

The Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator

Call for Proposals in Asia Pacific

Background:

Through the **Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA)**, the UN Climate Technology Center and Network (UN CTCN) provides technical assistance to innovative solutions for adapting to climate change.

We are now receiving high-quality applications from projects in the Asia Pacific region that can demonstrate strong transformative impact and sustainability.

Key figures:

- **Region:** Asia Pacific
- **Window for applications:** 7 July 2026 – 7 October 2026
- **Number of Technical Assistance available:** 10
- **Technical Assistance budget:** USD 150,000 per project (maximum)
- **Project type:** Piloting
- **Total projects supported by UN CTCN AFCIA:** 85
- **Total value of UN CTCN AFCIA:** USD 15 million

Priority countries:

Projects in all countries of the Asia Pacific region are eligible, provided the country has a National Designated Entity (NDE) under the UNFCCC. However, projects taking place in Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States are especially encouraged to apply. These priority countries include:

Bangladesh

Cambodia

Cook Islands

Fiji

Kiribati

Lao PDR

Maldives

Marshall Islands



Nauru
Nepal
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Vanuatu

Please note that Associate Members of United Nations Regional Commissions are **not** eligible. Afghanistan and Myanmar are also not eligible due to applicable United Nations measures and related programme restrictions.

Modalities

Through AFCIA, UN CTCN provides technical assistance (TA), not grants. Consequently, applicants should be requesting technical support rather than direct funding. The budget available for each TA will be awarded to a UN CTCN Network Partner (more than 1,000) through a competitive bidding process following UN rules and procedures.

Example: You are a private-sector entity, a university, an NGO, a government institution, or another body with an initiative that aims to address climate adaptation hazards. Your entity faces technical, technological barriers and you are looking for support to understand the root of the problem (*diagnose*), identify solutions (*benchmark*), pilot the innovation (*procurement*) and monitor the impact (*generate evidence*).

UN CTCN's AFCIA programme could support you in:

- a) identifying a partner that has the expertise and capability to help you. This partner, selected through a UN bidding process, will receive the budget to conduct diagnosis, benchmarking, procurement and monitoring of the improvement.
- b) benefitting from an operational system at the end of the TA.

Governmental engagement

The UN CTCN modalities for AFCIA funding require endorsement of the request by a National Designated Entity (NDEs) and the Adaptation Fund Designated Authority (AF DA).

While endorsement from the NDE and/or AF DA is encouraged at the time of submission, it is not mandatory. For promising requests aligned with the four pillars — adaptation, innovation, financial sustainability, and National Systems of Innovation — UN CTCN may seek endorsement directly if it has not yet been provided. Only requests endorsed by both the NDE and AF DA will be considered eligible.

Target audience

This call for proposals focuses on supporting the analysis and piloting of small-scale climate adaptation innovations. Up to 10 projects will be selected with a maximum budget of USD 150,000 per TA. However, a limited budget can be used to purchase equipment (maximum 20% of the budget).

The call is open to governmental institutions, universities, research centres, NGOs, private-sector entities, and other organizations.

Duration

The window for applications will run from 7 July 2026 – 7 October 2026.

Application Process

Before completing an application, you **must** read carefully the guiding questions and selection criteria, [which can be found here](#).

After reading these documents, please complete the template below and send it to UN CTCN at: ctcn@un.org

- [Application template](#)

Within 6 months after the closure, the list of the successful partners, project titles, and goals will be published. Applications must be received before **23:59 time in Denmark on October 7th 2026**.