Global EbA Fund

Providing catalytic support to create enabling environment for Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)
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
• **Implemented by:** UNEP and IUCN

• **Funded by:** International Climate Initiative (IKI) under the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection
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.
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)
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

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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
### 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

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**Supported by:**

- Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Radiological Safety and Nuclear Protection
- IKI International Climate Initiative
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
Recipients of the Fund

• 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
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)
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?
How to Apply

Global EbA Fund funding tracks

General EbA project proposals track
Catalytic and innovative projects that support the creation of an enabling environment for mainstreaming EbA.

Thematic EbA project proposals track
Urban EbA: Catalytic and innovative projects that support the creation of an enabling environment for mainstreaming EbA in urban environments.

Application process is the same for both tracks. Applicants are invited to indicate the track relevant to their proposal in their application.

Cut-off date for applications submission: 28 April 2023
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