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
- Proposal development tips

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

• **Duration**: 2021 – 2028
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 include:

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
Fund Objectives (The Why)

**Strategic Objective 1:**
Awareness building. Expanding knowledge, enhancing institutional capacities for mainstreaming EbA

**Strategic Objective 2:**
Address planning and other governance gaps in policy and regulatory environments

**Strategic Objective 3:**
Expand access to sustainable short and long-term finance mechanisms for applying and scaling up ecosystem-based adaptation
Fund Pillars (The How)

Pillar 1: Levers for Catalytic Change:
Sub-sections:
- Policy and policy instruments
- 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
- Innovative tool for EbA implementation
- Strategic pilot or demonstration, specifically where high potential exists for up-scaling through multilateral funds
## What We Fund

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<th>Project Type</th>
<th>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</th>
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<td>Amount</td>
<td>USD 50,000 to USD 250,000 - up to a maximum of USD 500,000 with clear justification</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>24 months - up to a maximum of 36 months, with justification</td>
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<td>Scale</td>
<td>Global, thematic, national, or sub-national targeted at ODA-eligible countries</td>
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<td>Contribute to an enabling environment for the implementation of EbA and align with the FEBA EbA Qualification Criteria &amp; Quality Standards.</td>
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# EbA Qualification Criteria & Quality Standards

| Element A: Helps people adapt to climate change |
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| **Criterion 1:** Reduces social & environmental vulnerabilities |
| **Criterion 2:** Generates societal benefits |

| Element B: EbA makes active use of biodiversity and ecosystem services |
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| **Criterion 3:** Restores, maintains or improves ecosystem health |

| Element C: EbA is part of an overall adaptation strategy |
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| **Criterion 4:** Is supported by policies at multiple levels |
| **Criterion 5:** Supports equitable governance and enhances capacities |

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Based on a decision of the German Bundesrat.
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

Legally-recognised entities are eligible:

- Local NGOs, INGOs & Community-based organisations
- Research organisations, Think tanks & Academic institutions
- Indigenous Peoples organisations
- Private sector companies

Eligibility excludes:

- Government agencies, UNEP & IUCN offices
How to Apply

Full project proposal submitted through the Online Platform:
Global EbA Fund - Global EbA Fund (smapply.io)

Global EbA Fund

Global EbA Fund is a funding mechanism for catalytic, innovative, and inclusive projects that aim to create an enabling environment for the implementation of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) to enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change.
How to Apply

Global EbA Fund funding tracks

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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: 21 April 2024

7th cohort thematic track:

Greening Infrastructure through EbA
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?
Proposal Development Tips

**Stay focused**
- One main outcome
- Max of 4 outputs (2 recommended)
- Max of 5 activities per each output

**Be clear & concise**
- Stay on point
- Use scientific references
- Demonstrate innovative & catalytic aspects
- Avoid lengthy sentences

**Follow guidance**
- Read carefully and follow the guidance in the Grants Procedure Manual
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