



Global EbA Fund

Providing catalytic support to create enabling environment for Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)



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Agenda



Part 1 (will be recorded)

- Introduction and background to the Fund
- Objectives and Action Pillars
- Project proposal selection criteria
- Process and timelines
- Funding streams

Part 2

- Question and answer (Q&A) session



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Purpose of the Fund



The Global EbA Fund is a catalytic funding mechanism for supporting innovative approaches to EbA to create enabling environment for its mainstreaming and scaling up.



The Fund helps to overcome barriers to upscaling EbA, address knowledge gaps, pilot innovative EbA approaches, engage in strategic EbA policy mainstreaming, and incentivise innovative finance mechanisms and private sector EbA investment.



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What is EbA?



Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) is the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services as part of an overall adaptation strategy to help people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change (CBD, 2009 & 2010)



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EbA Barriers

According to the “Harnessing Nature to Build Climate Resilience: Scaling Up the Use of Ecosystem-based Adaptation” report issued by UNEP in 2022, barriers to the use of EbA can be summarised as follows:

Lack of awareness and understanding

Lack of sufficient knowledge and information for scaling up EbA

Technical capacity constraints. Insufficient political and public support

Governance challenges

Finance challenges

Limited space for ecosystem-based adaptation

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The "What"

- 1 Awareness building, expanding knowledge, enhancing institutional capacities for mainstreaming EbA
- 2 Address planning and other governance gaps in policy and regulatory environments
- 3 Expand access to sustainable short- and long-term finance mechanisms for applying and scaling up ecosystem-based approaches



ACTION PILLARS

The "How"



Levers for catalytic change

- ...> Policy and policy instruments
- ...> Education and capacity building
- ...> Working through the value chain perspective
- ...> Financing



Functional Data and Science

- ...> Future scenario modelling
- ...> Traditional knowledge and technologies
- ...> Climate risk and vulnerability assessments



Innovation for Adaptation

- ...> Developing unconventional partnerships
- ...> Support the integration of EbA in novel sectors
- ...> Development of an innovative tool for EbA implementation



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Pillar 1: Levers for Catalytic Change

Examples:

- Policy and policy instruments (national, sub-national, sectoral, NDCs, NAPs, green public procurement, etc)
- Education, capacity building and skills development
- Financing
- Working through the value chain perspective

Pillar 2: Functional Data and Science

Examples:

- Climate risk and vulnerability assessments, including One Health
- Future scenario modelling
- Cost-benefit and multi-criteria analysis and making an economic case for EbA
- Job generation potential
- Traditional knowledge and technologies

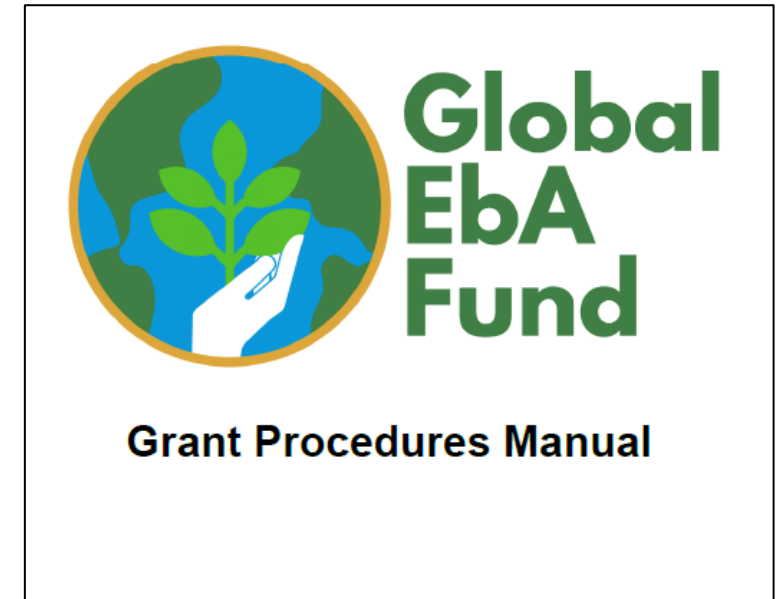
Pillar 3: Innovation for Adaptation

Examples:

- Developing unconventional partnerships
- Support the integration of EbA in novel sectors;
- An innovative tool for EbA implementation;
- Strategic pilot or demonstration actions, specifically where high potential exists for up-scaling through multilateral funds (e.g. GCF)

What we Fund

- ***Catalytic and innovative projects*** that help to **create enabling environment** for people to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change through the use of biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **USD 50,000 to USD 250,000**
 - *possible up to USD 500,000 with clear justification*
- **24 months**
 - *up to a maximum of 36 months, with justification*
- Global, thematic, or targeted to **ODA-eligible countries**
- Contribute to an **enabling environment for the implementation of EbA** and align with the FEBA **EbA Qualification Criteria & Quality Standards**.



EbA Qualification Criteria & Quality Standards



Element A: Helps people adapt to climate change



Criterion 1:
Reduces social & environmental vulnerabilities



Criterion 2:
Generates societal benefits

Element B: EbA makes active use of biodiversity and ecosystem services



Criterion 3:
Restores, maintains or improves ecosystem health

Element C: EbA is part of an overall adaptation strategy



Criterion 4:
Is supported by policies at multiple levels



Criterion 5:
Supports equitable governance and enhances capacities



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Recipients of the Fund



The Global EbA Fund prioritise applicants that...

are well-grounded in the proposed area of work

have experience of the size and type of project proposed

are inclusive of local communities, indigenous knowledge and gender perspectives

Partner with local organisations e.g. CBOs, local NGOs etc



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- Legally-recognised entities are eligible
 - Local NGOs and INGOs with relevant EbA experience and local presence
 - Community-based organisations
 - Research organisations
 - Think tanks
 - Academic institutions
 - Vulnerable communities & Indigenous Peoples organisations
 - Private sector companies
- **Except:**
 - UNEP and IUCN offices
 - Government agencies



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How to Apply



One-stage process: Full project proposal

- Submit complete application packet with all supporting documents to submit.EbAFund@iucn.org
- Complete the online submissions form – <https://globalebafund.org/submissions/>
- Documents in languages other than English should include a translated version
- The maximum file size per email is **15MB**
 - If too large for one email submission, please submit several emails appropriately labelled - [Project Title [Organisation Name]] 1 of 3
- Please avoid linked file sharing methods, such as WeTransfer or OneDrive.

- ☐ Completed Screening Criteria
- ☐ Completed [Project Proposal Template](#)
- ☐ Completed [Full Proposal Budget Template](#)
- ☐ CVs of key staff involved in the project
- ☐ Audited financial statements from the last fiscal year (and for the last 2 fiscal years, if available)
- ☐ Signed Applicant Declaration Form
- ☐ Signed Co-applicant Mandate, if applicable
- ☐ Completed [Online Submissions Form](#)
- ☐ Completed [Due Diligence Questionnaire](#)
- ☐ Completed [ESMS Screening Questionnaire](#) (Table 1)
- ☐ Certificate of registration of the applicant organisation (*see 4.1. Legal Entity / Judicial Person Status in the [Grant Procedures Manual](#) for details*)
- ☐ Certificate of registration for each partner organisation that will receive funding, if applicable (*see 4.1. Legal Entity / Judicial Person Status in the [Grant Procedures Manual](#) for details*)



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What to consider before applying:



- ✓ Does my project qualify as EbA?
- ✓ Does my EbA project have catalytic and innovative potential to create enabling environment for EbA?
- ✓ Does my project fall under a max. 1 Strategic Objective and max. 2 Action Pillars of the Fund?
- ✓ Is my project Global or thematic or does my project target ODA-eligible country/ies?
- ✓ Is my project up to 24 months? If I'm requesting more than 36 months, is a justification for this length of time provided?
- ✓ Is my project between USD50,000 and USD250,000? If my project is up to USD500,000, is adequate justification for this amount provided?
- ✓ Are the lead applicant and partner organisations well-grounded in the proposed area of work, have previous similar experience, and are inclusive of local communities, Indigenous knowledge and gender perspective?
 - ✓ Does my project partner with local institutions/organisations (optional)?
- ✓ Are the lead applicant and partner organisations legally-recognised entities?
- ✓ Does the lead applicant comply with Due Diligence requirements of the Fund?



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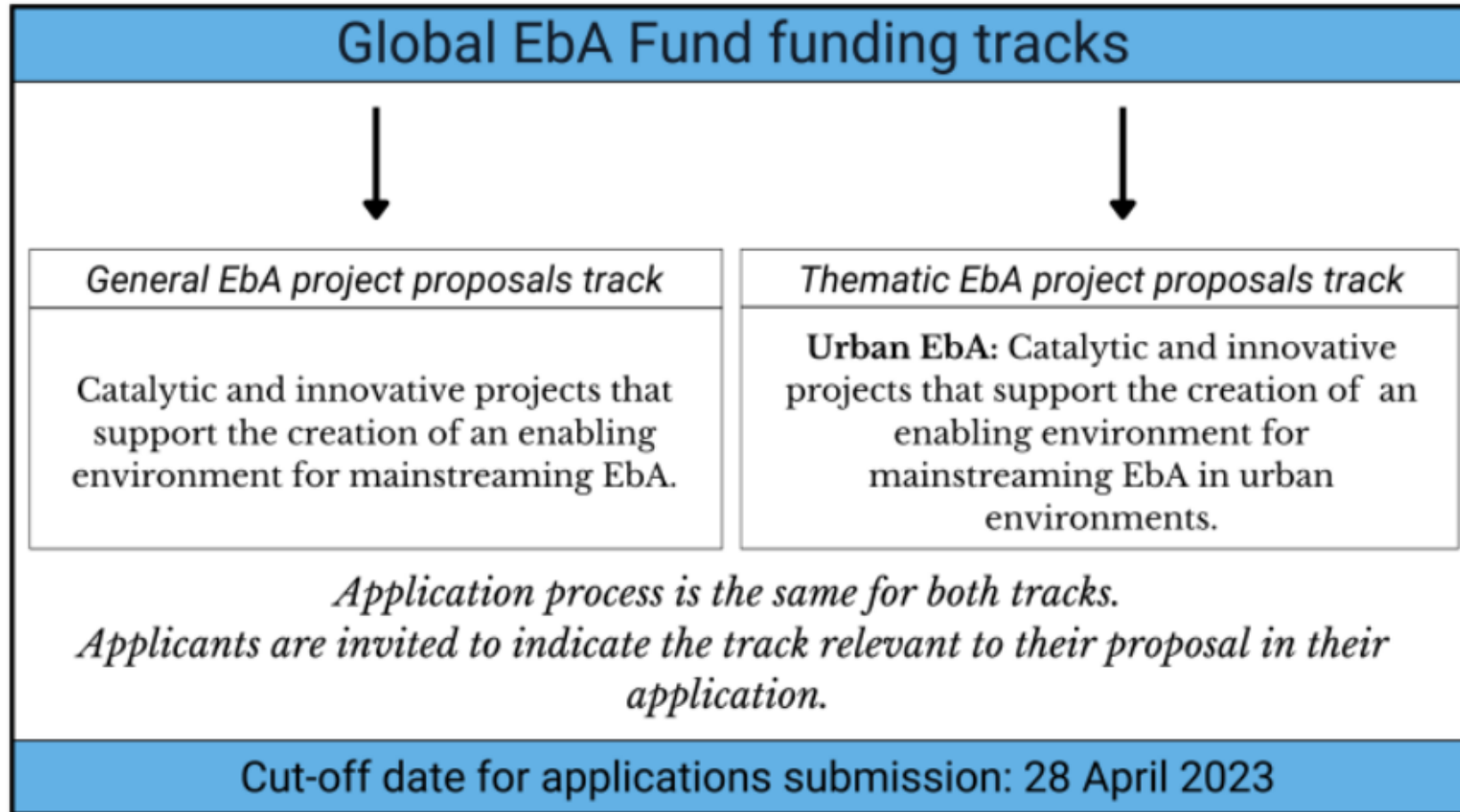
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Q&A



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