



Global EbA Fund

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



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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



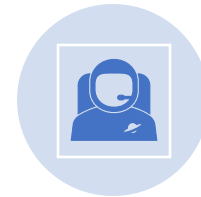
Technical capacity constraints. Insufficient political and public support



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

Levers to select from:

- 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 of activities:

- 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

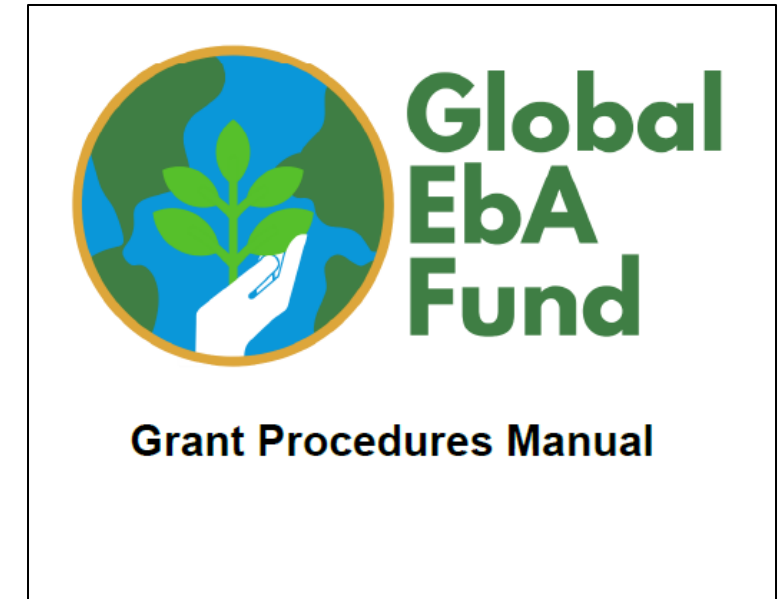
Pillar 3: Innovation for Adaptation

Examples of activities:

- 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 using biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Project budget - **USD 50,000 to USD 250,000**
 - *up to USD 500,000 with clear justification*
- Project duration - **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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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



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How to Apply



- **New online application platform:** three sections to fill out + supporting documents as attachments
- Templates and guidance: on Global EbA Fund website and in updated Grants Procedures Manual
- Updated guidance for the development of Project Logical Framework + Detailed Activities table

	 Eligibility Screening Completed on: 10 Jul 2023 05:15 PM (CEST)	
	 Due Diligence and Financial Capacity Questionnaire Completed on: 11 Jul 2023 09:17 AM (CEST)	
	 Application Form Completed on: 10 Jul 2023 05:37 PM (CEST)	



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What to consider before applying:



- ✓ Does my project qualify as “Ecosystem-based Adaptation”?
- ✓ Does my project have catalytic and innovative potential to create enabling environments for EbA?
- ✓ Does my project clearly identify the climate impacts it is aiming to address and clearly describe how they will be addressed?
- ✓ Does my project fall under a maximum of 1 Strategic Objective and a maximum of 2 Action Pillars of the Global EbA Fund?
- ✓ Is my project Global, Thematic, or otherwise target only ODA-eligible countries?
- ✓ Is my project between USD \$50,000 and USD \$250,000? If it is up to USD \$500,000, can I provide adequate justification?
- ✓ Is my project 24 months or less? If it is between 24-36 months, can I provide adequate justification?
- ✓ Does my project add value to or upscale existing work?
- ✓ Does my project clearly demonstrate how results will be maintained and developed after the funding period?
- ✓ Does my project partner with local institutions or organisations?
- ✓ Are the lead applicant and partner organisations well-grounded in the proposed area(s) of work, have previous similar experience, and are inclusive of local communities, Indigenous Knowledge, and gender perspectives?
- ✓ Are the lead applicant and partner organisations legally recognised entities?
- ✓ Does the lead applicant comply with the Due Diligence requirements of the Global EbA Fund?



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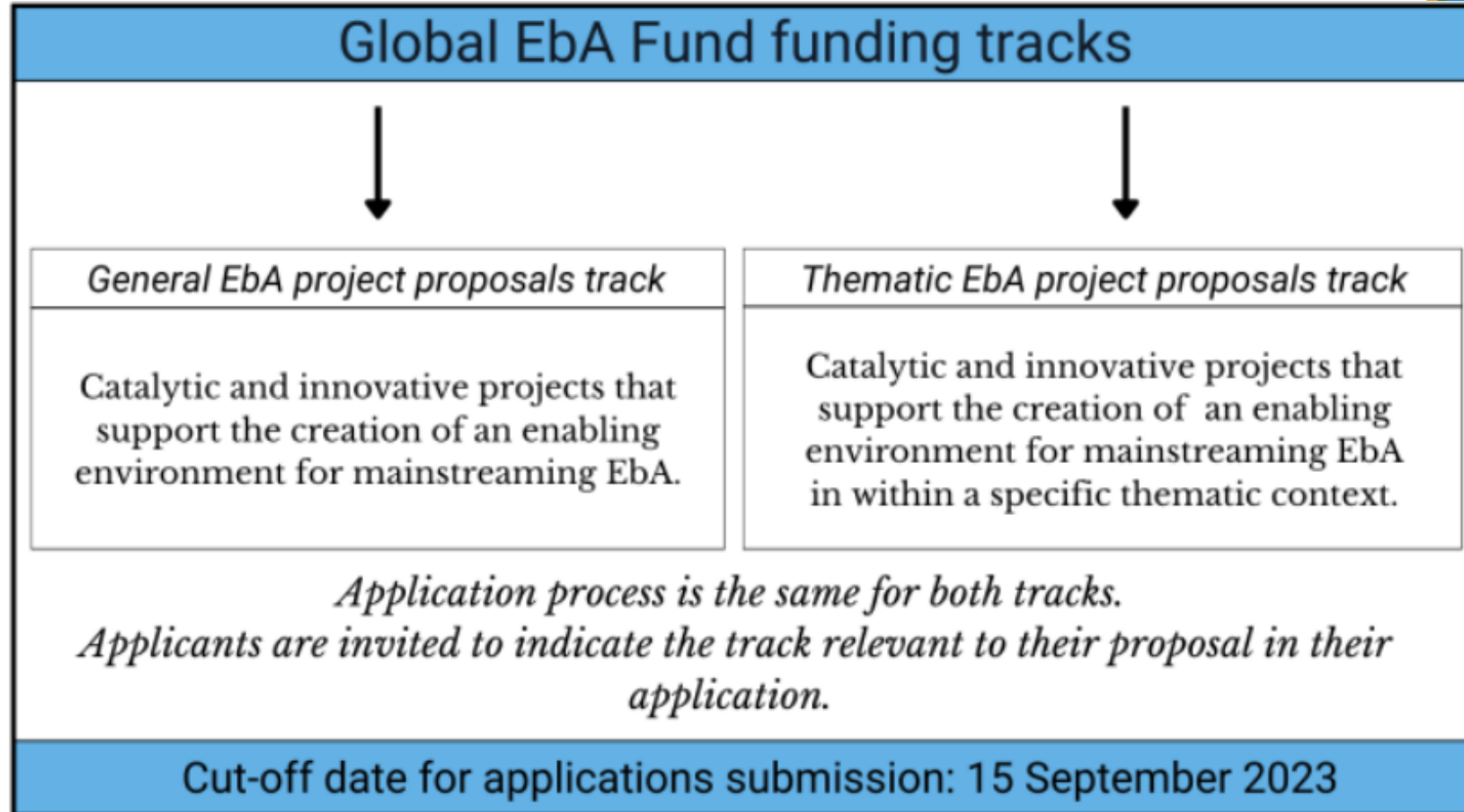
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Thematic track - Cohort 6



Theme: Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge in Ecosystem-based Adaptation



Why?

- ✓ Incorporating indigenous and local knowledge systems into EbA practices is crucial for ensuring ecosystem resilience and community well-being.
- ✓ There is limited support for indigenous and traditional knowledge-driven EbA projects despite their recognised significance in shaping adaptation strategies.
- ✓ This thematic call aims to promote **an integrated approach, whereby indigenous knowledge is linked with science, data, and socioeconomic development** to make the projects catalytic and innovative.

Thematic track – Cohort 6, cont'd



How to apply

Indigenous Peoples Organisations are strongly encouraged to apply.

However, if an IP organisation is faced with capacity and due diligence limitations, the following guidance applies:

- ✓ The principal applicant should be a **national or local organisation**;
- ✓ International organisations can apply if they have a **legal and operational presence in the country of implementation**;
- ✓ An Indigenous Peoples Organisation should be included as a **project partner and sub-grantee** (Mandatory);
- ✓ Integrate an **internal capacity-building element** focused on project management, institutional strengthening, and an integrated approach that combines traditional knowledge, science, and data (Mandatory).



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