2. Successful innovations replicated and scaled up

3. Access and capacities enhanced for designing and implementing innovation

4. Evidence base generated and shared

INNOVATION Funding Window

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Types of Interventions

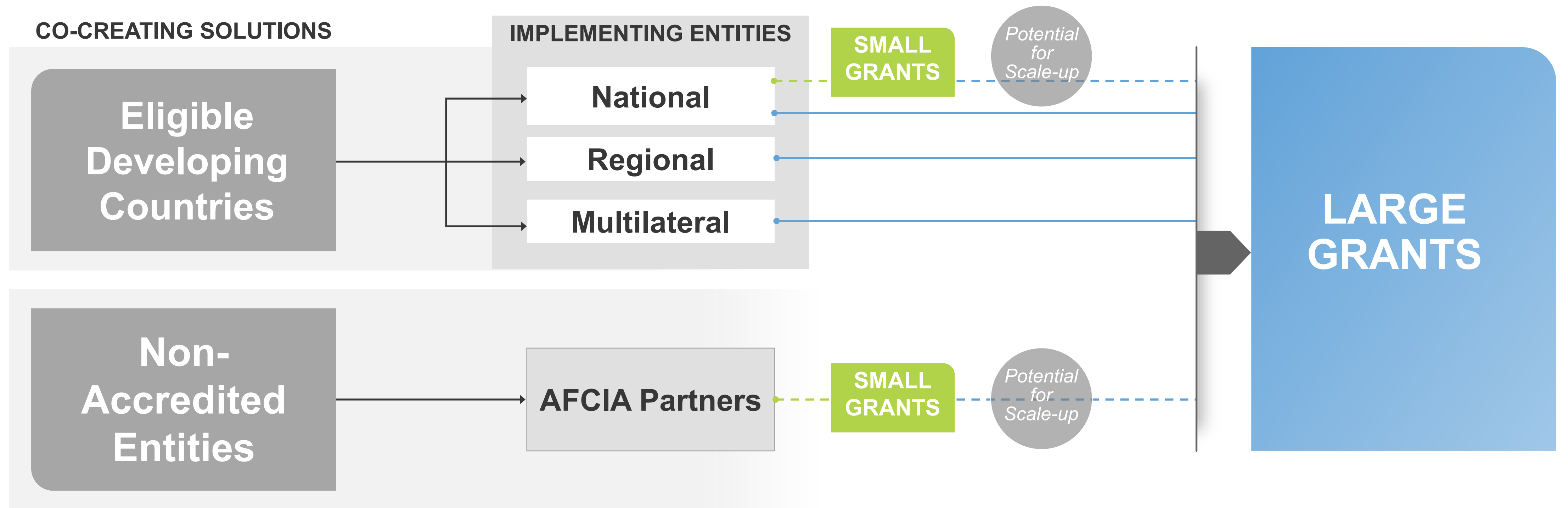
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INNOVATION Scale-Up Example (UNEP-CTCN)

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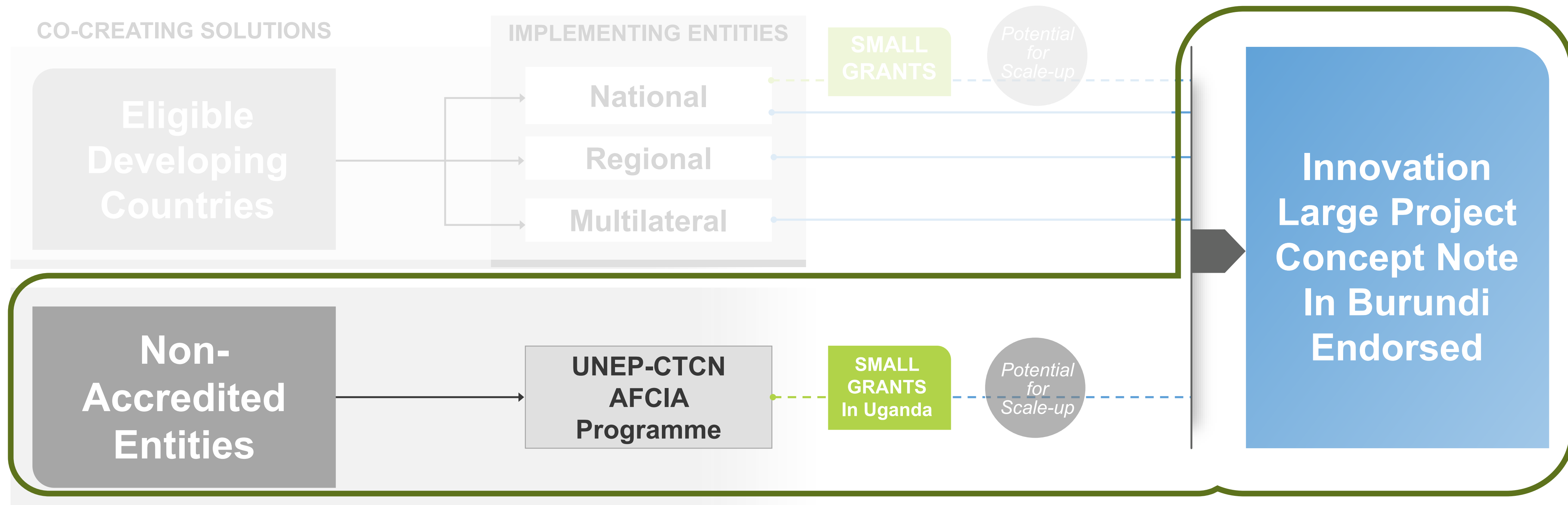
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AFCIA Partners

As of March 2026

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
	UNIDO	\$10M	Support SMEs in developing countries with incubation/acceleration programs and grants
	SPC	\$5M	The Climate Innovation Co:Lab aims to incubate, catalyse, de-risk, and scale locally-led innovations across 14 Pacific SIDS
	UNEP-CTCN	\$2.6M	AFCIA Coordination Programme to develop synergies among partners

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As of March 2026

PROGRAMME STATUS	IMPLEMENTING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PROPOSAL STATUS
Invited to submit a proposal	SPREP	\$5M	Proposal submitted
	UNDP	\$15M	Proposal submitted
	CAF	\$8M	Proposal submitted
	EBRD	\$15M	Invited to submit a proposal
	IFAD	\$10M	Invited to submit a proposal
	WB – IBRD	\$15M	Invited to submit a proposal
	UN-Habitat	\$5M Each	Invited to submit separate proposals for Asia-Pacific, Arab States, & Sub-Saharan Africa



Recent and Ongoing Collaboration with CTCN

As of September 2026

- First AFCIA Programme Steering Committee meeting, organized by UNEP-CTCN in its coordinating role, with all AFCIA implementing entities represented (February 2026, Vienna)
- AF Webinar on Unlocking Adaptation Innovation (March 2026); Experience shared by UNEP-CTCN, UNDP, and WFP
- Participation in TEC and CTCN meetings (April and September 2026); updates on AF's innovation portfolio
- Participation in NDE Forums in LAC (in person), Eastern Europe (in person), and SIDS (virtually)





Upcoming Events and Opportunities



- Facilitating knowledge exchange at upcoming fora, e.g. Innovation Days over 2027
- Second AFCIA Programme Steering Committee meeting, to be organized by UNEP-CTCN in its coordinating role, with all AFCIA implementing entities represented (September 2026)
- Possibility to collaborate on AF readiness events, including readiness/capacity-building workshop and webinar
- Development of MTS-III:
 - Ask the AF Board to approve the launch of MTS-III work (October 2026)
Subject to Board approval:
 - Plans to continue stakeholder consultations
 - A first draft of MTS-III for Board review (March/April 2027)
 - The final MTS-III for Board consideration (October 2027)

Areas of contribution to the Belém Technology Implementation Programme

- Collaboration on efforts to strengthen national systems of innovation as well as enabling environment, **para 8 (b)**
- Collaboration on efforts to support development of project concept notes and the preparation of fundable adaptation projects, **para 8 (d)**
- Collaboration on fostering matchmaking and partnership-building and leveraging resources, **para 8 (d)**



Thank You



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Solar desalination unit installed at the experimental platform of the Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (INTEC)
AF Small Innovation Grant in Dominican Republic (IDDI)