



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PRE-SELECTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES

INTRODUCTION

The Inclusive Climate Finance for Vulnerable Communities in Asia-Pacific (ICCAP) Project, funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), which is one of the key instruments of the German Federal Government to support international climate action and biodiversity aims to improve and scale up inclusive public and private climate adaptation finance flows to vulnerable groups and communities in the Asia Pacific region. The project is being implemented by **Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)**, along with its two consortium partners, **Appui au développement autonome (ADA)**, and **Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)**. It will run from September 2024 to August 2029, and targets six countries, **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, Laos, and Nepal**, whose populations are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

To do so, it supports policymakers in developing an enabling evidence-based policy environment to enhance green financial inclusion and ensure unhindered flows of climate finance (Work Package 1); it supports Financial Service Providers (FSPs) in developing client-centric green financial products tailored to the needs of vulnerable groups and communities (Work Package 2); it sets up a Regional Adaptation Investment Facility to catalyse public and private institutional investment to finance climate change adaptation solutions of vulnerable groups and communities (Work Package 3); it sets up local Multistakeholder Action Labs where novel adaptation solutions are co-developed and barriers to accessibility, affordability, and availability of adaptation finance are identified and addressed (Work Package 4). Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) is transversally embedded from conception to implementation (Work Package 5).

The project will significantly contribute to making inclusive and sustainable finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate- resilient development (Article 2c, Paris Agreement) and the global goal of adaptation (Article 7), and to advancing the target countries' implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPS) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). It will further expand cooperation between citizens and civil society, private sector, national and local government, and the research sector, fostering inclusive employment growth, social and climate justice, and empowering women and vulnerable groups and communities.

UNDERSTANDING THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This Call for Expression of Interests is seeking to identify potential beneficiaries (being FSPs) in **Bangladesh, Cambodia and Laos** to become eligible for technical support including but not limited to institutional capacity building, investment readiness, internal green transition and inclusive climate adaptation/resilience financial product development, designed to meet the needs of underserved groups.

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In order to be valid and assessed by ADA, the Expression of Interest has to include:

- The Applicant's identification form (template available under appendix 1);
- Basic Data Sheet as described in Appendix 2. This excel document will be sent to the candidates after receiving the Applicant's identification form.
- The requested supporting documents (listed in the excel document that will be shared).

The Expressions of Interest, including related documents, shall be submitted in English.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Expression of Interest shall indicate the name of the Applicant and be sent to the attention of Lucia Cigana, Programs Manager l.cigana@ada-microfinance.lu, Sujan Paudel, Project Advisor s.paudel@ada-microfinance.lu, and Vuthy Chea, Project Advisor v.chea@ada-microfinance.lu.

The deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is: September 26, 2025 18:00 ICT

After the submission, ADA will send out an acknowledgement of receipt to the relevant Applicants via e-mail. The acknowledgement of receipt is not to be considered confirmation of completeness of the Expression of Interest and the documents submitted therewith, nor any kind of assessment to this effect.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Preselection (shortlisting)

The purpose of the preselection stage is to shortlist a pool of FSPs which 1) will be interested and 2) will have a capacity to be engaged in the Project. The objective of this Call for Expression of Interest is to preselect such FSPs based on the data provided in the requested documents.

- The main criteria to be assessed at the preselection stage are:
- Financial stability
- Market outreach and position
- Corporate governance
- Commitment, Institutional Capacity and Responsible practices in place
- Experience in green finance (if relevant)

2) Final selection

After preselecting a pool of FSPs candidates for the Project, the potential candidates will be approached and assessed further via field work and further desk research including conduction of interviews, assessment of not-published documents (policies and procedures), etc. The following dimensions will be assessed: Governance, Financial performance, Outreach, Lending, Risk management, Responsible finance, and GEDSI.



CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



The **Stockholm Environment Institute** is an international non-profit research and policy organization that tackles environment and development challenges. We connect science and decision-making to develop solutions for a sustainable future for all. Our work spans climate, water, air and land-use issues, governance, the economy, gender and health. Stakeholder involvement is at the heart of our efforts to build capacity, strengthen institutions and equip partners for long-term change. Our knowledge and findings are accessible to decision-makers and civil society. To promote debate and share knowledge we convene decision-makers, academics and practitioners and engage with policy processes, development action and business practice worldwide.



ADA (Appui au développement autonome) is a Luxembourgish, non-governmental organisation that has been increasing the autonomy of vulnerable people in Africa, Latin America and Asia with partners, implement technical support programmes, give investment advice and manage knowledge to positively and sustainably impact targeted populations. ADA's activities focus on 3 main topics: youth entrepreneurship, agricultural and forestry value chains as well as access to basic services. These activities touch upon 3 transversal themes: climate change, gender and the use of digital technologies.



The **Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)** is a non-profit organisation for rural and agricultural finance that helps to improve access to financial services for the rural poor in Asia-Pacific. It is headquartered in Bangkok and spans 86 institutions in 24 countries of the region. APRACA has long-standing experience implementing international programmes in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to combat rural poverty through rural microfinance and sustainability practices across the region.

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Appendix 1 : Applicant identification

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| INFORMATION REQUIRED | |
| APPLICANT NAME (FSP) | |
| CONTACT DETAILS | |
| LEGAL FORM | |
| COMMERCIAL REGISTER , ETC. – REGISTRATION DETAILS | |
| VAT | |

1.2. Person authorised to submit the Expression of Interest on behalf of the Applicant INFORMATION REQUIRED

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| Name | |
| Position: | |
| FUNCTION | |
| CONTACT DETAILS | |

1.3. Contact person (if different from 1.2)

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| Name | |
| Position: | |
| FUNCTION | |
| CONTACT DETAILS | |

Please explain why Sustainable Green/Adaptation Finance is a direction your institution is interested to pursue and what are the needs you would like to address among your clients?

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COMMUNITIES IN ASIA PACIFIC

Would your institution be interested to have access to climate finance public and/or private capital?

What are your 3 main challenges to provide green adaptation financial products to clients?

Appendix 2 : Basic Data Sheet and List of Documents Attached

After sending appendix 1, FSPs will receive an excel form to provide more details and required documents .

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